Course Syllabus

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ANT2000 General Anthropology

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Description of the Course

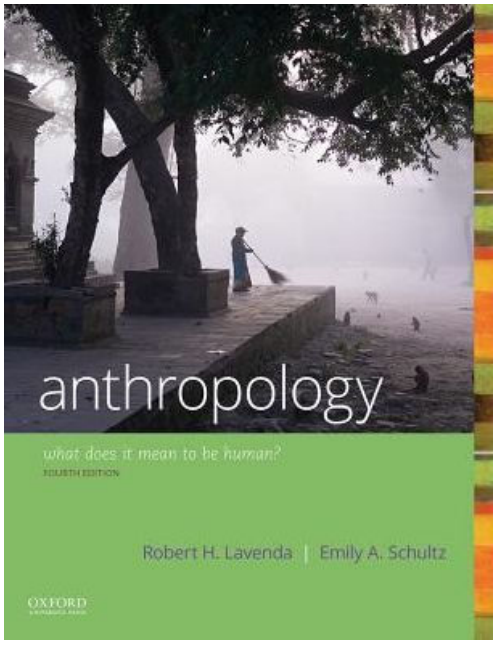
This course will introduce you to the varied approaches anthropologists use to examine and explain humankind in the present and in the past. Anthropology is a broad discipline that is concerned with both biological and cultural aspects of humanity. Anthropology can be both scientific and humanistic. It looks at human biology, the evolution and origin of our species, adaptation and variation, health and nutrition. Anthropology also examines our societies, our families, our values, beliefs and ideals and the ways we interact and communicate. Anthropology takes interest in the present and the past. Four major subfields of

anthropology will be covered: Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Anthropological Linguistics. When you leave this course, you will have a greater understanding and appreciation of human peoples and cultures around the globe. By bringing you into contact with different ways of life, you will understand and appreciate how arbitrary your own understanding of the world is. You will learn that you and all other humans live in culturally shaped worlds.

Required Readings

Reading your textbook is a fundamental part of your education. To do well in this class, you will need to do the required readings which will help you better understand lectures and perform well on the tests and quizzes. It may also help you to review some readings after class to ensure that you fully understand the topics discussed in class. By its nature, anthropology covers material that may be unfamiliar to you.

Course Text



Anthropology: What Does It Mean to Be Human? Fourth edition. By Robert H. Lavenda and Emily A. Schultz. Oxford University Press, 2018.

Course Structure

This is a fifteen week fall semester course. There are 15 modules to be completed *in sequence*. You may complete the modules at your own pace, but you must complete each module to proceed to the next module in the sequence. You will not be able to skip modules. Keep in mind that the quizzes and the final exam do have set deadlines and must be completed by those due dates.

Grading

Your final grade is based on three exams (3) and fifteen (15) quizzes. The total value for all assignments is 300 points, meaning your final letter grade is based directly on how many points you earn throughout the semester.

Item	Total Points
Exams (3 x 75 points each)	225
Weekly Reading Quizzes (13 x 5 points each)	65
Total Points	290

Exams: 225 points (3 x 75 points each)

Three exams will cover the material from lectures and readings—in order to do well, you must both view the lectures and read the required materials. Exams will include multiple choice, short answer, and essay formats, although you will be given ample time to prepare for and take your exams. **The last exam is cumulative.**

Quizzes: 65 points (13 x 5 points each)

Each module will contain a short quiz that centers on the assigned reading and lecture. There are fourteen (14) quizzes total. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped at the end of the semester (meaning only 13 quizzes will count towards your final grade).

Final Grades

Letter grades will be assigned according to the table below. You can calculate your final grade using the following formula:

Percentage Grade = (Total Exam Points Earned + Total Quiz Points Earned) / 290

Letter Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Percentage	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	≤ 59

Final grades will be rounded up to the nearest whole number IF the grade is within 0.5 points of this next highest number. For instance, a grade of 89.5 will be rounded to a 90, but a grade of 89.49 will not be. No

extra credit assignments will be offered.

Late Work & Make-Up Policies

You must take the final exam and complete quizzes before the due date. Students with an university-approved excuse (hospitalization, jury duty, family emergency) may be asked to provide documentation in order to make up graded assignments. Students with an approved excuse must also contact me before the assignment in question is due, otherwise no accommodations will be made. All make-up work is at the discretion of the instructor. **Please note that a previously scheduled appointment or social function does not constitute an emergency.**

Communication

The course syllabus and information on the quizzes and exams are available on Canvas, also known as, Webcourses. Grades will be posted in Webcourses as well. You will be informed of important class information via e-mail or announcement on Webcourses. Please check your e-mail and the Canvas Modules page regularly. If you fail to do so, there is a possibility that you will miss crucial material. You are responsible for all of the information posted online to our course page.

Email is the best way to communicate with Jessica (your GTA) or me if you have any questions about readings, specific assignments, or anything else not answered in the syllabus. Please include the course and section numbers in your email subject line, as well as a salutation and your name in the body of the email. We will respond to emails within 48 hours of receiving them, but please note that it may take us the full 48 hours to respond. Waiting for a response is not an excuse for missing an assignment deadline.

Plagiarism

As reflected in the UCF creed, integrity and scholarship are core values that should guide our conduct and decisions as members of the UCF community. Plagiarism and cheating - presenting another's ideas, arguments, words or images as your own, using unauthorized material, or giving or accepting unauthorized help on assignments or tests - contradict the educational value of course exercises and are very serious academic offenses. Violations of these rules will result in a record of the infraction being placed in your file and receiving a zero on the work in question AT A MINIMUM. At my discretion, you may also receive a failing grade for the course. Confirmation of such incidents can also result in suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and follow the University's Rules of Conduct (see http://www.osrr.sdes.ucf.edu/).

In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Accessibility and Accommodations

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need disability-related access in this course should contact me and Student Accessibility Services (SAS) as soon as possible. More information can be found at http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/. SAS is located at Ferrell Commons Room 185 and can be contacted via email (**sas@ucf.edu (mailto:sas@ucf.edu)**) or phone (407-823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone 407-823-2116).

Religious Observances

Students must notify me in advance if they intend to miss class for a religious observance. For a current schedule of major religious holidays, see the Faculty Center's main web page under "Calendars," and for additional information, contact the Office of Diversity Initiatives at 407-823-6479.

Deployed Active Duty Military Students

A deployed active duty military student who feels the need for a special accommodation due to that unique status should contact me to discuss the circumstances.

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Third-Party Software and FERPA

During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. You need **not** make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.

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NOTE: For due dates, please consult the modules in Webcourses.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Fri Aug 24, 2018	Anthropology Knowledge Pre-Test (Financial Aid Activity) (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5789039)	due by 5pm
	Quiz 1: Take this Quiz! (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780923)	due by 5pm
Sat Sep 1, 2018	Quiz 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780955)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 8, 2018	Quiz 3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780933)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 15, 2018	Quiz 4 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780957)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 22, 2018	Quiz 5 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780929)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 25, 2018	Exam 1 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780931)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Oct 6, 2018	Quiz 6 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780953)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Oct 13, 2018	Quiz 7 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780949)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Oct 20, 2018	Quiz 8 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780939)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Oct 27, 2018	Quiz 9 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780927)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Nov 3, 2018	Quiz 10 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780941)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Nov 4, 2018	Exam 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780951)	due by 5pm

Date	Details	
Sat Nov 10, 2018	**Quiz 11** (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780937)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Nov 17, 2018	**Quiz 12** (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780947)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Nov 24, 2018	**Quiz 13** (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780935)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Nov 30, 2018	**Quiz 14** (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780945)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Dec 7, 2018	**Exam 3 - FINAL** (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780943)	due by 5pm
	Exam 3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5780959)	due by 11:59pm
	Financial Aid Activity (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1306562/assignments/5789035)	