

ANT 2000

Introduction to Anthropology

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.

In this course, students will learn the foundations of anthropology as the study of human variation in its biological, social, and cultural dimensions. Students will learn about anthropological concepts, principles, and methodologies to understand and explore past and present human behavior. They will apply the anthropological approach to analyze issues pertaining to past and contemporary cultures, and develop intellectual skills and habits to understand behavioral, social and cultural issues from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

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

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will explain scientific approaches to the study of human variation and human origins, including primatology, extinct and extant human cultures, language, and ethnicity.
- Students will explain the origins of anthropology as a foundation discipline in the social sciences that examines the nature and definition of culture.
- Students will apply anthropological concepts, principles, and methods to the scientific study of past and present human behavior.
- Students will explain how anthropology incorporates multidisciplinary knowledge and perspectives.
- Students will describe anthropological contributions to contemporary issues.

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.

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 (CAPS)

Florida State University's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) primary mission is to address psychological needs and personal concerns, which may interfere with students' academic progress, social development, and emotional well-being. The following in-person and virtual (tele-mental health) services are available to all enrolled students residing in the state of Florida:

1. Individual therapy
2. Group therapy
3. Crisis Intervention
4. Psychoeducational and outreach programming
5. After hours crisis-hotline
6. Access to community providers for specialized treatment

Call 850-644-TALK (8255) for more information on how to initiate services.

Counseling and Psychological Services

250 Askew Student Life Center

942 Learning Way

(850) 644-TALK (8255)

Walk-in and Appointment Hours:

M-F 8 am – 4 pm

<https://counseling.fsu.edu/>

Services at UHS are available to all enrolled students residing in Florida:

The mission of University Health Services (UHS) is to promote and improve the overall health and well-being of FSU students. UHS provides a coordinated continuum of care through prevention, intervention, and treatment. Services include general medical care, priority care, gynecological services, physicals, allergy injection clinic, immunizations, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, and a medical response unit. The Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness (CHAW) assists students in their academic success through individual, group, and population-based health and wellness initiatives. Topics include wellness, alcohol and other drugs, hazing prevention, nutrition and body image, sexual health, and power based personal violence prevention. For more information, go to uhs.fsu.edu.

University Health Services

Health and Wellness Center

960 Learning Way

Tallahassee, FL 32306

Hours: M-F, 8 am – 4 pm

(850) 644-6230

<https://uhs.fsu.edu/>