

ANTH 1034 World Cultures

M/W 7-8:30pm

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Course Description:

This course explores what it means to be human in contemporary society, as well as in different times and different places. We will assess how anthropologists use information about our beliefs, fears, modes of communication, behaviours, lifestyles, activity, diet, and health, gathered from various sources in the past and present, to gain a holistic perspective on human and cultural diversity. We will examine how the relationship between culture, biology and the environment has shaped the evolution of the human species. Through a variety of teaching modalities including weekly recorded lectures, films and the course textbook, you will develop skills that will help you better understand yourself, others and the world around us.

Course Requirements:

Culture Assignment: What does culture mean to me?	40%
Multiple Choice Midterm	35%
Multiple Choice Final:	25%

Required Text:

Through the Lens of Anthropology: An Introduction to Human Evolution and Culture. Robert Muckle and Laura Tubelle de Gonzalez. Any edition is fine. Cost: \$84.95 U of T Press.

WEEK 1: Jan 6

Introduction: Chapter 1

WEEK 2: Jan 13

Evolutionary Thought and Theory: Chapter 3

WEEK 3: Jan 20

Human Biological Evolution: Chapter 4

WEEK 4: Jan 27

Studying Culture: Chapter 8

WEEK 5: Feb 3

Language and Culture: Chapter 9

WEEK 6: Feb 10

Midterm Exam

WEEK 7: Reading Week

WEEK 8: Feb 24

Culture Assignment Due

Food-Getting and Economics: Chapter 10

WEEK 9: March 3

Marriage, Family and Gender: Chapter 11

WEEK 10: March 10

Political Organization: Chapter 12

WEEK 11: March 17

Supernaturalism: Chapter 13

WEEK 12: March 24

Final Exam

Class Policies

D2L

I will be using D2L to post the course syllabus and announcements. All material is to be submitted for grading on D2L by the due date.

Policy on Extensions

Extensions will only be granted in emergency situations with appropriate documentation. Late assignments will be penalized 5% per day and you will receive 0% after 7 days unless prior arrangements have been made.

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty (for instance, plagiarism) is a serious offence. Please keep in mind that I have zero tolerance for any forms of plagiarism.