

ANTH 1500 - Introduction to Anthropology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 05, CRN 41308,

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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	Human Diversity 19th ed	Kottak	

** This a First Day Ready book, you do not need to purchase.

*** You may opt out of this book. Please check Blackboard for the link.

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

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24		The Nature Of Anthropology	Students review the Lesson 1 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Wed	8/26		The Nature Of Anthropology	Students review the Lesson 1 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Fri	8/28		The Nature Of Anthropology	Students review the Lesson 1 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Mon	8/31		Methods of Studying the Past	Students review the Lesson 2 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Wed	9/2		Methods of Studying the Past	Students review the Lesson 2 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	9/4		Methods of Studying the Past	Students review the Lesson 2 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Mon	9/7	No class, Labor Day	Human Evolution, Genetics, Human Variation, & Adaptation	Students review the Lesson 3 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Wed	9/9		Human Evolution, Genetics, Human Variation, & Adaptation	Students review the Lesson 3 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	9/11		Human Evolution, Genetics, Human Variation, & Adaptation	Students review the Lesson 3 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.

Mon	9/14		Who are the Modern Primates and how are we related	Students review the Lesson 4 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Wed	9/16		Who are the Modern Primates and how are we related	Students review the Lesson 4 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	9/18		Who are the Modern Primates and how are we related	Students review the Lesson 4 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Mon	9/21	Exam 1. Monday, September 21	Who were The First Primates?	Students review the Lesson 5 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard. Exam 1. Monday, September 21
Wed	9/23		Who were The First Primates?	Students review the Lesson 5 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	9/25		Who were The First Primates?	Students review the Lesson 5 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Mon	9/28		The First Hominids	Students review the Lesson 6 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Wed	9/30		The First Hominids	Students review the Lesson 6 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	10/2		The First Hominids	Students review the Lesson 6 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Mon	10/5		The First Humans	Students review Lessons 7 & 8 PowerPoints on YSU Blackboard.
Wed	10/7		The First Humans	Students review Lessons 7 & 8 PowerPoints on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	10/9		The First Humans	Students review Lessons 7 & 8 PowerPoints on YSU Blackboard.
Mon	10/12		The Archaic Homo Sapiens & The Neandertals	Students review Lesson 9 on YSU Blackboard.
Wed	10/14		The Archaic Homo Sapiens & The Neandertals	Students review Lesson 9 on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	10/16	Exam 2, Friday, October 16	Anatomical Modern Humans & Culture	Students review Lesson 10 on YSU Blackboard. Exam 2, Friday, October 16
Mon	10/19		Anatomical Modern Humans & Culture	Students review the Lesson 10 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Wed	10/21		Anatomical Modern Humans & Culture	Students review the Lesson 10 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Fri	10/23		Anatomical Modern Humans & Culture	Students review the Lesson 10 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard.
Mon	10/26		The First Farmers & the Arrival of Agriculture	Students review the Lesson 11 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Wed	10/28		The First Farmers & the Arrival of Agriculture	Students review the Lesson 11 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Fri	10/30		The First Farmers & the Arrival of Agriculture	Students review the Lesson 11 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Mon	11/2		The First Towns, Cities, States, & Civilizations, Finally	Students review the Lesson 12 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Wed	11/4		The First Towns, Cities, States, & Civilizations, Finally	Students review the Lesson 12 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Fri	11/6		The First Towns, Cities, States, & Civilizations, Finally	Students review the Lesson 12 PowerPoint on YSU Blackboard
Mon	11/9	Exam 3, Monday, November 9.	Human Diversity & Race.	Students review the Lesson 13 Powerpoint on YSU Blackboard Exam 3, Monday, November 9.
Wed	11/11		Human Diversity & Race.	Students review the Lesson 13 Powerpoint on YSU Blackboard

Fri	11/13	Human Diversity & Race.	Students review the Lesson 13 Powerpoint on YSU Blackboard
Mon	11/16	Subsistence & Making a Living; Lesson 15, Economics & Production	Students review the Lessons 14 & 15 Powerpoints on YSU Blackboard
Wed	11/18	Subsistence & Making a Living; Lesson 15, Economics & Production	Students review the Lessons 14 & 15 Powerpoints on YSU Blackboard
Fri	11/20	Subsistence & Making a Living; Lesson 15, Economics & Production	Students review the Lessons 14 & 15 Powerpoints on YSU Blackboard
Mon	11/23	Kinship, Descent & Marriage, Political Systems	Students review the Lessons 16 & 17 Powerpoints on YSU Blackboard
Wed	11/25	No class. Thanksgiving Break	
Fri	11/27	No class. Thanksgiving Break	
Mon	11/30	Religion, Magic, & Witchcraft	Students review the Lesson 18 Powerpoint On YSU Blackboard
Wed	12/2	Religion, Magic, & Witchcraft	Students review the Lesson 18 Powerpoint On YSU Blackboard
Fri	12/4	Final Exam. Friday, December 4, Last Class Session	Religion, Magic, & Witchcraft

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