

# Introduction to Anthropology 1000

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Dixie State College of Utah - McDonald 206

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## Course Description:

Anthropology, is a discipline of immense curiosity about human beings. Anthropologists seek answers to an enormous variety of questions about humans: when, where and why humans appeared on the earth; how and why they have changed since then; and how and why modern human populations vary in certain physical features and cultural attributes. They also spend time learning about how cultures have changed over time regarding: economics, history, biology, language, marriage, arts and religion, and a myriad of other cultural traits.

This class will explore the discipline of anthropology. We will study the methods of collecting and analyzing data that make anthropology a science. By the end of the course you will have a good understanding of the ways people, past and present, have organized themselves.

## Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Define and discuss the theoretical concepts of anthropology as considered by the early theorists in both biological and social evolution.
- Compare and contrast tribal technology in hunting/gathering and agricultural settings.
- Identify marriage customs within cultures both past and present.
- Define and explain the roles of political power and decision-making in tribal and modern settings.
- Explain what anthropologists mean by world-systems theory and the effect of industrialization on these societies.
- Develop critical thinking skills

- Create informed opinions on the topics studied

**Text:**

*Haviland, Prins, McBride, & Walrath - Cultural Anthropology: The Human Challenge - 13th Edition*

\* *Saalzman, & Rice - Thinking Anthropologically: A Practical Guide for Students - Third Edition*

**Evaluation:**

Grades will be based on three multiple choice/true-false/essay exams, essays/term paper, and class participation. The weight of these classroom activities in determining your final grade are as follows:

Exams 1-2-3-4:	20%
Computer Assignments	20%
Ethnographic Study	20%
Term Paper	35%
Participation:	5%

Exams will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false and essay. **EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN ON ASSIGNED DATES.**

**Essay/Term Paper:**

There will be three essays and a term paper which will be due in class on the dates that are listed in the syllabus. You will be given a choice of at least five (5) topics from which to choose for your papers. The topics will be given to you in class. **LATE PAPERS WILL BE GRADED DOWN ONE FULL GRADE.**

There will be several computer assignments which will require answering questions about the articles of note in essay form. The Ethnographic study will be an interview session with someone older who will tell you about their growing up years. You will devise the questions to ask and, after your interview, you will write the story of their experiences using essay format. If I can find a pow-wow in the area you may attend that, write a brief report and receive 25 extra credit points.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is not mandatory. However, since this is an evening class, missing one session means you missed one whole week of regular classroom time. I add information to the lecture above and beyond what is in the text. If you miss class you risk missing information that will be on the exams. Essay choices for exams are based on information received in class.

**Notes:**

- Your final grade is based upon your letter grades, not on your accumulation of points.

- ❑ You must complete all assignments and exams to pass this class.
- ❑ I reserve the right to (a) adjust individual grades based on my evaluation of your participation and enthusiasm in the course and (b) make changes to the syllabus during the course, if I feel it will benefit the class.

### **Academic Discipline Policy:**

Academic dishonesty in any form, including, but not limited to: plagiarism on written assignments, submitting other person's work as one's own, and cheating on exams or quizzes, will not be tolerated at Dixie State College of Utah.

Teachers at Dixie State College of Utah have the right to manage their classroom environments to ensure a good learning environment.

If you are a student with a documented physical or mental impairment that will substantially limit a major life activity, please contact the Disability Resource Center on the main campus. The Center Coordinator and staff will assist you in analyzing your eligibility for services. If you are deemed eligible, reasonable accommodations that are appropriate for your disability will be assigned. If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact the Center at 652-7516. They are located in the Student Services Center, Room #201 of the Edith Whitehead Building.

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- ◆ Your requirement is to complete all three essays and the term paper.
- ◆ There will be two take-home and two in-class exams and the final.
- ◆ Papers are due on the day required. If you are unable to be to class leave your paper in my box in the copy room or at the front desk.

HAVE FUN!!!

\* *As you will note on the Course Schedule this book is not read in sequential order. When there is a Chapter assignment there will be a 10 question quiz at the beginning of class and then a brief discussion. There is no specific reading assignment for Chapter 14 but because of its relevance to your College experience, I suggest you read it first as it will help you in more than just Anthropology.*

## Course Schedule

Week and Topics	Chapters
1. 24 August The Essence of Anthropology <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 1</i>	1
2. 31 August Characteristics of Culture Hand out - Essay 1 <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 2</i>	2
3. 7 September Ethnographic Research <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 4</i>	3
4. 14 September Becoming Human Essay 1 due Exam 1 <i>Thinking Anthropologically- Chpt 6</i>	4  1-2-3
5. 21 September Language and Communication <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 5</i>	5
6. 28 September Social Identity, Personality and Gender Hand out - Essay 2 <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 11</i>	6
7. 5 October Patterns of Subsistence Exam 2 (take home) <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 3</i>	7  4-5-6
8. 12 October Economic Systems Essay 2 due Hand out - Term Paper Topics Hand in - Take Home Quiz <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 10</i>	8
9. 19 October Sex, Marriage and Family Kinship and Descent <i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 13</i>	9 10

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| 10. | 26 October<br>Grouping by Gender, Age, Common Interest, and Class<br><i>Hand out - Essay 3</i><br><i>Exam 3 (Take home)</i><br>Movie - The Time Machine<br><i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 12</i> | 11<br>7-8-9-10 |
| 11. | 2 November<br>Politics, Power and Violence<br><i>Hand in - Take Home Quiz</i><br><i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 9</i>  | 12             |
| 12. | 9 November<br>Spirituality, Religion and the Supernatural<br><i>Hand in - Essay 3</i>  | 13             |
| 13. | 16 November<br>The Arts<br><i>Exam 4 (in class)</i>  | 14<br>11-12-13 |
| 14. | 23 November - Thanksgiving Break   |                |
| 15. | 30 November<br>Process of Change<br><i>Term Paper Due</i><br><i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 7</i>  | 15             |
| 16. | 7 December<br>Global Challenges<br><i>Thinking Anthropologically - Chpt 8</i>  | 16             |
| 17. | 14 December<br><i>Final</i>  | 14-15-16       |