

Harper College
ANT 101-001
Introduction to Anthropology
Fall Semester 2010

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Course description: This course addresses such central questions as “what does it mean to be human?” and “How did we get to be the way we are? Among the topics to be examined will be: Human physical and cultural evolution, the origin of culture, language, religion, kinship, economics and the impact of contemporary life on the world’s populations.

Materials required:

Text: Carol Ember, Melvin Ember and Peter N. Peregrine,
Anthropology 13th edition, Prentice Hall, 2011.

Text supplement: *Scientific American*, Special Edition,
“New Look at Human Evolution,” vol. 13, no. 2
2003

Short selected articles and handouts will also be required reading.

Course requirements:

Your final grade will be based on four comprehensive exams given during the semester based on lectures, class discussions, text, handouts, and films. Each exam is a combination of multiple choice, matching, true/false and short essay questions. No make-up exam given without written documentation.

Each exam is worth 100 points and the grading scale is:

100-90=A 89-80=B 79-70=C 69-60=D 58-0=F

Total points available to be earned: 400 plus 10 extra credit points.

Students, please be aware of your student rights, responsibilities, and policies listed in the college catalog.

Course Schedule for Introduction to Anthropology 101

Week 1

8/23 Introduction

Text: Chapter 1

Handouts: Course schedule

8/25 Genetics and Evolution

Text: Chapter 4

Handout: *The Forces of Evolution*

Week 2

8/30 Primate Evolution and the Human Pedigree

Text: Chapter 7

Handout: *The Human Pedigree*

9/1 The Living Primates

Text: Chapter 6

Film: "Survey or Introduction to the Primates"

Handout: *Anatomical Terms Worksheet*

Week 3

9/6 Labor Day holiday No classes

9/8 The First Hominids

Text: Chapter 8

Text suppl. *An Ancestor to Call Our Own* pg. 4

Early Hominid Fossils From Africa pg. 14

Handout: *Review of Early Hominids*

Week 4

9/13 The Emergence of the *Homo* species

Text: Chapter 9

Film clip: "Becoming Human" series--"First Steps"

9/15 The Emergence of *Homo sapiens*

Text: Chapter 10

Week 5

9/20 Film: "Becoming Human" series --"Birth of Humanity"

Extra credit film sheet

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Week 5 continued

9/22 Quick Summary of Human Evolution

Text suppl. *Who Were the Neanderthals?* pg. 28
The Multiregional Evolution of Humans pg. 46
The Recent African Genesis of Humans pg. 54.
Film clip: "Becoming Human" series--"Last Human Standing"
Handout: Exam review sheet

Week 6

9/27 Human Variation and Adaptation

Text: Chapter 5
Text suppl. *Skin Deep* pg. 72

9/29 **Exam 1** Class materials and Chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Week 7

10/4 The Paleolithic Culture

Text: Chapter 11
Text suppl. *Once We Were Not Alone* pg. 20
Handout: Summary of the Stone Ages

10/6 Origins of Food Production

Text: Chapter 12
Slides: "The Natufians"

Week 8

10/11 Origins of Cities and States

Text: Chapter 13
Slides: "Jericho, Catalhoyuk, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, and Machu Picchu"

10/13 The Concept of Culture

Text: Chapter 14
Handouts: *Culture, What is it?*
The Universal Pattern Diagram

Week 9

10/18 Cultural Ecology and Subsistence Strategies

Text: Chapter 16
Film: "People of the Forest"
Handout: Exam review sheet

10/20 Economic Systems

Text: Chapter 17
Handout: *Reproductive Strategies*

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Week 10

10/25 **Exam 2** Class materials and Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17.

10/27 Human Sexuality and Culture

Text: Chapter 20

Week 11

11/1 Marriage and Family

Text: Chapter 21

Handout: *Domestic Terminology Made Simple*

11/3 Marital Residence and Kinship

Text: Chapter 22

Film clip: "A Man Called Bee"

Handout: *Residence and Descent—What are the Links?*

Week 12

11/8 Associations and Interest Groups

Text: Chapter 23

Film clip: "The Nuer"

Handout: *Four Important Kinship Diagrams*
Why Cultures Organize Kinship Relationships Differently
Exam review sheet

11/10 Political Life: Social Order and Disorder

Text: Chapter 24

Handout: *Explanations for the Practice of Warfare*

Week 13

11/15 **Exam 3** Class materials and Chapters 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

11/17 Religion and Magic

Text: Chapter 25

Film clip: "The Dogon"

Week 14

11/22 Revitalization Movements

Text: Chapter 26 continued

Film clip: "The Ghost Dance Religion"

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Week 14 continued

11/24 Globalization and Culture Change

Text: Chapter 28 and pgs 232-246.

Film clip: "Bali and Temple Agriculture"

Handout: *Baka Pygmies*

Week 15

11/29 Communication and Language

Text: Chapter 15

Handout: *Linguistic Terminology Made Simple*
Animal Communication Studies

12/1 Animal Communication

Film: "Ape Genius"

Extra credit film sheet

Week 16

12/6 Culture and Personality

Text: Chapter 19

12/8 Applied Anthropology

Text: Chapter 27

Film: "The Talking Skull"

Handout: Exam review sheet

Week 17

Final TBA Class materials and Chapters 15, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28 with a portion of the questions being comprehensive.