



Beijing Jiaotong University

2020 Summer Session

ANTH 105 Introduction to Anthropology

Course Outline

Term: July 13 – August 7, 2020

Class Hours: 18:00-19:50 (Monday through Friday)

Code: ANTH 105

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, 8 lecturer office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions.

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to anthropology, the study of human beings across the globe today and as they existed deep into the far reaches of the past. Humans are complex beings, both biologically and culturally. In order to understand ourselves, anthropologists join many disparate methods and tools to explain how humans interact with each other and how they function. Anthropologists examine our biological and evolutionary roots and explore the developments of culture from both prehistoric and historical periods. They also probe the unique human ability to develop culture through communication. Topics within the course will include, but are not limited to, the following: culture, diversity, anthropological theories and research methodologies, the interweave of social culture and the physical environment, mate selection and marriage, the meanings of kinship across societies, gender and gender roles, social inequality and stratification, the role of religion in society, race/ethnicity, and political institutions.



Course Objectives: The primary objectives for this course are:

- To gain an understanding of the discipline of anthropology
- To better understand the nature of diversity within societies
- To critically examine the theoretical and empirical approaches used to study culture
- To be able to discern and evaluate stereotypes and misconceptions of cultures and societies around the globe
- To better comprehend the complex connections between individuals and the social and cultural contexts in which they live
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Required Textbooks:

James Peoples and Garrick Bailey. (2018). *Humanity: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology* (11th edition). Cengage Learning: Boston, Massachusetts.

Grading & Evaluation:

Grades will be distributed as 90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D; and below 60% = F.

- Classroom engagement (10%) - attendance, attention, participation in discussions
- First exam (25%) – will be 50 multiple choice questions given in the beginning of week 2 to cover all materials previously studied.
- Midterm exam (25%) – will be 50 multiple choice questions given in the beginning of week 3 to cover all materials previously studied.
- Final exam (40%) – will be 80 multiple choice questions given in the end of week 4 to cover all materials previously studied.

Course Schedule:

Week1

Session 1: The Study of Humanity

Session 2: Culture

Session 3: Culture and Language

Session 4: Cultural Diversity and Globalization

Session 5: TA Review

Week2

Session 1: First Exam and Recap



Session 2: Research Methodologies

Session 3: Culture and the Environment

Session 4: Economic Systems

Session 5: TA Review

Week3

Session 1: Midterm Exam and Recap

Session 2: Marriage and the Family

Session 3: Kinship Systems

Session 4: Gender

Session 5: TA Review

Week4

Session 1: Political Institutions

Session 2: Stratification and Inequality

Session 3: Religion

Session 4: TA Review

Session 5: Final Exam