

# ANTH 1102: Introduction to Anthropology

Spring 2012

Days and Times: Monday & Wednesday, 3:00-4:15PM

Room: GCB 200

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## Required text:

Conrad Kottak. 2010. *Anthropology: Appreciating Human Diversity*, 14<sup>th</sup> ed. McGraw-Hill.

**\*\* Reading assignments must be completed *prior* to the class period for which they are scheduled.**

## Course Overview:

Anthropology is an holistic discipline concerned with human biological and cultural diversity. This course is an introductory survey of the major concepts, issues, theories, and methods of anthropology that guide study within the four subfields of anthropology: biological anthropology, archaeology, linguistic anthropology, and sociocultural anthropology. Students will gain an awareness of the scope of the discipline and its development, the central concerns of each subfield and their interrelations, and the particular perspectives that make anthropology unique among the human sciences.

## Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, students will:

- Be able to describe the subfields of anthropology and how they interrelate;
- Understand human evolutionary history and the place of humans in the biological world;
- Understand and be able to describe the breadth of human cultural and linguistic diversity in space and time;
- Have greater awareness of cross-cultural perspectives and the value of cultural relativism in our world;
- Understand the role that culture plays in large scale historical processes.

## Grading:

The course will be conducted as a lecture and students will be responsible for daily attendance and for the completion of in-class work that will accompany lectures. In-class work may not be turned in after the end of the class period during which it is conducted. It will not be possible to make up in-class work. In-class work will account for 25% of the final grade. In addition there will be three essay exams, each worth 25%. There is no extra credit available for this course.

## Late Policy:

Barring acceptable justification, any assignment submitted late will have 33% of its full value deducted for each day that it is late, including weekends and holidays.

## Attendance Policy:

Absences will be excused pursuant to GSU guidelines. Excused absences will not affect the final grade. Unexcused absences will affect the final grade. Three or more unexcused absences will result in a failing grade. Make up work must be agreed with the instructor in advance except in case of emergency.

## Grading Breakdown:

In-class work: 25%	Exam 1: 25%	Exam 2: 25%	Exam 3: 25%
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**Schedule: January 9 – April 23, 2012****Week 1: Jan 09-12**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Introduction & Orientation W: CLASS CANCELLED	M: W: N/A

**Week 2: Jan 16-19**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: No Class (MLK Holiday) W: Background: Enlightenment, Colonialism, Decentering	M: none W: Kottak, chapters 1, 23

**Week 3: Jan 23-26**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Anthropology in Theory: Culture, Holism, Application W: The Human Past: Evolution, Biology, Archaeology	M: Kottak, ch. 2, 3 & 13 W: Kottak, ch 4

**Week 4: Jan 30-Feb 02**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Evolution, Genetics, Variability, Adaptation W: Primates	M: Kottak, ch. 5-6 W: Kottak, ch. 7

**Week 5: Feb 06-09**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Human Evolutionary Lineages W: Archaic Humans	M: Kottak, ch. 8 W: Kottak, ch. 9

**Week 6: Feb 13-16**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Origin and Spread of Modern Humans W: EXAM 1	M: Kottak, ch. 10 W: EXAM 1: chapters 4-10

**Week 7: Feb 20-23**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: The First Farmers W: Rise of Cities and States FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24: Course midpoint	M: Kottak, ch. 11 W: Kottak, ch. 12 FRIDAY, FEB 24: Course midpoint

**Week 8: Spring Break: Feb 27-March 04****Week 9: Mar 05-08**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Language and Communication W: Race & Ethnicity	M: Kottak, ch. 14 W: Kottak, ch. 15

**Week10: Mar 12-15**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Film, TBA W: Film, TBA	M: W:

**Week 11: Mar 19-22**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Making a Living W: Political Systems	M: Kottak, ch. 16 W: Kottak, ch. 17

**Week 12: Mar 26-29**

Topic	Reading & Additional
<b>M: EXAM II, chapters 11-17</b> W: Guest Lecture TBA	<b>M: EXAM II, chapters 11-17</b> W:

**Week 13: April 02-05**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Gender & Sexuality W: Kinship, Descent, and Family	M: Kottak, ch. 18 W: Kottak, ch. 19

**Week 14: April 09-12**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Marriage W: Religion and Expressive Culture	M: Kottak, ch. 20 W: Kottak, ch. 21-22

**Week 15: April 16-19**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: Globalization and Contemporary Issues <b>W: EXAM 3, chapters 18-24 (excluding 23)</b>	M: Kottak, ch. 24 <b>W: EXAM 3, chapters 18-24 (excluding 23)</b>

**Week 16: April 23**

Topic	Reading & Additional
M: TBA	M:

**ADA Statement:**

Students who wish to request accommodation for a disability may do so by registering with the Office of Disability Services. Students may only be accommodated upon issuance by the Office of Disability Services of a signed Accommodation Plan and are responsible for providing a copy of that plan to instructors of all classes in which accommodations are sought.

**Academic Honesty at GSU**

The Georgia State University's honor code requires all students to be honest in their academic work. University policies on cheating, plagiarism, and related issues are available at: [http://www2.gsu.edu/~catalogs/2010-2011/undergraduate/1300/1380\\_academic\\_honesty.htm](http://www2.gsu.edu/~catalogs/2010-2011/undergraduate/1300/1380_academic_honesty.htm).

**GSU's Attendance Policy:**

The GSU Dean of Students Student Code of Conduct can be found here:

[http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwdos/wordFilesEtc/2011-2012\\_April\\_14\\_On\\_Campus\\_Handbook\\_Student\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf](http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwdos/wordFilesEtc/2011-2012_April_14_On_Campus_Handbook_Student_Code_of_Conduct.pdf). The attendance policy is on page 35.

**GSU's Grading scale:**

Letter Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F, WF
%-age	100%	94-99%	90-93%	88-89%	84-87%	80-83%	78-79%	74-77%	70-73%	60-69%	0-59%
Grade Point	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.0	0.0

**Useful Information:**

- The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.
- Laptop use during class is permitted only for the purposes of note-taking or other appropriate uses. Students found using laptops or other electronic devices inappropriately will be asked to leave and will receive an unexcused absence for the day.
- Cell phones and pagers must be turned off during class.
- Any late assignment will be docked 25% for each day it is late.
- Incompletes will not be allowed.
- Your constructive assessment of this course plays an indispensable role shaping education at Georgia State University. Upon completion of the course, please take time to fill out the online course evaluation.
- Plagiarism in any form is subject to University policy, which may include penalties up to and including expulsion.
- Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Services. The Office of Disability Services will assist with the development of an Accommodation Plan and will provide documentation to the student, who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.
- Students experiencing personal problems that interfere with their academic performance are encouraged to contact the University Counseling Center (404-413-1640) for assistance with psychological or mental health issues, and for sexual assault services.