Course Syllabus

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ANT2000 General Anthropology

Fall 2020

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Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): None.

This syllabus is subject to change in response to unforeseen circumstances that may arise.

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- (Please only email from your Knights account or from the Webcourses email client. We cannot respond to a non-UCF email account.)

Course Description

An introductory survey of the four major subfields of anthropology: Social Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, Linguistics, and Archaeology

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. This course is fully online will not meet at a scheduled time, thus asynchronous. You will be self- but please be aware of Quiz, Assignment, and Exam deadlines.

Student Learning Outcomes

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 Text

Reading your textbook is a fundamental part of your education. To do well in this class, you will need to do the required readings before completing assignments. And reading will help you better understand my lectures and perform well on the tests and quizzes. By its nature, anthropology covers material that may be unfamiliar to you, and sometimes unexpected, so be sure to get the most out of your textbook.

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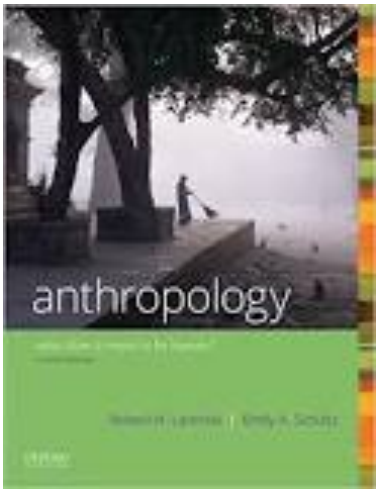
Course Text



Anthropology: What Does It Mean to Be Human? Fourth edition. By Robert H. Lavenda and Emily A. Schultz. Oxford University Press, 2014.

Course Requirements

There are 15 modules to be completed *in sequence.* You must complete each module to proceed to the next module in the sequence. You will not be able to skip modules. There is no penalty for completing the course early. ***However, there are due dates for the assignments and exams and these must be completed on or before their respective due dates, not after***. So, you can move as quickly as you like through the course, provided all assignments and exams are completed on or before their due dates.

Evaluation and Grading

Item	Total Points
Exams (3 @ 50 points each)	150
Essays/Response Papers (3 @ 25 points each)	75
Bi-Weekly Reading Quizzes (15 @ 5 points each)	75
Total Points	300

Exams (3 @ 50 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. **The last exam is cumulative.**

Essays and Response Papers (3 @ 25 points each)

Three short essays or response papers will be due during the semester. You must carefully follow all requirements for the essays or response papers posted on the course web site to receive full credit. Failure to follow content and format guidelines can lead to a reduction in the grade of your papers. Each essay or response paper must range between 350 and 500 words and be free of spelling or grammar errors. You must use an accepted method for citation of sources. All assignments will be uploaded into Webcourses. This course will utilize the services of Turnitin.com. Please do your own work. See the section on Plagiarism below. Each assignment has a set due date and the assignment must be turned before that deadline to get full credit. **Late assignments will be subject to a point deduction of 5 points per day late!**

Quizzes (15 @ 5 points each)

Each module will contain a short quiz that centers on the assigned reading and lecture. Missing any or all quizzes will negatively affect your final grade.

Grading Scale

Name:	**Range:**
A	100 % to 94.0%
A-	< 94.0 % to 90.0%
B+	< 90.0 % to 87.0%
B	< 87.0 % to 84.0%
B-	< 84.0 % to 80.0%
C+	< 80.0 % to 77.0%
C	< 77.0 % to 74.0%
C-	< 74.0 % to 70.0%
D+	< 70.0 % to 67.0%
D	< 67.0 % to 64.0%
D-	< 64.0 % to 61.0%
F	< 61.0 % to 0.0%

A Note on Due Dates -a reiteration

You must take the final exam and complete assignments before their due dates. **There will be no credit for missed assignments or exams except in cases of medical or family emergencies provided you supply written verification.** ***Please note that a previously scheduled appointment or social function does not constitute an emergency. This is a full semester course, please do not fall behind.***

A Note on Grading

If you dispute a grade on any part of your essays or tests, you have three days after the grade is posted to bring the matter to my attention. It is your responsibility to examine your graded material within a reasonable time after I return the material to you. Do not wait until the end of the semester to dispute your grades. Also, please do not request that your grade be rounded up at the end of the semester. I will not reply to any requests for rounding up, so don't take it personally.

Class Website

The course syllabus and information on assignments are available on 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 Webcourses Modules page regularly. If you fail to do so, there is a possibility that you will miss crucial material.

Extra Credit

There will be no extra credit offered.

Unauthorized Use of Websites and Internet Resources

There are many websites claiming to offer study aids to students, but in using such websites, students could find themselves in violation of academic conduct guidelines. These websites include (but are not limited to) Quizlet, Course Hero, Chegg Study, and Clutch Prep. UCF does not endorse the use of these products in an unethical manner, which could lead to a violation of our University's Rules of Conduct. They encourage students to upload course materials, such as test questions, individual assignments, and examples of graded material. Such materials are the intellectual property of instructors, the university, or publishers and may not be distributed without prior authorization. Students who engage in such activity could be found in violation of academic conduct standards and could face course and/or University penalties. Please let me know if you are uncertain about the use of a website so I can determine its legitimacy.

Unauthorized Use of Websites and Internet Resources

If you were in a classroom setting taking a quiz, would you ask the student sitting next to you for an answer to a quiz or test question? The answer should be no. This also applies to graded homework, quizzes, tests, etc.

Students are not allowed to use GroupMe, WhatsApp, or any other form of technology to exchange course material associated with a graded assignment, quiz, test, etc. when opened on Webcourses.

The completion of graded work in an online course should be considered a formal process: Just because you are not in a formal classroom setting being proctored while taking a quiz or test does not mean that the completion of graded work in an online course should not be treated with integrity.

The following is not all inclusive of what is considered academic misconduct. These examples show how the use of technology can be considered academic misconduct and could result in the same penalties as cheating in a face-to-face class:

- Taking a screen shot of an online quiz or test question, posting it to GroupMe or WhatsApp, and asking for assistance is considered academic misconduct.

- Answering an online quiz or test question posted to GroupMe or WhatsApp is considered academic misconduct. Giving advice, assistance, or suggestions on how to complete a question associated with an online assignment, quiz, or test is considered academic misconduct.
- The use of outside assistance from another student or by searching the internet, Googling for answers, use of websites such as Quizlet, Course Hero, Chegg Study, etc. is considered academic misconduct.
- Gathering to take an online quiz or test with others and sharing answers in the process is considered academic misconduct.

Unauthorized Distribution of Class Notes and Materials

Third parties may attempt to connect with you to sell your notes and other course information from this class. Distributing course materials to a third party without my authorization is a violation of our University's Rules of Conduct. Please be aware that such class materials that may have already been given to such third parties may contain errors, which could affect your performance or grade. Recommendations for success in this course include coming to class on a routine basis, visiting me during my office hours, connecting with the Teaching Assistant (TA), and making use of the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC), the University Writing Center (UWC), the Math Lab, etc. If a third party should contact you regarding such an offer, I would appreciate your bringing this to my attention. We all play a part in creating a course climate of integrity.

Turnitin.com

In this course we will utilize turnitin.com, an automated system which instructors can use to quickly and easily compare each student's assignment with billions of web sites, as well as an enormous database of student papers that grows with each submission. Accordingly, you will be expected to submit assignments through the Canvas Assignment Tool in electronic format. After the assignment is processed, as an instructor I receive a report from turnitin.com that states if and how another author's work was used in the assignment. For a more detailed look at this process, visit **http://www.turnitin.com** **(http://www.turnitin.com/)** .

Policy Statements

Statement Regarding COVID-19

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.pdf** **(https://policies.ucf.edu/documents**

/PolicyEmergencyCOVIDReturnPolicy.pdf) . 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 Rule (https://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/) 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 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html))

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 (mailto:sas@ucf.edu) to discuss specific accommodations for this or other courses.

Academic Integrity

Students should familiarize themselves with UCF's Rules of Conduct at

<https://scai.sdes.ucf.edu/student-rules-of-conduct/ (https://scai.sdes.ucf.edu/student-rules-of-conduct/) >. According to Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," students are prohibited from engaging in

1. Unauthorized assistance: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.
2. Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means: The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.
3. Commercial Use of Academic Material: Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.
4. Falsifying or misrepresenting the student's own academic work.
5. Plagiarism: Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
6. Multiple Submissions: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
7. Helping another violate academic behavior standards.
8. Soliciting assistance with academic coursework and/or degree requirements.

Responses to Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, or Cheating

Students should also familiarize themselves with the procedures for academic misconduct in UCF's student handbook, *The Golden Rule* < https://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/ (https://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/) >. UCF faculty members have a responsibility for students' education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and respond to academic misconduct when necessary. Penalties for violating rules, policies, and instructions within this course can range from a zero on the exercise to an "F" letter grade in the course. In addition, an Academic Misconduct report could be filed with the Office of Student Conduct, which could lead to disciplinary warning, disciplinary probation, or deferred suspension or separation from the University through suspension, dismissal, or expulsion with the addition of a "Z" designation on one's transcript.

Being found in violation of academic conduct standards could result in a student having to disclose such behavior on a graduate school application, being removed from a leadership position within a student organization, the recipient of scholarships, participation in University

activities such as study abroad, internships, etc.

Let's avoid all of this by demonstrating values of honesty, trust, and integrity. No grade is worth compromising your integrity and moving your moral compass. Stay true to doing the right thing: take the zero, not a shortcut.

Course Accessibility Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need access to course content due to course design limitations should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) <**http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/ (http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/)** > (Ferrell Commons 185, **sas@ucf.edu (mailto:sas@ucf.edu)** , phone 407-823-2371). For students connected with SAS, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential course access and accommodations that might be necessary and reasonable. Determining reasonable access and accommodations requires consideration of the course design, course learning objectives and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student. Further conversation with SAS, faculty and the student may be warranted to ensure an accessible course experience.

Unexpected Course Changes

To stay informed about emergency situations, students can sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to **ucf.edu (http://my.ucf.edu/)** and logging in. Click on "Student Self Service" located on the left side of the screen in the toolbar, scroll down to the blue "Personal Information" heading on the Student Center screen, click on "UCF Alert", fill out the information, including e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click "Apply" to save the changes, and then click "OK."

Students with special needs related to emergency situations should speak with their instructors outside of class.

Emergencies may occur that could affect this course's schedule.

Deployed Active Duty Military Students

Students who are deployed active duty military and/or National Guard personnel and require accommodation should contact their instructors as soon as possible after the semester begins and/or after they receive notification of deployment to make related arrangements.

Copyright

This course may contain copyright protected materials such as audio or video clips, images, text materials, etc. These items are being used with regard to the Fair Use doctrine in order to enhance the learning environment. Please do not copy, duplicate, download or distribute these items. The use of these materials is strictly reserved for this online classroom environment and your use only. All copyright materials are credited to the copyright holder.

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.

Diversity and Inclusion

The University of Central Florida considers the diversity of its students, faculty, and staff to be a strength and critical to its educational mission. UCF expects every member of the university community to contribute to an inclusive and respectful culture for all in its classrooms, work environments, and at campus events. Dimensions of diversity can include sex, race, age, national origin, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, intellectual and physical ability, sexual orientation, income, faith and non-faith perspectives, socio-economic class, political ideology, education, primary language, family status, military experience, cognitive style, and communication style. The individual intersection of these experiences and characteristics must be valued in our community.

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination, including sexual misconduct, sexual violence, sexual harassment, and retaliation. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find resources available to support the victim, including confidential resources and information concerning reporting options at **www.shield.ucf.edu** **(http://www.shield.ucf.edu)** and **http://cares.sdes.ucf.edu/** **(http://cares.sdes.ucf.edu/)** .

If there are aspects of the design, instruction, and/or experiences within this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement, please notify the instructor as soon as possible and/or contact Student Accessibility Services.

For more information on diversity and inclusion, Title IX, accessibility, or UCF's complaint

processes contact:

- Title IX – OIE – http://oie.ucf.edu/ (http://oie.ucf.edu/) & askanadvocate@ucf.edu (mailto:askanadvocate@ucf.edu)
- Disability Accommodation – Student Accessibility Services – http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/ (http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/) & sas@ucf.edu (mailto:sas@ucf.edu)
- Diversity and Inclusion Training and Events – www.diversity.ucf.edu (http://www.diversity.ucf.edu)
- Student Bias Grievances – Just Knights response team – http://jkrt.sdes.ucf.edu/ (http://jkrt.sdes.ucf.edu/)
- UCF Compliance and Ethics Office – http://compliance.ucf.edu/ (http://compliance.ucf.edu/) & complianceandethics@ucf.edu (mailto:complianceandethics@ucf.edu)
- Ombuds Office – http://www.ombuds.ucf.edu (http://www.ombuds.ucf.edu)

UCF Cares

During your UCF career, you may experience challenges including struggles with academics, finances, or your personal well-being. UCF has a multitude of resources available to all students. Please visit UCFCares.com (http://ucfcares.com) if you are seeking resources and support, or if you are worried about a friend or classmate. Free services and information are included for a variety of student concerns, including but not limited to alcohol use, bias incidents, mental health concerns, and financial challenges. You can also e-mail ucfcares@ucf.edu (mailto:ucfcares@ucf.edu) with questions or for additional assistance. You can reach a UCF Cares staff member between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling 407-823-5607. If you are in immediate distress, please call Counseling and Psychological Services to speak directly with a counselor 24/7 at 407-823-2811, or please call 911.

University Writing Center

http://uwc.cah.ucf.edu/ (http://uwc.cah.ucf.edu/) The University Writing Center (UWC) offers writing support to students from first-year to graduate in every discipline. Tutors provide help at every stage of the writing process, including understanding assignments, researching, drafting, revising, incorporating sources, and learning to proofread and edit. The UWC's purpose is not merely to fix or edit papers, but to teach writing strategies that can be applied to any writing situation. Consultations are available for individuals and small groups. You may schedule a 45-minute appointment by clicking the *Success Resources* tab on Webcourses, calling the UWC at 407-823-2197, or through the UWC website. The UWC seeks graduate and undergraduate tutors from all majors. To learn more about becoming a writing tutor, please contact us.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Fri Aug 28, 2020	Quiz 1: Take this Quiz! (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784821)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Aug 30, 2020	GEP Anthropology PreTest (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784827)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Sep 4, 2020	Quiz 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784808)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Sep 9, 2020	Assignment 1 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784824)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Sep 11, 2020	Quiz 3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784820)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Sep 18, 2020	Quiz 4 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784822)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Sep 23, 2020	Assignment 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784825)	due by 11:59pm

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Fri Sep 25, 2020	Quiz 5 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784818)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 29, 2020	Exam 1 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784823)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 2, 2020	Quiz 6 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784810)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 9, 2020	Quiz 7 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784815)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 16, 2020	Quiz 8 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784812)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 23, 2020	Quiz 9 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784811)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 30, 2020	Quiz 10 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784817)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Nov 2, 2020	Exam 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784819)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Nov 6, 2020	Quiz 11 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784807)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Nov 13, 2020	Quiz 12 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784813)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	
Fri Nov 20, 2020	Quiz 13 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784809)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Nov 30, 2020	Quiz 14 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784816)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Dec 4, 2020	Assignment 3 - Heteronormativity (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784826)	due by 11:59pm
	Quiz 15 social inequality (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784806)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Dec 10, 2020	Exam 3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1364006/assignments/6784814)	due by 11:59pm