

**Anthropology 203.01  
Introduction to Anthropology  
Winter 2013**

**Location:** ENA 101

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The course takes a comparative approach to the ways people order their lives, and structure and give meaning to their experiences through gender, class, race, ethnicity, kinship, religion, language and so on. It looks at how all human experience, including our own, is embedded within particular historical and cultural processes with a particular focus on the forces of globalization.

**COURSE FORMAT**

This course will follow an interactive lecture-discussion style format accompanied by the occasional film or video. Lectures will not repeat or cover all the material in the text but will elaborate on selected topics to provide a deeper understanding of the material. Assigned textbook readings may be augmented with suggested additional readings.

**COURSE OUTCOMES:**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. demonstrate a basic understanding of the concepts, theories, methods and central issues of cultural anthropology that will form the basis for future studies in socio-cultural anthropology and the social sciences in general.
2. apply anthropological principles, methods, and concepts to engender a critical thinking about Western culture and society.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation of the social and cultural diversity resulting from the variety of ways people have organised their lives and given meaning to their environment and their experiences.
4. demonstrate the links between the individual, their social world, and global processes.

**REQUIRED TEXT AND SOFTWARE:**

**Text**

Schultz, A. Robert Lavenda, and Roberta Dods. 2012. *Cultural Anthropology: A Perspective on the Human Condition*. Oxford: Oxford University Press



### **Top Hat Monocle (THM)**

- Students are required to set up a Top Hat Monocle account. THM will be used to assess participation and comprehension which are grade components (see below) for the course.
- Accounts can be set up at <http://www.tophatmonocle.ca/register/student/paid>
- Information on how to set up an account and enrol in the course is available on Blackboard
- Note: accounts cost \$20 per term or \$38 for five years and can be used for any number of courses
- The THM URL for the course is:

### **Additional Readings**

Additional readings may be made available through Blackboard.

### **COURSE POLICIES**

**Blackboard:** All course materials and information, as well as unofficial grades, will be posted on the U of C Blackboard.

### **Email Policy**

In any email correspondence please begin with the course code (anth2031) in the subject line along with the subject of your message. Most of the time, you can expect a reply to an email within 24 hours. Please do NOT expect an immediate reply. You should also know that I will only rarely reply to emails on the weekends. Also I will not reply to emails that are not signed at least with your first name.

### **Cell phone and Laptop/Tablet Policy**

Cell phones must be turned off during the class except when in use for Top Hat Monocle (see below). Laptops and tablets should be used only for taking notes. Since the screens can be distracting to students sitting behind, if you wish to use your laptop or tablet please sit toward the back of the class.

### **ASSESSMENT**

The grade in the course will be determined on the basis of the following:

#### **1. Mid term exam 1:**

- 25% of final grade
- Date: January 31, 2013

#### **2. Mid term exam 2:**

- 25% of final grade
- Date: March 7, 2013

### 3. Final Exam:

- 40% of final grade
- The final exam will be a registrar scheduled exam
- Date: April 19-30. Exact date, time, and place TBA

### 4. Participation

- Percent of grade: 10%
- During most classes (but not all) questions will be posted some time during the class using THM and based on that day's readings or the previous class.
- Questions are answered using your cell phone, laptop, or tablet. Note: there will only be a 1-2 minute window in which to answer the questions.
- ½ a point is allotted for answering the question, and ½ a point for answering it correctly
- At the end of the course the points achieved out of the total possible will be used to calculate a mark out of 10.
- Students can track their progress in THM.
- THM will also be used for other participation and comprehension purposes during the class with no marks attached.

### ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend all classes and to contribute to class discussions based on the class material, assigned readings and films. Students will be unable to make valuable contributions to discussion, or benefit from the contributions of others, if the readings have not been done beforehand. As you are required to demonstrate a working knowledge of all course materials in exams, grades will suffer if more than two classes are missed. Students are expected to be present for all exams.

### GRADING SYSTEM:

Each item of course work will be weighted as above and a final mark out of 100 calculated. This will then be converted to a letter grade as follows:

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

### PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism: "to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own" (Webster's). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing July also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at:

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

### **DEFERRED EXAMS:**

Deferral of a mid-term exam must be cleared with the instructor. Deferral will be granted only in cases of personal injury, illness, or immediate family emergency. An official note or other documentation explaining the reason for the absence is required. Deferral of the final exam requires Registrar approval.

### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who July require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 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 (14) days after the start of this course.

### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION**

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency situation please note that the primary assembly point shall be at the Social Science Food Court and the ICT Food Court shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS**

Please note that the list below is tentative. Some topics will require more attention than others, and we will take more time with them. Any changes will be announced in class.

Tues Jan 8	Introduction: What is Anthropology (Ch 1)
Thurs Jan 10	Core Concepts (Ch 1)
Tues Jan 15	Concept of Culture (Ch 1)
Thurs Jan 17	Fieldwork (Ch 2)
Tues Jan 22	Fieldwork (Ch 2)
Thurs Jan 24	A Brief History of Anthropological Thought (Ch 3)
Tues Jan 29	A Brief History of Anthropological Thought (Ch 3)
Thurs Jan 31	<b>Midterm Exam 1</b>
Tues Feb 5	Language and Culture (Ch 4)
Thurs Feb 7	Language and Culture (Ch 4)
Tues Feb 12	Economic Systems (Ch 7)
Thurs Feb 14	Economic Systems (Ch 7)
Tues Feb 19	<b>No Class Reading Week</b>
Thurs Feb 21	<b>No Class Reading Week</b>
Tues Feb 26	Economic Systems (Ch 7)
Thurs Feb 28	Marriage and Family (Ch 6)
Tues Mar 5	Marriage and Family (Ch 6)
Thurs Mar 7	<b>Midterm Exam 2</b>
Tues Mar 12	Kinship and Descent (Ch 6)
Thurs Mar 14	Sex and Gender (Ch 5 pp. 115-119)

Tues Mar 19	Sex and Gender (Ch 5 pp. 115-119)
Thurs Mar 21	Sex and Gender (Ch 5 pp. 115-119)
Tues Mar 26	Religion (Ch 8 pp. 201-212 and Ch 10)
Thurs Mar 28	Religion (Ch 8 pp. 201-212 and Ch 10)
Tues Apr 2	Religion (Ch 8 pp. 201-212 and Ch 10)
Thurs Apr 4	Culture Change and Globalization (Ch 13)
Tues Apr 9	Culture Change and Globalization (Ch 13)
Thurs Apr 11	Applying Anthropology (Ch 9 and Ch 14)
Tues Apr 16	Last Class - Review
Apr -19-30	<b>Final Exam. Exact date, time, and place TBA.</b>