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ANTH 1010.100 – Introduction to Anthropology (11864)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. TuTh 3:30-4:50PM. Location: TBD.

J. Johnson

ANTH 1010.200/300 – Introduction to Anthropology (11865/11866)

Internet course. Asynchronous. No on-site meetings.

J. Johnson

The .300 course section is restricted to students residing out-of-state only.

Introduction to Anthropology. 3 hours. This course surveys and explains the cultural, linguistic and biological legacy of humankind, from antiquity to the present, using research tools of anthropology. Anthropology is both a scientific and humanistic endeavor that attempts to explain the differences and similarities between and among human groups. Anthropology studies where people come from, who they are, what they do, and why they do it.

Additional Notes: None

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Social and Behavioral Sciences*

ANTH 1150.200/300 – World Cultures Through Film (11867/11944)

Internet course. Asynchronous. No on-site meetings.

M. Nelson

The .300 course section is restricted to students residing out-of-state only.

World Cultures Through Film. 3 hours. Through the use of ethnographic and documentary film, as well as lecture/discussion, this course illustrates the life ways, values and beliefs of human societies throughout the world. This survey includes examples from native North America, Latin America, Australia, Southeast Asia, Africa, East Asia, Melanesia, Polynesia, modern North America and Europe.

Additional Notes: This course uses the discipline of anthropology to answer the question: How should we view cultural differences? We will explore this question through the theoretical prism of anthropology and case studies provided by ethnographic films. Specifically, we will discuss (a) the problems with ethnocentric portrayals of different cultures in mainstream cinema (ethnocentrism); (b) how cultures see themselves (the emic perspective); (c) whether we can compare cultures to each other (etic perspective); and finally, (d) what happens when different societies interact with each other in a globalized world (globalization).

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Component Area Option A*

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ANTH 2300.100 – Culture and Society (11869)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. MoWe 2:00-3:20PM. Location: TBD. J. Carrington

ANTH 2300.200/.300 – Culture and Society (12156/12157)

Internet course. Asynchronous. No on-site meetings. J. Carrington

The .300 course section is restricted to students residing out-of-state only.

Culture and Society. 3 hours. Cultural anthropology is the social science that tries to make sense out of people's lifestyles around the world. It encompasses many subjects like law, religion, politics, health, language, economics and globalization. It involves analyzing human ways of life with a holistic, comparative, global, and relativistic perspective. As we compare and contrast different cultures around the world, we will just as often analyze ourselves.

Additional Notes: This course introduces students to the field of cultural anthropology, which is the study of human cultures in their diversity and variations. Rather than providing a collection of facts about other cultures, however, this class attempts to help students understand, and utilize, the general approach anthropologists take when they study a culture; in other words, it will help you to think like an anthropologist. This class thus focuses on asking critical questions, rather than simply offering an inventory of answers.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Social and Behavioral Sciences*

ANTH 2700.002 [BIOL 2700] – Introduction to Physical Anthropology (12008)

Please contact Professor Nelson prior to registering for this course.

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. TuTh 11:00AM-12:20PM. H. Gill-King
Location: LIFE A117

Introduction to Physical Anthropology. 3 hours. Study of human biological evolution from primate beginnings to the present era. Emphasis is placed upon anatomical and physiological variations and their adaptive significance.

Additional Notes: Same as BIOL 2700 and requires separate scheduled lab hours for this course. This is a first survey course in human evolution. The common themes, which unite all of the topics, are *human origins* and *variation*. The course begins with a brief review of the history of evolutionary ideas and proceeds to a discussion of genetic mechanisms of organic evolution. The second group of topics focuses on human variation and microevolution. The third segment of the course deals with the primate antecedents of

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humans and the living primate relatives of man. The course concludes with a survey of fossil human ancestry spanning the last 6 million years of hominid evolution.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Life and Physical Sciences*

Introduction to Physical Anthropology Lab Hours

Students should enroll in the lab section of this course once they have registered for the lecture.

ANTH 2700.300 (12009)

Face-to-Face. Thursday. Location: LIFE A112. 3:00-4:50PM. A. Curran Jr.

ANTH 2700.301 (12010)

Face-to-Face. Wednesday. Location: LIFE A112. 3:00-4:50PM. A. Curran Jr.

ANTH 2700.302 (12011)

Face-to-Face. Tuesday. Location: LIFE A112. 1:00-2:50PM. A. Curran Jr.

ANTH 2700.303 (12012)

Face-to-Face. Wednesday. Location: LIFE A112. 6:00-7:50PM. A. Curran Jr.

ANTH 2700.304 (12013)

Face-to-Face. Tuesday. Location: LIFE A112 3:00-4:50PM. A. Curran Jr.

ANTH 2700.310 (12014)

Face-to-Face. Thursday. Location: LIFE A112 1:00-2:50PM. A. Curran Jr.

ANTH 3101.200/.300 – American Culture and Society (11870/11871)

Internet course. Asynchronous. No on-site meetings. J. Johnson

The .300 course section is restricted to students residing out-of-state only.

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.

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Additional Notes: We will boldly encounter and discuss realities of lived experiences in the United States. Although we may participate in and understand many facets of “American” culture, in this course we will be reconsidering culture and society in the United States through the holistic lens of Anthropology. The four+ sub-fields of Anthropology, and its emphasis on critical cultural relativism and social equality offers us a multi-focal framework through which we can situate our sociohistorical past, recognize continuing cultural patterns of the present, and begin to delve into interconnected social issues of the contemporary “American” experience.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Language, Philosophy, and Culture*

ANTH 3110.200/300 – Indigenous Peoples of North America (12155/15271)

Internet course. Asynchronous. No on-site meetings.

K. Wren

The .300 course section is restricted to students residing out-of-state only.

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.

Additional Notes: None

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Language, Philosophy and Culture*

CLASS Requirements Satisfied: Communication & Digital Skills

ANTH 3130.100 – African American Anthropology (16240)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. Tu 6:00-8:50PM. Location: TBD.

K. Wren

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.

Additional Notes: None

Pre-requisites: None

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Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 3220.100 – Mayan Culture (15270)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. MW 3:30-4:50PM. Location: TBD.

A. Re Cruz

Mayan Culture. 3 hours. Holistic understanding of the ancient Mayan civilization, illuminating crucial economic, political and ideological contemporary processes; exploring the analysis of intriguing symbolism embedded in ancient Maya culture; and understanding colonial and current Maya rebellions.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Language, Philosophy and Culture*

ANTH 3400.100 – Peoples and Cultures of Africa (12644)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. MWF 12:00-12:50PM. Location: TBD.

D. Henry

Peoples and Cultures of Africa. 3 hours. The diversity of African people and culture through a variety of sources – ethnographies, films, literature, and narratives. The reality of life in contemporary Africa as well as the way it has been portrayed by anthropologists, explorers, historians and the media. Looks in detail at the continent's rich geography, environment, history, politics, religion, economics and ethnicities, as well as the challenges the current events in Africa pose for the rest of the world.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Language, Philosophy and Culture*

ANTH 3710.100 – Peoples and Cultures of East Asia (090716)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. W 6:00-8:50PM. Location: TBD.

K. Griffin

Peoples and Cultures of East Asia. 3 hours. Overview of the cultures and contemporary issues in societies in the Far East, in the context of social and political change and development. Anthropological and ethnographic studies, supplemented by selected research from sociology, history and political science, and specific areas of cultural and social change in each society, including kinship and family, ethnicity, economic and political development, industrialization, urbanization, and health and social policy.

Additional Notes: An overview of cultures and contemporary issues in societies in the Far East, in the context of social and political change. Compares anthropological and ethnographic studies of the Peoples' Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan, supplemented by selected research from sociology, history, and political science,

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and specific areas of cultural and social change in each society, including kinship and family, ethnicity and gender, economic and political development, health and social policy, disaster and trauma, interactions with the environment and non-human others, and globalization and popular culture.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4000.100 – Applied Anthropology (12147)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. MWF 11:00-11:50AM.

M. Nuñez-Janes

Location: TBD.

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.

Additional Notes: This is a required course for the Applied Anthropology Certificate

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4011.001 – Anthropological Field Methods (13705)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. TuTh: 12:30-1:50PM. Location: TBD.

M. Nelson

Anthropological Field Methods. 3 hours. Course concentrates on the field methods of anthropology, in particular, the various data gathering techniques, methods of analysis and field techniques of "participant observation." In addition to acquiring the skills of the participant observation method, the student also gains an increased awareness, understanding and appreciation of the problems associated with conducting research in cultures other than their own. Special attention is devoted to the interactional aspects of dealing with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

Additional Notes: This course is geared towards students that have already taken ANTH 2300. In particular, this course is recommended for junior and senior Anthropology majors. If you are not an anthropology major you should email the instructor before registering for this course. The perspective of this class through Professor Nelson's instruction is very conceptual. It requires excellent attendance, participation, and an effort to be out of your comfort zone.

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Pre-requisites: ANTH 2300 or the consent of the department

Recommendations: Recommended for Anthropology Majors with Junior or Senior standing

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4021.100 – Development of Anthropological Thought (12030)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. MoWe 2:00-3:20PM. Location: TBD.

J. Johnson

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.

Additional Notes: None

Pre-requisites: ANTH 2300 or consent of the department

Recommendations: Recommended for Anthropology Majors with Junior or Senior standing

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4200.100 – Health, Healing and Culture: Medical Anthropology (13240)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. MWF 9:00-9:50AM. Location: TBD.

C. Cecale

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, patient's views of illness, and cross-cultural definitions and understandings of disease, illness, and cure.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4300.200/300 – Migrants & Refugees (12026/12025)

Internet. Asynchronous. No on-site meetings.

C. Perkins

The .300 course section is restricted to students residing out-of-state only.

Migrants and 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

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discussion on "displacement," the course then ventures into different models for the analysis and understanding of migration and refugee movements.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4400.100 – Environmental Anthropology (12001)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. TuTh 3:30-4:50PM. Location: TBD.

C. Cecale

Cross-listed for graduate credit as ANTH 5400.100.

The .300 course section is restricted to students residing out-of-state only.

4400. 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.

Additional Notes: The intersection of language and culture is dynamic, multifaceted, and has various effects depending on culturally bound social structures of power. This class will focus on contemporary multi-media sources, interactive analysis, essential readings, and discussion to explore the ways in which language and culture merge and diverge to create and reflect social cohesion, oppressions, and resistance. Students will gain an understanding of the inherent interconnectedness language has with culture, and the cultural power language can wield.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4550.100 – Race, Ethnicity, & Identity (13320)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. TuTh 11:00AM-12:20PM. Location: TBD. J. Carrington

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.

Additional Notes: None

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4701 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology

All ANTH 4701+ courses are selected topics of interest and significance in sociocultural anthropology. While this course is offered on a regular basis, particular topics are taught irregularly.

ANTH 4701.041 – Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (16387)

Cross-listed as WGST 3100.100

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. TuTh 9:30-10:50AM. Location: TBD. J. Carrington

Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology. 3 hours. Selected topics of interest and significance in sociocultural anthropology. While this course is offered on a regular basis, particular topics are taught irregularly.

Additional Notes: This course will introduce students to LGBTQ Studies, an interdisciplinary field that seeks to uncover and analyze how power works in relation to categories and norms about gender, sex, and sexuality. The course utilizes an intersectional approach to examine how norms and hierarchies of gender, sex, and sexuality are socially constructed in and through categories of race, ethnicity, class, ability, generation, and nation. We explore a variety of sites to understand how cultural meanings about gender, sex, and sexuality are produced and circulated, including the law, medicine, psychology/psychiatry, media, the academy, and social activism.

Pre-requisites: ANTH 1010 or 2300, or consent of department.

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4701.047 – Applied Anthropology of Food in the U.S. (18581)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. MWF 1:00-1:50PM. Location: TBD. K. McFarland

Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology. 3 hours. Selected topics of interest and significance in sociocultural anthropology. While this course is offered on a regular basis, particular topics are taught irregularly.

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Additional Notes: Applied Anthropology of Food in the U.S. is a 4000-level course designed to evaluate the present-day United States industrial food system and local/regional food systems holistically, to understand how these systems operate today. This course has been created by Kelly McFarland, MS, a food anthropologist with a specific interest in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) area. This course considers the historic developments leading to the food system today while also evaluating the different ways food is interpreted socially and understood through relationships. Even before the pandemic, the world of food in the U.S. was a confusing place. Terms like GMO, non-GMO, organic, sustainable, regenerative, fair trade, soy-based, keto, and gluten-free were created to explain the differences in food production and diet. Food identities like vegetarian, vegan, freegan, and locavore have created social groups where the identity of diet may transcend to a person's full identity. What do all these terms mean and why are they necessary? How do these terms work to form groups and behavior beyond what foods are eaten? How do power relationships work between groups, to make food and diet possibilities grow or fail? Applied Anthropology of Food in the U.S. will explore these questions and more, to better understand the ways that food can be a social and community experience as well as a form of sustenance.

Pre-requisites: ANTH 1010 or ANTH 2300, or consent of the department

Recommendations: Recommended for Anthropology Majors with Junior or Senior standing.

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4751.100 – Anthropology of Religion (17879)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. Th 6:00-8:50PM. Location: TBD.

C. Perkins

Anthropology of Religion. 3 hours. Focuses on comparing religious and supernatural belief across cultures, through the perspective of anthropology. The origin, development and function of religions in human societies, as well as classic anthropological concerns about the role of myth, ritual, ethics, magic and shamanism in society. By comparing what is "religious" in many cultures, students will develop a better understanding of the relationship between human beings, religion, and their own religious beliefs.

Additional Notes: None

Pre-requisites: ANTH 1010 or consent of the Anthropology Department

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

ANTH 4760.100 – Inequality, Social Justice, & the City (17880)

Face-to-Face. Synchronous. TuTh 2:00-3:20PM. Location: TBD.

A. Nelson

Cross-listed for graduate credit as ANTH 5760.100.

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Inequality, Social Justice and the City. 3 hours. Historical and ethnographic examination of urban society and how people-centered movements might regain “rights to the city”. Focuses on local examples of urban social justice causes.

Additional Notes: Our goal in this class is to question how anthropological approaches might contribute to our understandings of urban inequality. Using Denton and Dallas, among many other cities, as guides, we will ask the following questions: (1) What is a city? What sort of social conditions produced this spatial category throughout history? (2) How did the industrial revolution reshape the city and structure contemporary notions of spatial planning, class, and capitalist production? (3) What is the future of urban inequality in the post-industrial era of flexible work? Finally, (4) How are “right to the city” movements around the globe pushing us toward urban social justice? Class includes a field-trip to Dallas. This course was formerly taught as ANTH 4701.004 Urban Anthropology.

Pre-requisites: None

Recommendations: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: None

Department of Geography

ARCH 2800.001 – Archaeological Science (2943)

Internet course. Asynchronous. No on-site meetings.

K. Fulton

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, paleoenvironmental reconstruction, paleodiet and artifact-faunal analysis. Labs employ artifacts and bones for study.

Additional Notes: This course does not require a separate lab for this semester

Pre-requisites: None

CORE Requirements Satisfied: Life and Physical Sciences*