ANT 302: Cultural Anthropology
Texas Common Number: ANTH 2351

Anthropology 302 introduces students to basic concepts in the study of cultural difference. Students will learn about the various ways in which humans perceive, organize, and assign meaning to the world in which they live. Topics covered in this course include language and symbolic systems, family and kinship, systems of production and distribution, political organization, ritual and belief systems, ethnicity, gender, and age.

Prerequisites

ANT 302 is a freshman-level course. There are no prerequisites to enrollment.

Course Organization

This course is divided into four learning modules containing a total of twelve lessons. In each lesson, students will be asked to read a portion of the text and a written instructor commentary. This commentary parallels lectures given by the course developer at The University of Texas. All lessons within a learning module must be completed before moving onto the next module. An instructor is available via a message center to provide feedback and respond to questions regarding assignments.

Module 1
Lesson One: The Discipline and Practice of Anthropology
Lesson Two: The Ethnographic Model
Lesson Three: Language, Culture, and Enculturation

Module 2
Lesson Four: Symbolic Systems
Lesson Five: Family, Marriage, and Kinship
Lesson Six: Age, Gender, and Identity

Module 3
Lesson Seven: Ecology, Subsistence, and Economic Systems
Lesson Eight: Political Organization
Lesson Nine: Ritual and Belief Systems

Module 4
Lesson Ten: Expressive Culture
Lesson Eleven: Globalization, “Development,” and Applied Anthropology
Lesson Twelve: Ethnicity, Race, Nationalism
Required Materials

The readings for this course come from the following texts:


*The Tapestry of Culture* provides a general overview of cultural anthropology. It explains the major terms and theories used in the discipline and provides examples from a wide range of anthropological research. *Conformity and Conflict* is primarily a collection of essays written by well-known anthropologists.

Grading

This course contains 12 instructor-graded assignments, a midterm exam, and a comprehensive final exam. Both exams must be taken in a proctored location, with arrangements to be made by the student. An instructor is available throughout the course via a message center to answer questions and provide guidance.

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For each submitted assignment of this course, students will be required to write an essay of at least 500 words, responding to a thought-provoking question or statement that addresses one of the central issues of the lesson. The instructor will account for the developing nature of the student’s writing skills and provide ample feedback.

In addition to completing all assignments and earning the minimum number of points to receive a passing grade, students must earn a score of at least 60% on the final exam in order to pass the course.

This course is independent study and is self-paced. Students have five months upon registration in which to complete all coursework, plus an additional thirty (30) days in which to take the final exam.

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