

INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH 2)—FALL 2014

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Day/Time:	M/W 10:00-10:50 am (F online)	Office Hours:	M/W 10:50-11:20 am
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COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

Catalog Description: ANTH 2. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology Introduction to anthropological approaches to the study of people and cultures. Using ethnographic case studies, the course contributes to a critical understanding of continuity and diversity in peoples' lifestyles, social institutions, and cultural practices in different societies around the world. The course also examines the impact of political, economic, and social changes, such as colonization, decolonization, and globalization on people and cultures over the last century. 3 Units (CAN ANTH 004).

Student Learning Objectives: This course meets the **University's GE Requirement for Area D1a: Foundations in Social and Behavioral Sciences**. As such, it prepares students to describe, explain and evaluate: 1) the key concepts, perspectives, and theories of cultural anthropology, and their relevance to understanding the contemporary world; 2) the various methodologies of cultural anthropology; 3) the nature of human cultural variation; and 4) the contributions to human society of women and various ethnic groups.

COURSE MATERIALS

McGraw Hill Connect Plus: This course uses an E-textbook and set of adaptive learning tools called *Connect Plus*. You will purchase access to *Connect Plus* directly through our SacCT/Blackboard course site. Graded assignments using *Connect Plus* begin the first week of class (though you may use the 3-week free trial period to get started). NOTE: when registering for *Connect Plus*, you **MUST** use your **saclink e-mail** address.

SacCT Articles: Additional readings are posted to the relevant chapter tabs on our [SacCT](#) course site.

Scantrons: You will need three 882-E scantron forms and a no. 2 pencil (see exam format on p. 3).

HYBRID & WEB-ASSISTED COURSE STRUCTURE

The format for the course is classroom-based lecture and discussion, with weekly film or reading assignments and chapter quizzes completed on SacCT (once you have registered for *Connect Plus*, SacCT will seamlessly link quiz and LearnSmart resources to our SacCT course site). Exams are administered in class. Class meets face-to-face on Mondays and Wednesdays. Friday coursework is fully online (see course calendar, asterisk at the bottom of the calendar, and our SacCT course site for further information).

ONLINE REQUIREMENTS

Technology: Computer (or computer access in a university computer lab). Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable) for access to [SacCT](#) and our Connect assignments and quizzes (see below). Do **not** attempt assignments or quizzes from a dial-up connection or from a smart phone/device.

SacCT

SacCT –also known as *Blackboard* (Bb)—is the electronic course management system used by Sacramento State. You will use it to access your syllabus, supplementary course readings, assignment instructions, grades, weekly LearnSmart modules and quizzes, and occasional announcements. If you are new to the University or to the SacCT/Blackboard system, you may find it helpful to watch the SacCT student tutorials linked below.

MORE ABOUT CONNECT PLUS

Connect Plus is a web-based textbook, adaptive study tool, and assignment platform. It will assist you with our course goals by recognizing, assessing and adapting to your reading and comprehension needs. As noted in the evaluation portion of this syllabus, *Connect LearnSmart* weekly modules and online *Connect*-based quizzes comprise a significant portion of your overall course grade (360 of 1000 total points). Once you have registered for *Connect Plus* you will access these resources via a single login to SacCT.

To Purchase and Register for *Connect Plus*: Sign into our Blackboard course and go to the "Tools" menu. Click on the "McGraw-Hill Education" link. Below "My Connect Section," click **Go to My Connect Section** and follow the on-screen instructions. **You MUST register with your Saclink email account.**

Problems with Connect: If you encounter any issues while registering for or using *Connect*, contact McGraw-Hill's Customer Experience team: <http://www.mhhe.com/support>. To avoid problems related to unexpected technical issues, **do not wait until the last moment to complete assignments**. Be sure to review the *Connect-Blackboard Student Quick Tips* * below, and **always** use your saclink email address.

SacCT AND CONNECT ONLINE RESOURCES

* Tips: http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/olc2/dl/866234/Connect_Blackboard_Student_Quick_Tips.pdf
SacCT/Blackboard Student Tutorial: www.csus.edu/sacct/student/index.stm#gettingstarted

COURSE EVALUATION

Your performance in this class is evaluated on a cumulative point system, as detailed below:

Activity	Point Value
Exams (3@200 pts. ea)	600
Chapter Quizzes (12@ 10 pts. ea)	120
Connect <i>LearnSmart</i> Modules (12 @ 20 pts. ea.)	240
Kinship Diagram	20
Writing Assignment	<u>20</u>
	1000

GRADING SCALE

A = 900 – 1000 points	D = 600 – 699 points
B = 800 – 899 points	F = 000 – 599 points
C = 700 – 799 points	

EXAMINATION FORMAT

Three exams will be administered over the course of the semester: two midterms and a non-comprehensive final (see course schedule). Each will feature 50 objective questions (multiple choice, matching and true/false) drawn from our textbook, supplementary readings, film/videos and lecture. These must be taken in class and require an 882-E scantron form.

ASSIGNMENT DEADLINES

Due Dates and Times: Pay careful attention to the deadlines for *LearnSmart* assignments and chapter quizzes posted to SacCT. These are firm deadlines and count toward a significant portion of your grade. Any changes to the course schedule will be announced on SacCT and emailed to your university email account. Be sure to login to both on a regular basis.

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all class sessions as listed on the course calendar and to participate in class discussion. Please do not arrive late to class. Students who arrive late or depart early disrupt the teaching and learning process for us all; please be considerate of your professor and peers.

Email Addresses: **email correspondence must come from your Saclink account;** I will only respond to emails from university accounts. Also remember that you must your Saclink email when you register for *Connect Plus*. This will help ensure that your grades will properly flow into your SacCT grade center.

Make-up Policy for Examinations: An excused absence on examination days will require you to take your makeup exam in the Testing Center (no more than one exam per semester may be taken as a makeup). It is your responsibility to request my permission to take a make-up and to submit documentation supporting your request for an excused absence from the regularly scheduled exam. Requests should be submitted by email (or in person) no later than the missed exam date. In most instances, I will expect relevant documentation to be submitted by the next class period. Please note: the Testing Center has its own hours and fee requirements; be sure to go prepared. The Final Exam must be taken during its regularly scheduled period (see attached course schedule) and may not be taken as a make-up exam.

Missed Quizzes: Chapter quizzes may not be taken late or made up (see Assignment Deadlines above).

Extra Credit: Every student may earn up to 20 extra credit points. Extra credit assignments are occasionally posted to SacCT Chapter pages (at least one for each exam unit). Students choosing to complete an assignment should submit it in hard copy (before class begins) on the date of the next exam. Only one extra credit assignment may be attempted. No extra credit may be earned after the final exam.

Cell Phones, Laptops & Tablets: Please silence or turn off cell phones during class. Laptops and tablets are permitted for note-taking only as other uses pose a distraction to those seated around you. During exams, cell phones must be in backpacks and/or purses (no exceptions).

SSWD: If you have a documented disability and verification from the [Office of Services to Students with Disabilities](#) (SSWD) and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact me soon as possible. It is your responsibility to provide documentation of disability to SSWD and to meet with a SSWD counselor to request special accommodation before classes start.

Academic Integrity: Cheating on examinations and/or plagiarism will result in a score of zero on the assignment in question and may result in your permanent dismissal. Please review the university policy on academic honesty: <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/AcademicHonestyPolicyandProcedures.htm>.

Week	Date	Chapter/Topic	Assignments	Quiz & Exam Due Dates/Times
1	9/1 9/3 9/5	<i>Labor Day</i> Course & Connect Introduction <i>On-line Work Only Every Friday</i>	<i>No Class</i> Register for Connect Plus (w/Samlink eMail only) Kottak (K*) 1; LearnSmart (LS) Module 1	
2	9/8 9/10 9/12	Chpt. 1 What is Anthropology?	LS Module 1 (Completed by 9 am) View: <i>Margaret Mead: Taking Note</i>	Quiz 1 (by Noon)
3	9/15 9/17 9/19	Chpt. 2 Culture	K 2; LS Module 2 Article #1 (Miner) View: <i>Being Raised Canela</i>	Quiz 2 (by Noon)
4	9/22 9/24 9/26	Chpt. 3 Method & Theory	K 3; LS Module 3 (by 9am) Article #2 (Boellstorff) View: <i>Off the Verandah</i>	Quiz 3 (by Noon)
5	9/29 10/1 10/3	Chpt. 4 Applying Anthropology	K 4; LS Module 4 (by 9 am) Article #3 (Scheper-Hughes) View: <i>Archaeology in the Cause of Justice</i>	Quiz 4 (by Noon)
6	10/6 10/8 10/10	→ Chpt. 5 Language & Communication	Bring Pencil & Scantron K 5; LS Module 5 (by 9 am) View: <i>Language Acquisition</i>	Midterm 1 Quiz 5 (by Noon)
7	10/13 10/15 10/17	Chpt. 6 Ethnicity & Race	K 6; LS Module 6 (by 9 am) View: <i>Skin Deep & Cultural Survival Through History</i>	Quiz 6 (by Noon)
8	10/20 10/22 10/24	Chpt. 7 Making a Living	K 7; LS Module 7 (by 9 am) View: <i>Insurance Policies for Hunter-Gatherers?</i>	Quiz 7 (by Noon)
9	10/27 10/29 10/31	Chpt. 8 Political Systems	K 8; LS Module 8 (by 9 am) Article # 4 (Lee) View: <i>Leadership Among the Canela</i>	Quiz 8 (by Noon)
10	11/3 11/5 11/7	→ Chpt. 9 Gender	Bring Pencil & Scantron K9; Begin LS Module 9 Read NOVA Story	Midterm 2
11	11/10 11/12 11/14	Gender (cont'd)	Complete LS Module 9 (by 9 am) View: <i>Marginalization of Women</i>	Quiz 9 (by Noon)
12	11/17 11/19 11/21	Chpt. 10 Families, Kinship & Descent	K 10; LS Module 10 (by 9 am) View: <i>Tradition Meets Law: Families of China</i>	Quiz 10 (by Noon)
13	11/24 11/25 11/28	Chpt. 11 Marriage <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	Kinship Assignment due in hardcopy in class K 11; LS Module 11 (by 9 am) <i>No Class</i>	
14	12/1 12/3 12/5	Marriage (cont'd)	Article #5 (Goldstein) View: <i>Courtship Among the Dinka</i>	Quiz 11 & Writing Assignment (by Noon)
15	12/8 12/10 12/12	Chpt. 12 Religion	LS Module 12 View: <i>Ritual Possession</i>	Quiz 12 (by Noon)
16	12/19	Final Exam (Friday, 9 – 10 am, not 8-10 am)		

* K = Kottak Chapter; LS = LearnSmart; Quiz= Connect Quiz

NOTE: As a rule, *LearnSmart* modules become available at Noon on the due date for the previous chapter's quiz and must be completed by 9 am on the days noted above. For example, Chapter 2 becomes available at noon on September 12 and must be completed by 9 am on September 15. The only variation to this pattern occurs in relation to midterm exams (when *LearnSmart* Modules for the next chapter do not become available until Noon on the date of the Midterm). Quizzes open at Noon on the Wednesday prior to the due dates noted above and must be completed within 48 hours. Quizzes may include questions over the Friday video, so be sure you've done that work before you attempt them. Once you begin your quiz, you have 30 minutes to complete it. This schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.