



**ANT2000: General Anthropology (3 credits)
Summer 2009 – A Term
May 18th – June 26th, 2009
Online Web Course**

SYLLABUS

The web version of General Anthropology requires additional assignments that are not required for the classroom version of this course. If you have a problem completing the additional required assignments, you need to withdraw from this course and take the classroom version of General Anthropology. In addition, this course is completed in 6 weeks, therefore you are expected to accomplish the same amount of work as in a regular semester... this course does not have less work because it is in the summer... only the time is condensed, not the material. This course is conducted entirely on Webcourses.

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Course Description:

This course is designed as a general introduction to the discipline of anthropology. As such, we will cover a variety of topics related to anthropology under the general sub fields of archaeology, physical (biological), cultural and linguistic anthropology. You will be introduced to human physical and cultural diversity that has developed throughout the world over the past few million years and will learn how and why such variability is important to us as humans.

There are two main themes that underlie the course--evolution and culture. Virtually everything taught in this course builds on either or both of these themes with a gradual shift through the semester from evolution to culture. Knowing how you differ from and resemble other animals and other people in the world is the intended result of this study. The lessons to be learned from anthropology go far beyond the

classroom and final exam. In this course, your view of the world, of the place of humans in that world, and of the nature of your own society will be challenged. You will be asked to break through the confines of values, customs and beliefs that have molded your behavior until now and to think about the world in new ways.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course you will:

- ☐ Have a basic understanding of Anthropology
- ☐ Understand how culture and biology make us who we are
- ☐ Be able to discuss general ideas regarding anthropology and its sub fields
- ☐ Be able to discuss evolution and culture and how it introduces variability

Required Text (available at the bookstore):

The Essence of Anthropology
Authors: Haviland, Prins, Walrath and McBride
Thomson/Wadsworth Publishers
2007
ISBN: 0-534-62371-9

Please Note: It is important that you have the text as it is impossible to complete the course without it.

Office Hours

As this is an online course, traditional office hours do not work as well as with other face to face courses. If you need to ask me a question, the best method is to use email. However, do not expect an immediate response. Emails sent during the week may take 24 hours for a response, and emails over the weekend will take longer for a response. You will receive a quicker response if you email my UCF account at tdupras@mail.ucf.edu than if you use the course mail system on Webcourses (if you do use the mail system on Webcourses, be sure to also include your TA so that if I do not answer she can). If you email me after 5:00 pm during the week, do not expect a response until the following day. You also have a graduate TA for this course, Lindsey Thomas, who will be grading all your assignments. If you have questions you should email Lindsey (her email is listed at the beginning of the syllabus).

Things you need to know to get started

Your first step is to review the Syllabus for this course. On May 18th the course will be opened and you will see it appear on your Webcourses page. The details provided in the syllabus are important and should be reviewed carefully especially the schedule of module opening and closing dates and limits on accessibility. You will be able to access the course once classes officially begin. If you are unable to log on please email me (tdupras@mail.ucf.edu). Make sure to include **ANT 2000** in the subject heading of your email.

When you have successfully logged on, you will need to select that "Modules" button on the homepage. When you reach this page, you will want to first review the **Getting Started module** of the course. This is where you will find more details about the features and functions of Webcourses that we will be using in the course.

Course Requirements

This course begins on May 18th, 2009 and ends on June 26th, 2009. Your grade in this course will be based out of **365 total points**. There will be a total of 15 quizzes, one at the end of each chapter, worth a total of 300 points, and a total of six assignments worth a total of 65 points. This course is a self-paced course, so you may go at your own speed. However, ½ of the modules will be due midway through the course. This is to stop students from doing all the modules at the last minute and expecting to have all their work graded before final grades are due. There will also be a deadline for the last modules (once again, to curb students from handing in everything at the last moment). Please note the module closing dates below... **I will not, under any circumstances, open a module for students because they missed the closing date.** This is something that all students are advised of since the beginning of the course. You will only be able to advance to the next module once you have completed all the requirements for the preceding module. You begin the course by clicking on the "modules" button on the main page. Each individual module, as well as the getting started module, is available from this page.

NOTE: All assignments that are to be sent to your TA must be saved in the Word version 97-2003 (this is the version before 2007). If you are using the new 2007 version of word you must select "save as" and choose the 97-2003 version so that there are no compatibility issues.

Schedule and Total Points Quizzes and Assignments

Module	Module Title	Chapter Reading	# of Quiz Questions (2 pts each)	Assignments & points	Closing Date for Module
Getting Started	Getting Started		10 (10 pts)	5	June 5 th
1	Introduction & Genetics	1 and 2	20 (40 pts)	10	June 5 th
2	Primates & Archaeology	3 and 4	20 (40 pts)	10	June 5 th
3	Human Evolution & Neolithic Revolution & The Emergence of Cities	5, 6 and 7	30 (60 pts)	10	June 5 th
4	Modern Human Diversity & The Characteristics of Culture	8 and 9	20 (40 pts)	10	June 19 th
5	Language and Communication & Social Identity & Sex, Marriage, and	10, 11 & 13	30 (60 pts)	10	June 19 th

Under no exception will I make individual allowances for anyone in this course in terms of grading. Since you have the whole term to complete the course at your own pace, I will not allow anyone to make up missed assignments at the end of the course - do not wait until the last minute complete assignments. In addition, I will not curve anyone's final grade nor will I provide extra credit for anyone that is unhappy with their final course grade. Please do not ask!

A = 94 - 100	B- = 84 - 86	B = 80 - 83	D+ = 67 - 69
A- = 90 - 93	B = 74 - 76	C+ = 77 - 79	D = 64 - 66
B+ = 87 - 89	C = 70 - 73	C = 74 - 76	D- = 60-63
B = 84 - 86			F = <60

The +/- system will be used in this course. These percentages correspond to the following letter grades:

Grading Scheme

It is your responsibility to check on your grades. Automatically graded quizzes should be available immediately after you submit them. If you check your grades and your quiz has not been graded please email me and I will manually grade it. I will not release graded quizzes with answers and questions after you complete your quiz. This is to prevent someone from printing out the questions and answers after they take a quiz and then providing them to someone else in the class before they take their quiz. If you have a problem with a quiz question, note the question number on your quiz and email me an explanation. I will discuss the question with you via email after the module closes.

Each chapter ends with a timed quiz and you will only see one question at a time. **Once a quiz is opened, it is your ONLY chance to complete the quiz** - there is no second chance! Any quiz problems that are the result of you waiting until the last minute to take the quiz will result in a "0" for the quiz. Also, you will receive a "0" for any assignment that is not completed by the time the module is closed such as discussions, internet assignments, and exercises. So, pay attention to the closing dates!

You must first complete the GEP pretest and then achieve a perfect score of "10" on the Getting Started Practice Quiz in the Getting Started Module before you will have access to Module 1. The scores you obtain from the GEP pretest, and the GEP posttest, are not included in your total points. You will have as many opportunities as needed to achieve a perfect score when taking the Getting Started Practice Quiz.

TOTAL		300 points		65 points	
6	Kinship & Spirituality, Religion and the Supernatural & Global Challenges	14, 16 & 18	30 (60 pts)	10	June 26 th at 5:00pm
	Family				

Important Dates and Information

Late registration Add & Drop: May 18-21, 2009

Late registration Add Only: May 22, 2009¹

Withdrawal deadline for this course: June 5, 2009

Final course closing date: 5:00 pm on June 26, 2009

My expectations of you for taking General Anthropology

- ⌚ I expect you to do your work and not copy the work from others.
- ⌚ When you take an online quiz, I expect you to complete the quiz by yourself.
- ⌚ I expect you to treat all communications with me and your fellow students professionally and respectfully. I expect you to write using conventional rules of grammar, spelling, and paragraph formation. Please refrain from slang.
- ⌚ I expect you to progress in a timely manner through the course. You are permitted to work at your own pace, however if you leave everything to the last minute it will be impossible to complete the course.
- ⌚ I expect you to check your e-mail and participate in discussions. Only by doing this can you fully participate in the course, and keep up-to-date on any announcements.

What You Can Expect From Me

You can expect from me everything I expect from you, and I will respond to your email as quickly as I can. In addition, your grades will be posted in a timely manner.

Final Comments

If you can not accept the requirements for this course after reading this syllabus, you may want to rethink taking this course.

¹ This is new this summer... during add drop week, the last day of the week, May 22nd will be for ADD only. You will only be able to drop up to May 21st at 11:59pm.

