



## ANTH-101 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

University Arts and Science

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2022

**Course Outline Review Date:** 2025-04-01

**Program Area:** Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

### Description:

This course involves an in-depth exploration of the concept of culture and the cross-cultural study of human diversity within the discipline of anthropology. Students focus on topics such as anthropological research, ethics, culture, worldview, gender, language, marriage, families and households, Indigenous peoples, religion and globalization. Students also engage in self-reflexive examination of their own worldviews, perceptions and biases in relation to other peoples and cultures.

### Program Information:

This course can be used as either a required course or an elective in several University Studies Programs. Refer to the College Program Guide for additional information.

**Delivery Methods:** On-campus (Face-to-Face)

**Credit Type:** College of the Rockies Credits

**Credits:** 3

**Course type/s:** Social Sciences

### Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	

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Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

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**Course Requisites:**

None

**Flexible Assessment:** Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

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**Course Transfer Credit:**

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

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**Textbook Resources:**

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date, the following textbooks were in use:

Taubell de González, L. (2019). *Through the Lens of Cultural Anthropology*. Toronto University Press.

Additional readings made available through online course page.

This textbook can be purchased through the COTR Bookstore and is available for rent or purchase as an online textbook.

Please note that only current editions of this textbook can be used. Other resources available online.

*Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.*

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### **Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- recognize and challenge your own culture, worldviews, biases and assumptions;
  - discuss the concept and influences of culture;
  - summarize and write a critical review of an ethnography;
  - reiterate various anthropological research methods and how to conduct ethically sound research in anthropology;
  - relate the relationship between patterns in behaviour and cultural influences;
  - articulate impacts of colonization on Indigenous cultures;
  - use critical thinking to fuse experience, knowledge and reasoning into considered judgment; and
  - demonstrate reflexivity, and holistic, comparative and cross cultural perspectives.
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### **Course Topics:**

- Introduction to Anthropology
- Anthropological Research Methods and Ethics
- Awareness of your Culture, Worldview, Privilege, and Biases
- Concept of Culture
- Language
- Food
- Adaptation and Economic Systems
- Marriage and Family
- Gender and Sexuality
- Power and Religion
- Anthropology of Health
- Indigenous Peoples & Impacts of Colonization
- Anthropology and Sustainability

*See instructor's Syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.*

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## **Evaluation and Assessments**

**Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face)**

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Auto-Ethnographic Paper	15%
Midterm Exam	20%
Ethnography Assignment	25%
Participation in Discussions and Small Activities/Assignments	15%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

**Grade Scheme**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

**Evaluation Notes:** A grade of “D” grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

**Evaluation Notes Comments:**

In order to pass the course, students must attempt all required evaluation and assessment criteria.

*Please see the instructor’s Syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as breakdown of evaluation, penalties for late assignments, and the use of electronic aids.*

**Exam Attendance:**

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a “0” on the exam.

**Academic Policies:**

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

**Course Changes:**

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.