

**ANTH 203 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology**  
**University of Calgary**  
**Department of Anthropology and Archaeology**  
**Winter 2015**

**Time & Location:** 9:30 - 10:45 TR  
ICT 122  
**Office hours:** 1 - 2 Tuesdays  
Or by appointment

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**Course Description**

This course will introduce students to social and cultural anthropology. Drawing from case studies in the course text and from other sources, we will explore the fundamental issues and approaches within social and cultural anthropology. Topics of interest include the structure and function of society and essential institutions (e.g., marriage, religion, economy, politics, and gender) within societies. Emphasis will be placed on both the diversity of human culture and the commonalities that are found across human cultures. The course will largely follow a lecture format, though films will supplement lecture materials.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- **Define** anthropology and **discuss** its relevance in the modern world
- **Identify** the major subfields and specializations within anthropology
- **Explain** and **apply** key anthropological concepts

**Readings**

Students are expected to consult assigned readings in preparation for each class. Both texts are available as a package at the University of Calgary Bookstore. Other readings, including articles and portions of electronic books, are accessible free of charge for UofC students via library links provided on D2L.

*In the Bookstore (as a package):*

1. **Shultz, Lavenda, Dods (2012) *Cultural Anthropology: A Perspective on the Human Condition (2nd Edition)*. Oxford University Press.**
2. **Rowland, L. Kaifa (2010) *Cuban Colour in Tourism and La Lucha: An Ethnography of Racial Meaning*.**

*Online Links:*

3. Links to articles can be found in the appropriate weekly folders within the D2L page. A valid U of C library account will be needed to sign in and follow the links.

**Please consult the course outline and reading list, available on D2L, for daily topics, reading requirements, assignment and exam due dates.**

**Readings, Assignments, & Exams**

The course will progress according to the detailed outline provided at the beginning of term and posted on D2L. Students are expected to arrive to class with required texts already read. Classes will consist of a lecture/discussion led by the professor on issues arising from daily topics, but not strictly mirroring material in required readings. Lectures will be supplemented by occasional guest lectures, videos and other media sources. Students are encouraged to pose relevant questions and participate with appropriate and respectful commentary.

Final grade will be based three multiple choice exams, one final exam, and online participation. It is required to complete all coursework in order to calculate the final grade. The breakdown of grades is as follows:

Exam # 1	20%
Exam # 2	20%
Exam #3	20%
Final Exam (TBA, Registrar's Scheduled)	30%
Online participation	10%

*Grading scheme:*

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

*Accommodations:*

In keeping with a philosophy of universal access to education, students may register with Student Accessibility Services located in MacEwan Hall room 452, or by phone (403) 220-8237, to arrange for academic accommodations. Those not registered are not eligible for such accommodations. See: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>

*Absences:*

Absence from the in-class exams and tests or the group presentation, as well as the non-submission of assignments, must be justified with relevant documentation. If coursework is not submitted on time or an exam is missed, and in either of these cases an official and approved request for a changed deadline or exam time has not been made, the final course grade will be "fail due to absence." Official requests must be made in person or in writing to the professor no later than one class prior to the scheduled deadline / exam and accompanied by valid documentation.

*Late Submissions:*

All late submissions may be penalized 5% per day, except possibly in the case of medical or family emergencies for which documentation must be provided. Given ample access to university facilities, computer or printing problems are not acceptable. Please remember to back up files of assignments and print hard copies at various stages. All late submissions should be presented either in person to the professor or to Monika Davidson in the Department of Anthropology office, 6th floor, Earth Sciences. **DO NOT SLIP ANY ASSIGNMENTS UNDER AN OFFICE DOOR** (Professor's or Department's), as they will be dated whenever encountered and are at risk of loss. A yellow drop box on the table outside the Anthropology Department office door is for use after office hours, all assignments found within are date stamped at 4:30PM daily. It is recommended to retain an electronic copy of all submissions until the course is completed and final grade assigned.

*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:*

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by using their ID number. Also they will be required to provide a piece of picture identification in order to pick up an assignment or look at a final exam. For more information see also: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

*Plagiarism:*

In written work, when a piece of information or a quote is used from another person (author, filmmaker, guest speaker), due credit is required. Failure to attribute the source of ideas and to pass them off as one's own is called plagiarism and is grounds for sanctions as imposed by the university. Please review the Anthropology Department guidelines for Intellectual Honesty here: <http://anth.ucalgary.ca/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>.

*Note-taking and Instructor Availability:*

It is not the instructor's policy to provide lecture notes and/or Powerpoint presentations on D2L. Although it may be done as a means of assistance, it should not be treated as an alternative to note-taking, as it will occur only at the instructor's timing and discretion. Students are expected to take their own notes and consult with peers over missed lectures. They are also encouraged to consult with the professor during office hours (meetings can also be arranged outside of listed office hours). Please regularly consult the course D2L page for news on classes, questions relating to readings, discussion points, and other useful information.

## **Registrar-Scheduled Final Examination** YES

### **Electronic Devices in the Classroom**

All cellular phones are expected to be turned off during class-time. Laptops may be used for note-taking by those sitting along the walls and at the back of the classroom. Should laptops become used for purposes not related to course material or in the designated areas of the classroom, this privilege may be removed for all class members.

### **Instructor Availability and Communications**

Email will be replied to in a prompt fashion. Students can expect a reply within 48 hours (not including weekends or holidays), provided the email etiquette has been followed. In cases of scheduling difficulty with the listed office hours, alternative meetings to consult outside of class time can be arranged via email.

#### *Email Etiquette*

Please use your ucalgary.ca email address, or another email with an *appropriate* name. Include the class and a brief reason for your email in the subject line (when emailing from D2L the class is already included). Open your email with a salutation directed to me (for example, 'Hello Professor Chmilar'), do not use 'Hey'. If you have multiple questions, separate each into its own paragraph so all can be easily identified. Close your email by signing your name.

#### **ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

##### **Academic Misconduct**

For information on academic misconduct and the consequences thereof, please see the current University of Calgary Calendar at the following link; <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

##### **Academic Accommodation Policy**

If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation, it is your responsibility to register with the Student Accessibility Services, formerly the Disability Resource Centre (220-8237) and discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course. For further information, please see:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/46>

##### **Emergency Evacuation and Assembly Points**

There are primary and alternative evacuation points for this particular classroom. The primary evacuation point in case of an emergency is in the ICT Food Court. Please gather in these locations in cases of evacuation, so that you may be accounted for.

##### **"SAFEWALK" Program**

Campus Security will escort individuals day or night -- call 403-220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot booths.

##### **Student Representation**

The Student Union website can be found here: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>

There are now four Arts reps because of the amalgamation, with the email addresses being: [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), and [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca). Please contact these if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman, please see: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

##### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881, look through their offerings on their website (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/>) or visit them on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block, MLB 117.