Syllabus

Fall 2020

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Course Information

Course Name	Cultural Anthropology
Course ID	ANT2410
Credit Hours	3
Semester/Year	Fall 2020
Location	v1 mixed mode

Course Description

This class is an introduction to cultural anthropology, its methods, concepts and a survey of the cross cultural findings of anthropologists. In addition, we will be using research conducted by your instructor in a refugee camp as illustrations of the concepts you will learn and how they can be useful in understanding human behavior.

Course Objectives

- Students gain an appreciation of how culture impacts human behavior.
- Students comprehend that culture is a holistic phenomena, where subsistence, social organization, beliefs, technology, language, politics, and economics are all inter-related.

- Students understand the biological basis of culture and the unique capabilities of humans to create culture.
- Students understand the basis of natural selection and what biological evolution is.
- Students understand the relationship from some of the important developments of human evolution (bipedalism, big heads) and the biological basis of culture in Homo saliens
- Students understand that real cross-cultural comparisons must include all aspects of a culture including subsistence, social organization, religion and beliefs, etc.

Learning Outcomes

- Students demonstrate through answers to assignments and discussion responses that they have read and comprehended the online material and supplemental texts.
- Students demonstrate through answers to assignments that they have acquired the capability to be analytical when addressing aspects of cultures.
- Students demonstrate through answers to assignments that they have the capability to synthesize aspects of a culture to reveal the relationships between subsistence, social organization and beliefs.

Required Text

The Big Gamble - available as a pdf in Webcourses

Feeding The City - available as a pdf in Webcourses

Refugee Camp Readings provided in Webcourses

Core Concepts in Cultural Anthropology by Lavenda and Schultz ISBN 9780190924768 - ebook; 9780190924751 - paperback

Course Requirements

Important Information: There is a syllabus quiz that you need to take before Friday 8/28 at 11:55 pm. The quiz establishes your engagement in the class for financial aid purposes so you need to take it. Failing to take the quiz by the Friday deadline can result in delaying your financial aid. The score on the quiz does not affect your grade.

The class is organized by weeks. Within each week, there are modules. The modules contain material from your instructor that supplements the texts. The modules are required. They are your instructor's way of providing what you miss in lectures. Consequently, there will be a substantial amount of material from the modules on the exams. Further, in some cases you will not be able to do the assignments unless you

have done the modules. The assignments are things you must do for credit, and they have set due dates. Please consult the Schedule for more details.

Evaluation and Grading

Assignment	Points
Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
15 Online quizzes @ 10 points each 3 Discussion posts and responses 20 points each	150 60
Total	510 points

Online Exams

The exams will be available for specified days (see Schedule). You must take the exam during those specified days or it will have been missed. Once you begin the exam, you will have two hours to complete it. At the end of two hours, it will automatically close. The exams will have only multiple choice questions and you should be able to complete the exams within one hour (this is the case when your instructor gives them in face-to-face classes), but you get two hours.

Online Discussions

Within the week to week modules, there are quizzes.

The discussions pose questions for you to engage with the class material and think about it. The discussion format is also a way to consider how other students in the class think about the material or the issues presented in the class. The goal is to create a thoughtful and analytical response to the question, and also to other student's responses. The discussions are not for simply stating a preconceived opinion, or

attempting to provoke an argument. So be thoughtful and respectful in your responses to the questions and other student's responses.

It is recommended that you write your response in Word, then go online and open that discussion and copy and paste your response. If you write first and save and then use copy and paste, you will have your responses saved to your computer in case something happens. If you write the response online and something happens during your composition and you are not finished, you will lose your work. Better to write it on your own computer and save it and then post it to the list.

Very Important note: this is not cable news. Answer the question you are asked, not the question you wished had been asked. One of the main reasons students lose points on written discussions is the failure to follow directions.

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

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups/Extra Credit

Those who take all three regularly scheduled exams are exempted from the Final Exam. With advance notice of an issue or documented serious medical issue, I will allow a make up of an earlier exam. Anyone who misses a regularly scheduled exam MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM. The Final Exam will be CUMULATIVE.

Discussions have due dates. You can submit late discussions, but they receive 1/2 credit.

Covid V1 mixed mode using Zoom - Statement

Because of the continued remote instruction requirement due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this course will use Zoom for some synchronous ("real time") class meetings. Meeting dates and times will be scheduled through Webcourses@UCF and should appear on your calendar.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with Zoom by visiting the UCF Zoom Guides at <https://cdl.ucf.edu/support/webcourses/zoom/>. You may choose to use Zoom on your mobile device (phone or tablet).

Things to Know About Zoom:

- You must sign in to my Zoom session using your UCF NID and password.
- The Zoom sessions are recorded.
- Improper classroom behavior is not tolerated within Zoom sessions and may result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct.
- You can contact Webcourses@UCF Support at <https://cdl.ucf.edu/support/webcourses/> if you have any technical issues accessing Zoom.

Required Statement Regarding COVID-19

University-Wide Face Covering Policy for Common Spaces and Face-to-Face Classes

To protect members of our community, everyone is required to wear a facial covering inside all common spaces including classrooms (https://policies.ucf.edu/documents/PolicyEmergencyCOVIDReturnPolicy.pdfLinks to an external site.. Students who choose not to wear facial coverings will be asked to leave the classroom by the instructor. If they refuse to leave the classroom or put on a facial covering, they may be considered disruptive (please see the Golden RuleLinks to an external site. for student behavior expectations). Faculty have the right to cancel class if the safety and well-being of class members are in jeopardy. Students will be responsible for the material that would have been covered in class as provided by the instructor.

Notifications in Case of Changes to Course Modality

Depending on the course of the pandemic during the semester, the university may make changes to the way classes are offered. If that happens, please look for announcements or messages in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email about changes specific to this course.

COVID-19 and Illness Notification

Students who believe they may have a COVID-19 diagnosis should contact UCF Student Health Services (407-823-2509) so proper contact tracing procedures can take place.

Students should not come to campus if they are ill, are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID, or if anyone living in their residence has tested positive or is sick with COVID-19 symptoms. CDC guidance for COVID-19 symptoms is located here: (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html (Links to an external site.))

Students should contact their instructor(s) as soon as possible if they miss class for any illness reason to discuss reasonable adjustments that might need to be made. When possible, students should contact their instructor(s) before missing class.

In Case of Faculty Illness

If the instructor falls ill during the semester, there may be changes to this course, including having a backup instructor take over the course. Please look for announcements or mail in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email for any alterations to this course.

Course Accessibility and Disability COVID-19 Supplemental Statement

Accommodations may need to be added or adjusted should this course shift from an on-campus to a remote format. Students with disabilities should speak with their instructor and should contact sas@ucf.edu to discuss specific accommodations for this or other courses.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student ConductLinks to an external site. for further action. See the UCF Golden RuleLinks to an external site. for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. 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 Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations. No accommodations will be provided until the student has met with the professor to request accommodations. Students who need accommodations must connect with Student Accessibility ServicesLinks to an external site., Ferrell Commons, 7F, Room 185, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.

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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. While some of these could be required assignments, 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. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.

Schedule

Week/Dates	Topics	Assignments	Due Dates

Week 1 8/24	· Course Orientation · Introduction Anthropology and to the Concept of Culture · Definitions of Culture · Characteristics of Culture · Aspects of Culture. · *What is anthropology? · *What aspects of anthropology are unique and different from other natural and social sciences? · *The scientific method. · *The sub-disciplines within anthropology and what they study.	Syllabus Quiz Week 1 quiz	8/28 at 11:55pm EST 8/31 11 55 pm
Week 2 8/31	Ethnography	Ethnography quiz	9/7 11 55 pm
Week 3 9/7	· Introduction to one of the case studies we will use in this class: Vietnamese Refugees. (On-Line Reading) · Research Questions and Methods · Some History · The Research Setting · Aspects of Vietnamese Culture	PRPC quiz due	9/14 11 55 pm
Week 4 9/14	The Big Gamble		
Week 5 9/20	Language · Language and Linguistics · Design Characteristics of Human Language	Week 5 language quiz	9/28 11:55 pm

	· Language Acquisition · Language and Culture · Some Examples from Vietnamese Language	Exam 1	9/26 8 am to 9/28 11 55 pm
Week 6 9/28	· Subsistence Systems · Environments · Hunter Gatherers · Horticulture · Pastoralism · Agriculture · Intensive Agriculture	week 6 subsistence quiz Culture discussion due	10/5 11 55 pm 10/5 11 55 pm
Week 7 10/5	· Social Organization · Kinship and Descent · Vietnamese Refugee Cases	week 7 social organization quiz	10/12 11 55 pm
Week 8 10/12	Sex and Marriage; Enculturation	Week 8 sex and marriage, enculturation quiz due	10/19 11 55 pm
Week 9 10/19	· Political Organization and Social Control · Bands · Tribes · Chiefdoms · States · A Riot in A Refugee Camp	week 9 political organization quiz due Subsistence discussion due	10/26 11:55 pm 10/26 11 55 pm

Week 10 10/26	· Economic Systems · Reciprocity · Refugee Camp Examples	economic systems quiz due Subsistence discussion due Exam 2	11/2 11 55 pm 11/2 11 55 pm 10/31 - 8 am to 11/2 11 55 pm
Week 11 11/2	· Religion · Magical Thinking · cognitive capabilities	Week 11 religion quiz due Subsistence discussion due	11/9 11 55 pm 11/9 11:55 pm
Week 12 11/9	Feeding the City		
Week 13 11/16	· Cultural Change	Culture change quiz due	11/23 11 55 pm
Week 14 11/23	· Applied Anthropology, · Cultural Conservatism · Innovation · Diffusion · Revitalization	Applied Anthropology quiz due	11/30 11 55 pm

Week 15 11/30 12/4	Globalization **Last day of class - all discussions due, nothing accepted after this day**	Globalization quiz due The Big Gamble discussion due	12/4 11 55 pm 12/4 11 55 pm
Make Up Exam	make up exam - this is to make up a missed exam or try to improve your exam score		