

ANTH 1010-810/820

Introduction to Anthropology

Course Instructor

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Course Description

This course surveys and explains the variety found in the human condition around the world. It is an introduction to anthropology, which is a scientific and a humanistic endeavor to explain differences and similarities in human appearance, language, culture, and perspectives and, ultimately, to address the fundamental question of what it means to be human. As part of this we will take a holistic approach that considers human biology, evolution, history and prehistory, geography, societies, languages, and cultures, in order to understand why people are who they are and why they do what they do.

Basic Instructions:

You must stay up-to-date in this course. It's structured so that everyone is looking at the same lesson and participating in the same discussions, every week. All the content you need for this class is available in the action menu on the left side of the course page. This content includes "**Units and Lessons**" "**Assignments**" "**Discussions**" and "**Tests/Exams**". Each week, you should review the course schedule, read the Lesson, then complete the corresponding assignment, discussion, or test.

Supplemental Instruction

A Supplemental Instruction (SI) component is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of the material taught in this course. SI sessions are led by a student who has been

successful with the course material and has been trained to facilitate group sessions where students can meet to compare class notes, review and discuss important concepts, develop strategies for studying, and prepare for exams. Attendance at SI sessions is free and voluntary. On average, students who attend supplemental instruction once a week, earn a significantly higher course grade than those who do not attend. SI sessions begin the second week of class and continue throughout the semester. Session schedule will be posted in the course announcements.

Required Text

Ember, Ember, and Peregrine. 2014. Anthropology, 14th edition. Pearson Education.

Films are required viewing

In addition to reading the textbook and the course content online, you will be required to view three films. Links to the films are ALL in the course content itself (the individual "topics"). After each film, you should complete the short paragraph discussion question and submit it on the "film guide" link on the home page. Films are free, and can be accessed by the links in the course content and under the 'assignments' tab. First you login with your EUID and password, then RealPlayer will pop up and begin playing the selected video. The library's Video-On-Demand page will also open in the background and display all the films that are available to you through in the Video-on-demand system.

Graded Work

Exams:

There will be four (4) tests for which you have a one week period to complete each. Once you start a test, you have only 90 minutes to finish it. Do not start a test unless you're SURE you can finish it. And DO NOT wait until the last minute. If you wait until the last hour to take the test, AND your computer happens to crash at that same time, I won't be sympathetic—in that case, you'll have to miss that test, and then take the final to replace the "0" given. If you have an IT issue, you need to contact the Clear Help Desk before contacting the IAs or instructor. We will only consider your problem if you have an IT help desk ticket number. You will only be allowed to make up tests if you provide documentation signed by a medical professional stating that you were medically unable to complete the work. Test questions will consist of multiple choice and short paragraph answer questions.

Final exam:

The final exam is optional—you DON'T HAVE to take it. It WILL BE comprehensive of the entire course. Should you score higher on the final exam than any previous test, then the final exam score will *replace* your lowest test score in the final grade calculations. If you score lower on the final than any of the four previous exams, then the exam grade won't count against you. In other words, it can't hurt you, it can only help.

Class Roster and Map Yourself Exercises:

For five points each, in the first week of class, you will need to complete these two exercises found on the first page of the Contents/Topics tab.

Discussion responses:

You will be required to respond to 7 short discussion questions during the course. Each will be scored out of 5 points. For each, you will be expected to post a paragraph (at least three sentences), and respond to one other post with at least two substantial sentences. In the 7 discussion posts, if you JUST post one response per discussion, then your discussion grade will come out to be 60% (3/5). If, however, you additionally respond at least once to someone else's post in each of the exercises, then your Discussion grade will go up to 100% (an "A"). You must, however, say more than "I agree" or "great article" and contribute some substantial comments.

Assignments:

You will be required to complete four assignments during the course, which you can access through the Contents/Topics tab or under assignments. The first one (due in Topic 2) will regard a question about genetics. The other three will be responses to films that you will view. Each will be worth 5 points.

	Points	Percentage of final grade
Exams	400 (4 x 100)	86%
Discussion Posts	35 (7 x 5)	7.5%
Assignments	20 (4 x 5)	4.3%
First week exercises	10 (2 x 5)	2.2%

Grading Scale

A	465-419 (90-100%)
B	418-373 (80-90%)
C	372-326 (70-80%)
D	325-279 (60-70%)
F	278-0 (Under 59%)

Additional notes:

1. Assignments and discussions need to be proofed for spelling and grammar.
2. In the event there is an issue with Blackboard that prohibits the submission of an assignment, discussion post, or exam, be sure to IMMEDIATELY contact the Blackboard help desk to resolve the problem. For full credit, be sure you provide your assigned IA the ticket number as soon as you receive it. Missed assignments due to technical difficulties will receive a zero unless a ticket number is provided within 24 hours of due date.

helpdesk@unt.edu

Course Policies

1. Make-up exams: Make-ups will **not** be given unless students approach their instructor with a reasonable excuse **BEFORE** the scheduled test. The only exception will be granted to students who provide documentation signed by a medical professional.

2. Extra Credit

There may be several opportunities for students to earn extra credit at the instructor's discretion.

3. Instructor and IA Communication

a) By the second week of class, students will be assigned an IA. Communication in regards to grades, assignments and lectures should first be addressed to assigned IA. The instructor will be happy to answer questions not addressed by IA.

b) You must use your UNT Eagle Mail email account to email us. You must also include the Course number in the subject line (ANTH 1010.810)

c) Students can expect to hear back from the instructor and IA's within 24 hours of the initial email (48 hours on the weekend).

c) Please use a respectful and polite tone in emails. Do NOT ask questions covered in this syllabus! And if using a mobile device, remember to proofread your message before sending!

d) **IMPORTANT:** The only means we have to contact you is through Blackboard and your UNT email account. It is CRITICAL you routinely check Blackboard for new information and HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that if UNT email is not your preferred email account, you forward UNT mail to your chosen account. Students will be held responsible for emails sent to their UNT account regardless if it is checked or not.

4. Class Participation

Students are required to login regularly to the online class site. The instructor will use the tracking feature in Blackboard to monitor student activity. Students are also required to participate in all class activities such as discussion board and group projects.

5. Virtual Classroom Citizenship

The same guidelines that apply to traditional classes should be observed in the virtual classroom environment. Please use proper *netiquette* when interacting with class members and the professor.

6. Copyright Notice

Some or all of the materials on this course Website may be protected by copyright. Federal copyright law prohibits the reproduction, distribution, public performance, or public display of copyrighted

materials without the express and written permission of the copyright owner, unless fair use or another exemption under copyright law applies.

7. Administrative Withdrawal

The last date to drop this course and still receive a refund is 9/12. If the student is unable to complete this course, the student must officially withdraw by the University-designated date 11/7 (for a “W” with instructor approval) or contact the instructor in request of an incomplete. Withdrawing from a course is a formal procedure that the student must initiate. I cannot do it for you. If you simply stop attending and do not withdraw, you will receive a performance grade, usually an “F.”

8. Policy on Server Unavailability or Other Technical Difficulties

The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time window and provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and also contact the UNT Student Help Desk: helpdesk@unt.edu or 940.565.2324. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

9. Academic Honesty Policy

The Department of Anthropology does not tolerate plagiarism, cheating, or helping others to cheat. Students suspected of any of these will be provided the opportunity for a hearing; a guilty finding will merit an automatic “F” in the course. For information on the University’s policies regarding academic integrity and dishonesty, see the UNT Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities, <http://www.unt.edu/csrr/>.

10. ODA Policy

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://disability.unt.edu/>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

11. Important Notice for F-1 Students Taking Distance Education Courses:

For F–1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is Taken online or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An online or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F–1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no online or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

12. Instructions Regarding Technical Difficulty

The Blackboard Learn website automatically goes down at **11:59pm Central Time every Saturday night. It is down for 2 hours.** Don't get caught completing assignments and tests at the very last moment as your clock may be different from the university computer clock. Never wait until the last minute to submit assignments or tests. This is your responsibility!

If you have any technical difficulties during an assignment or exam, follow these procedures:

1. Take a print screen capture of the issue
2. Contact the Student Blackboard HelpDesk at 940-565-2324 or visit <http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/bblearn/>
3. Give them the following info:
 - o Student EUID: *****
 - o Name & Section of the Course: Anth 1010 Culture & Society 810, 820
4. Once you have a ticket number from the HelpDesk, send it to your IA (**not to your Instructor**)
5. Your IA will follow up with you once the HelpDesk confirms the situation.

If you contact your IA without having completed these steps, she will refer you to this section of the syllabus and the matter will remain unresolved.