

Introduction to Anthropology

ANT 2000

Course Description:

Anthropology is a discipline that includes both a cultural and a biological understanding of human nature. It examines and records the great variety of human cultural expression. It identifies those features of human nature which make cultural diversity both possible and inevitable. This course will examine what it means to be human with the holistic perspective and the comparative methodology that make anthropology distinctive.

Course Learning Objectives (including liberal studies learning objectives assigned to the course):

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Describe the four *subdisciplines of anthropology* and the range of inquiries conducted by anthropologists. Describe how anthropology includes scholarship that qualifies it as a social science, a natural science and a humanity.
2. Know the traits found in modern humans that indicate we are part of the natural world. Identify fossil and archaeological evidence that demonstrate the emergence of traits found only in humans and human ancestors.
3. Explain the nature of human *culture* and describe how our symbolic ability distinguishes and empowers humans (but also makes us vulnerable to misconceptions like “race”)
4. Present evidence of cultural expression in fields as diverse as subsistence, artifacts, family life, gender, religion, and language.
5. Describe how changes in technology, communication and social relationship have big consequences for what it means to be *human* on a 21st century planet earth.

Grading Assignments:

- Participation
- Quizzes
- Peer Review Exercise
- Papers
- Mid-Term and Final Exam

LIBERAL STUDIES STATEMENTS

This course has been approved to meet FSU’s Liberal Studies Social Sciences requirements and helps you become a critical analyst of theories and evidence about social forces and social experience.

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Discuss the role of social factors in contemporary problems or personal experiences.

2. Analyze claims about social phenomena.

This course has been approved to meet FSU's Liberal Studies **Diversity** requirement and prompts your development as a culturally literate member of society. In order to fulfill FSU's Diversity requirement, the student must earn a "C–" or higher in the course.

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

1. Analyze some aspect of human experience within a culture, focusing on at least one source of diversity (e.g., age, disability, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, social class, or other).
2. Explore one's own cultural norms or values in relation to those of a different cultural group.

UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE POLICY

Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY

The Florida State University Academic Honor Policy outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of students' academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the

process. Students are responsible for reading the Academic Honor Policy and for living up to their pledge to "...be honest and truthful and... [to] strive for personal and institutional integrity at Florida State University." (Florida State University Academic Honor Policy, found at <http://fda.fsu.edu/Academics/Academic-Honor-Policy>)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Florida State University (FSU) values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. Our goal is to create learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming. FSU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities in a manner that is consistent with academic standards of the course while empowering the student to meet integral requirements of the course.

To receive academic accommodations, a student:

- (1) must register with and provide documentation to the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS);

(2) must provide a letter from OAS to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type; and, (3) should communicate with the instructor, as needed, to discuss recommended accommodations. A request for a meeting may be initiated by the student or the instructor.

Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from the Office of Accessibility Services has been provided.

This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request.

For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the

Office of Accessibility Services 874 Traditions Way 108 Student Services Building Florida State University Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167 (850) 644-9566 (voice) (850) 644-8504 (TDD) oas@fsu.edu <https://dsst.fsu.edu/oas>

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Your academic success is a top priority for Florida State University. University resources to help you succeed include tutoring centers, computer labs, counseling and health services, and services for designated groups, such as veterans and students with disabilities. The following information is not exhaustive, so please check with your advisor or the Dean of Students office to learn more.

CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES

Various centers and programs are available to assist students with navigating stressors that might impact academic success. These include the following:

Victim Advocate Program
University Center A, Rm. 4100
(850) 644-7161
Available 24/7/365
Office Hours: M-F 8-5
<https://dsst.fsu.edu/vap>

Counseling and Psychological Services
Askew Student Life Center, 2nd floor
942 Learning Way
(850) 644-8255
<https://counseling.fsu.edu/>

University Health Services
Health and Wellness Center
(850) 644-6230
<https://uhs.fsu.edu/>