

Fall 2018 Anthropology Course List & Descriptions

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Internet Course

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ANTH 2700.002 – Introduction to Physical Anthropology (13272)

TuTh

11:00AM – 12:20PM

GAB 105

H. Gill-King

*Requires separately scheduled lab hours. Introduction to Physical Anthropology. 3 hours *(3:2). Study of human biological evolution from primate beginnings to the present era. Emphasis is placed upon anatomical and physiological variations and their adaptive significance. (Same as BIOL 2700.) May be used to satisfy a portion of the Natural Sciences requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

Introduction to Physical Anthropology Lab Hours

ANTH 2700.300 (13273)

Th

3:00PM – 4:50PM

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ANTH 2700.301 (13274)

We

3:00PM – 4:50PM

Life A341

Staff

ANTH 2700.302 (13275)

Tu

1:00PM – 2:50PM

Life A341

Staff

ANTH 2700.303 (13276)

We

6:00PM – 7:50PM

Life A341

Staff

ANTH 2700.304 (13277)

Tu

3:00PM – 4:50PM

Life A341

Staff

ANTH 2700.310 (13278)

Th

1:00PM – 2:50PM

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ANTH 3101.810 – American Culture & Society (13062)

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American Culture and Society. 3 hours. Culture, cultural diversity and multiculturalism constitute some of the most significant social issues in America today. Oriented around the core concept of culture and cultural groups, the course is designed to introduce the student to the basic concepts of culture and cultural diversity, and develop an awareness and appreciation for the full range of diversity in the American (U.S.) culture. Special time and attention will be devoted to the origins, development and consequences of the diversity that plays such a central role in the lives of people in this nation-state culture.

ANTH 3110.001 – Indigenous Peoples of North America (13458)

TuTh

2:00PM – 3:20PM

Matt 311

A. Dunstan

Indigenous Peoples of North America. 3 hours. Examines the common stereotypes and media (mis) interpretations of Indigenous peoples and cultures in order to see beyond such one-dimensional portrayals of the American Indian. Introduction to a number of important themes in the history of Native American peoples over the last 500 years, including colonization and culture change. Students will gain a sense of the richness and diversity of Native American culture and experience.

ANTH 3130.001 – African American Anthropology (14937)

MoWe

2:00PM – 3:20PM

Sage 230

B. Davenport

African American Anthropology. 3 hours. This class develops a "double consciousness," of knowledge of African American (or Black) culture in the United States, the impact of Blacks on mainstream American culture, and vice versa. It covers the role of U.S. history, politics and economics as having shaped and been shaped by the presence of people of African descent on this continent and in this hemisphere, including historical roots, classic literature, religion, social structural aspects of African-American culture, oral traditions, identity, and representation.

ANTH 3200.001 – Latin America (17630)

TuTh

3:30PM – 4:50PM

Life A419

Staff

Latin America. 3 hours. The indigenous, colonial, and mestizo cultures of Latin American from prehistoric, historic, and contemporary perspectives. The dominant culture groups that have comprised this region, and specific issues of conquest and colonialism, neo-colonialism, the role of religion, peasants and social movements, and migration.

ANTH 3400.001 – Peoples & Cultures of Africa (14146)

MoWeFr

12:00PM – 12:50PM

BLB 015

D. Henry

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Peoples and Cultures of the Pacific. 3 hours. Survey of the diverse cultures and traditions of the Pacific, each with its own unique style and history covering thousands of years. The course explores geography, politics, history, ethnography and economics of many cultural groups in the region, from the discovery of these islands to the present.

ANTH 3500.001 – Cultures & Civilizations of the Middle East (13294)

Th 6:30PM – 9:20PM Chemistry 352 M. Sadri

Cultures and Civilizations of the Middle East. 3 hours. The prehistory, history, and contemporary situation of one of the most unusual areas of cultural diversity and human adaptation in the world. Special attention is given to the Colonial and religious history of the area that underlies much of its current problems. Its unique role in the developing world economic system will be addressed, as well as those current phenomenon which make it such a volatile area.

ANTH 4000.001 – Applied Anthropology (13445)

MoWeFri 11:00AM – 11:50AM Gateway 137 L. Henry

Applied Anthropology. 3 hours. Course is concerned with the development, theory, methods and approaches of applied anthropology. Through case materials, the course examines both the current and historical roles and contributions of the various subfields in the application of anthropology to the problems of culture. Special attention is directed at developing some understanding and appreciation of the problems and ethics involved in applied or practical activities and to developing the necessary skills and methods for assuming such a role as an applied anthropologist.

ANTH 4011.001 – Anthropological Field Methods (15641)

TuTh 12:30PM – 1:50PM PEB 219 Staff

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ANTH 4021.001 – Development of Anthropological Thought (13298)

TuTh 9:30AM – 10:50AM Env 115 J. Johnson

*Prerequisite(s): ANTH 2300 or consent of department.

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Development of Anthropological Thought. 3 hours. Overview of the history of Anthropological thought from its origins to the contemporary schools of Anthropology, with emphasis on the scientific, intellectual and sociopolitical causes and consequences of changes in major conceptual orientations to man and culture.

ANTH 4200.001 – Health, Healing and Culture: Medical Anthropology (14939)

MoWeFri 10:00AM – 10:50AM Gateway 137 D. Henry

Health, Healing and Culture: Medical Anthropology. 3 hours. Presents contemporary medical anthropology, with a focus on the biocultural basis of health and global sociocultural variations in illness and healing. Includes study of comparative health systems, political-economic and ethical issues in health and care, health professions, patients' views of illness, and cross-cultural definitions and understandings of disease, illness, and cure.

ANTH 4300.810 – Migrants & Refugees (13293)

Internet Course

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Migrants & Refugees. 3 hours. An anthropological understanding of "uprooted" and displaced social groups who leave their country and culture. Worldwide political, economic, and social issues are analyzed as are the processes of accommodation, adaptation and re-creation of their cultural systems in different socio-economic and political contexts. Beginning with general characteristics of the anthropological discussion on "displacement," the course then ventures into different models for the analysis and understanding of migration and refugee movements.

ANTH 4400.001 – Environmental Anthropology (13260)

TuTh 3:30PM – 4:50PM Col 047 A. Dunstan

Environmental Anthropology. 3 hours. Major environmental questions, theories, problems, issues, and possible solutions illustrated by case studies from different cultures around the world. Environmental issues pertaining to land, sea and natural resources, food production systems, deforestation, population problems, poverty and environmental justice, natural hazards and risks, resource conflicts and warfare, over-fishing, economic development, mineral and oil extraction, landscapes, ecofeminism, and biodiversity conservation.

ANTH 4550.001 – Race, Ethnicity, & Identity (15059)

MoWeFri 9:00AM – 9:50AM Chemistry 352 Staff

Race, Ethnicity, and Identity. 3 hours. How race, ethnicity, and identity operate as categories of social inequality. Draws on critical perspectives of race and ethnicity to analyze how they work as overlapping categories of both inclusion and exclusion that are used to divide, rank, and discriminate. Discussion of possible ways to overturn the social injustices caused by ethnic and racial subordination as currently experienced in the U.S.

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ANTH 4601.001 – Anthropology of Education (17631)

We 2:00PM -5:00PM Lang 317 M. Nuñez-Janes

Anthropology of Education. 3 hours. Issues and approaches relevant to the study of education within the field of anthropology, including methods used in the study of education and schooling, and the significance of cultural transmission. Students are exposed to works in the field of anthropology about cultural difference, minority status, and learning. Course highlights new perspectives and critiques related to contemporary educational "problems" found in societies such as the U.S.

ANTH 4701.004 – Urban Anthropology (13457)

MoWeFri 1:00PM – 1:50PM BLB 005 A. Nelson

Urban Anthropology. 3 hours. As more of the world's population settles in cities, anthropologists have increasingly shifted their sites of study from rural to urban settings. Despite this new geographic focus, it remains debatable whether anthropological studies merely take place in urban settings or are of the city. Our goal in this class is to question how anthropological insights and methods might contribute to our understandings of urban phenomena. In order to do so, we will ask the following big questions: (1) What is a city? What sort of conditions produced this spatial category in different parts of the world throughout history? (2) How did the industrial revolution reshape the city and structure contemporary notions of spatial planning, social engineering and capitalist production? (3) What is the future of the city in the postmodern, post-industrial and post-national global era? Will future cities reduce or exacerbate social and economic inequality? (4) How have social and economic histories shaped the layout and structure of contemporary Denton and Dallas? Students will be asked to apply course material to their own ethnographic projects.

ANTH 4701.008 – Design Anthropology (17633)

We 6:00PM – 8:50PM Lang 104 C. Wasson

Design Anthropology. 3 hours. In recent years, ethnography has become popular with designers of products and technologies as a way of learning about the experience of users. This research approach has been applied to such diverse problems as: How to design office environments that encourage group work and collaboration, How to design websites that fit the "mental model" and usage patterns of their target audiences, how to design museum exhibits that maximize the engagement between visitors and displays. "Design Anthropology" is a rapidly growing field of employment for those who wish to work in applied anthropology. In this course, students learn the fundamentals of the field. By collaborating on an applied project, they gain practice in applied research methods and video ethnography. They learn to engage in

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collaborating on an applied project, they gain practice with customers to translate their research into practical applications. In addition to the hands-on experience, students conduct readings on topics relevant to the project and to design anthropology in general.

External Courses with Relevance to Anthropology Majors

ARCH 2800.001 – Archeological Science (3239)

MoWeFri 9:00AM – 9:50AM Matt 311 J. Byers

Archaeological Science. 3 hours. Human prehistory and methods of scientific investigation; emphasizes archaeological cultures from early hominid sites in East Africa to entry of peoples into the New World. Course stresses methods of interdisciplinary research, including geology, paleo-environmental reconstruction, paleo-diet and artifact-faunal analysis. Labs employ artifacts and bones for study. May be used to satisfy a portion of the Natural Sciences requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

Archeological Science Lab Hours

ARCH 2800.300 (3240)

Tu 11:00AM – 12:50PM ENV 241 Staff

ARCH 2800.301 (3241)

Tu 9:00AM – 10:50AM ENV 241 Staff

ARCH 2800.302 (3242)

We 10:00AM – 11:50AM ENV 241 Staff

ARCH 2800.303 (14827)

Tu 1:00PM – 2:50PM ENV 241 Staff

ARCH 2800.304 (4879)

Mon 11:00AM – 12:50PM ENV 241 Staff

ARCH 2800.305 (17001)

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*Students may explore available Ethnomusicology courses available under course subject header **MUET**.