

**Anthropology 203.3:**  
**Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology**  
**Winter Term 2012**  
Tuesday  
6:00-9:00pm

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**Overview of Course**

Socio-cultural anthropology is the descriptive and analytical study of human nature and contemporary societies. This course introduces basic anthropological concepts, methods, and theories used in anthropology and explores how anthropological knowledge is used to appreciate how societies work, investigate contemporary concerns, understand social problems, and improve the human condition.

In the first half of the course, we will review the core concepts in anthropology, including culture, ethnocentrism, and cultural relativism. We will explore the ethics of research and the key anthropological methods including participant observation and ethnography. We will then consider how anthropological theory and applied anthropology have shaped the discipline.

In the second half of this course we will examine from a cross-cultural perspective a number of the key subject areas that engage anthropological interest including: language and communication; modes of subsistence; economics and environment; marriage and family; social stratification; law and order; religion; and, globalization. By the end of this class students will have a solid grounding in the theoretical and applied approaches to these issues, while also developing their writing and verbal communication skills.

**Course Format**

This course will follow an interactive lecture-discussion style format accompanied by the occasional film, online materials, and break-out groups. Students are expected to do the course readings beforehand and be able to participate in discussions based on the material.

**Blackboard**

Course materials and information will be posted on the U of C Blackboard. Use the Blackboard requires that each student have a U of C username and password. The Blackboard login can be accessed through myUofC.

**Required Texts**

Ferraro, Gary and Susan Andreatta (2010). *Cultural Anthropology, an Applied Perspective*. 8th Edition. Wadsworth.



Additional reading/viewing material will be posted on Blackboard.

<u>Course Requirements</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Percent of Grade</u>
Mid Term	February 7	30%
Midterm	March 20	30%
Final Exam	TBA – Registrar Scheduled	40%

### Midterms

These exams will last for 1 hour and will be multiple-choice (answers a, b, c, d, e, and true / false) as well as short answer questions. Questions will evaluate your understanding of the presentations, films, readings and course material to date. It is essential that you attend and take notes from the presentations as a significant number of questions will be based on this material.

### Assignment

Students will be required to prepare a 1-2 page document that addresses an anthropological issue. Details to be announced in class.

### Final Exam

The final exam will consist of multiple choice, short, and long-answer questions. Details to follow

### Class Participation and Attendance Policy

Classroom discussions are a key feature of the course, and all students are expected to participate. While no marks will be given for participation – students who engage in classroom discussions and breakout groups will gain the most from the course. Some of these conversations may form the basis for exam questions.

### Grading

Final grades are based on the following:

A+	100 - 94.9%	B	79.8 - 74.9%	C-	62.8 – 58.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%	B-	74.8 – 70.9%	D+	58.8 – 54.9%
A-	89.8 - 84.9%	C+	70.8– 66.9%	D	54.8 – 49.9%
B+	84.8 – 79.9%	C	66.8 – 62.9%	F	49.8% and below

### Contacting the Instructor

This is a large class and while I would love to communicate via email with all of you that may or may not be feasible. So let's establish a few basic ground rules:

- In most circumstances emails will be returned within 48 hours of receipt.
- Please send only one email at a time.
- Please do not send long missives with multiple questions. If there is material you would like to discuss this is easier to do during office hours.
- Questions regarding exam/assignment marks can only be addressed during office hours. I will not address exam questions on the day they are returned.
- You do not need to let me know if you are not attending class unless you are missing an exam

*If you have lots of questions regarding an assignment or the course material please talk to me before or after class, visit me during office hours, or make an appointment to come see me.*

### **Cell phones, texting and other such things**

There is a **ZERO tolerance** policy regarding cell phones and smart phones during class. Anyone caught using a cell phone/smart phone at anytime, for any reason, during class will be asked to leave.

Laptops are allowed but there is a **ZERO tolerance** policy regarding messaging/surfing the internet during class. ANYONE caught by the instructor or the TA will be asked to leave and will not be permitted to use a laptop again in the class. Not only is this distracting to you, most importantly it is distracting to the students around you (who see everything you are doing) and your instructor.

### **Academic Accommodation**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403.220.8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen days after the start of this course.

### **Intellectual Honesty**

Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses that will be dealt with seriously in this course and by this university. Students must not submit the words or ideas of another person as their own for any assignment in this course. Students are reminded to review the University's and the Department of Anthropology's policies on Intellectual Honesty and Plagiarism.

<http://anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

### **Emergency Evacuation**

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Social Sciences Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the ICT Food Court.