ANTH 1500 - Introduction to Anthropology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 42728,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

1500. Introduction to Anthropology. An exploration of what it means to be human from a biological and cultural perspective using archaeology, bioanthropology, and ethnography to trace over four million years of human development. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Anthropology: Appreciating Human Diversity	Conrad Phillip Kottak	9781266603914

Assorted articles: At times throughout the semester, readings from other sources may be assigned. These readings will be made available on Blackboard.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1	What is Anthropology?	Quiz 1 due Sunday, August 30 at 11:59PM
8/31	Chapter 2	Culture & Everyday Life	Quiz 2 due Sunday, September 6 at 11:59PM Discussion Board 1 due Sunday, September 6 at 11:59PM
9/7	Chapter 5	Evolution & Genetics	Quiz 3 due Sunday, September 13 at 11:59PM
9/14	Chapter 6	Human Variation & Race	Quiz 4 due Sunday, September 20 at 11:59PM UnEssay: Topic Proposal due Sunday, September 20 at 11:59PM
9/21	Chapter 7	Primates	Quiz 5 due Sunday, September 27 at 11:59PM Assignment 1 due Sunday, September 27 at 11:59PM
9/28	Chapter 8	The Hominins	Quiz 6 due Sunday, October 4 at 11:59PM
10/5	Chapter 9 Chapter 10	The Genus Homo	Quiz 7 due Sunday, October 11 at 11:59PM Assignment 2 due Sunday, October 11 at 11:59PM

10/12	Callaghan and Williams (2020)	Archaeology	Quiz 8 due Sunday, October 18 at 11:59PM UnEssay: Concept Check due Sunday, October 18 at 11:59PM
10/19	Gibb (2024)	CRM & Law	Quiz 9 due Sunday, October 25 at 11:59PM Assignment 3 due Sunday, October 25 at 11:59PM
10/26	Phaup (n.d.)	Museums & Meaning	Quiz 10 due Sunday, November 1 at 11:59PM Assignment 4 due Sunday, November 1 at 11:59PM
11/2	Chapter 13	Cultural Anthropology	Quiz 11 due Sunday, November 8 at 11:59PM
11/9	Chapter 14	Language & Communication	Quiz 12 due Sunday, November 15 at 11:59PM Assignment 5 due Sunday, November 15 at 11:59PM
11/16	Hasty, Lewis, & Snipes (2022)	Gender & the Body	Quiz 13 due Sunday, November 22 at 11:59PM UnEssay: Progress Check due Sunday, November 20 at 11:59PM
11/23	Chapter 19	Kinship & Social Networks	Quiz 14 due Monday, November 30 at 11:59PM Assignment 4 due Monday, November 30 at 11:59PM
11/30	Chapter 23	Globalization	Quiz 15 due Sunday, December 6 at 11:59PM Discussion Board 2 due Sunday, December 6 at 11:59PM
12/7		Final Exam Period	UnEssay: Final Project due Tuesday, December 8 at 11:59PM

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