



Shanghai University of Finance & Economics

2021 Summer Program

ANTH 105 Introduction to Anthropology

Course Outline

Term: June 14 – July 09, 2021

Class Hours: 08:00-09:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: ANTH 105

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Credit: 4

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to Anthropology, the academic discipline which focuses upon the study of humanity and its inherent change and development over time. The primary content of the course will focus upon the distinct ways in which humans create, maintain, and interpret the social worlds in which they live, and also the manners in which they discern and interpret the social worlds of others. 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, political institutions. This course is intended to provide students with an understanding of the discipline of anthropology, and its utility in understanding the social worlds in which we live.

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

Required Textbooks:

James Peoples and Garrick Bailey. (2018). Humanity: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (11th edition). Cengage Learning: Boston, Massachusetts. (E-copy: ISBN-13: 9781337668866; Hard copy: ISBN-13: 9781337109697)

Grading & Evaluation:

SUFE awards grades of A, A-, B, B-, C, C-, D, D- and F. Most colleges and universities do not award transfer credit for grades of C-, D or F. Grading will be based on the following:

30% Midterm exams (each)

30% Final exam

10% Classroom engagement (attendance, attention, participation in discussions)

Grading System (1 ~ 100)

A : 94 - 100 A- : 90 - 93

B : 83 - 89 B- : 80 - 82

C : 73 - 79 C- : 70 - 72

D : 63 - 69 D- : 60 - 62

F : Fail

Students are expected:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all material covered in class and otherwise assigned.
- Any unexcused absence may impact a student's grade.
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class.
- Review the previous day's notes before class; make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to the course during class (不要用手机)
- Participate in class discussions

Course Schedule

The planned schedule sketched out below may be modified to suit the interests or abilities of the enrolled students or to take advantage of special opportunities or



events that may arise during the term.

WEEK ONE

Mon: The Study of Humanity	Read Chapter 1
Tues: Culture	Read Chapter 2
Wed: Culture and Language	Read Chapter 3
Thurs: Cultural Diversity and Globalization	Read Chapter 4
Fri: Video	

WEEK TWO

Mon: First Midterm Exam	
Tues: Research Methodologies	Read Chapter 6
Wed: Video	
Thurs: Culture and the Environment	Read Chapter 7
Fri: Economic Systems	Read Chapter 8

WEEK THREE

Mon: Marriage and the Family	Read Chapter 9
Tues: Kinship Systems	Read Chapter 10
Wed: Second Midterm Exam	
Thurs: Gender	Read Chapter 11
Fri: Video	

WEEK FOUR

Mon: Political Institutions	Read Chapter 12
Tues: Stratification and Inequality	Read Chapter 13
Wed: Race and Ethnicity	Read Chapter 16
Thurs: Religion	Read Chapter 14
Fri: Final Exam	