

AN 200:<sup>10</sup> CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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Class Meetings: THUR. 5:30-9:30PM

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Text: CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY. by R. Robbins. 2nd ed. 1997

**Course Description:** This course will be an introduction to the field of anthropology, the study of humankind and focus on the subfield of cultural anthropology. Our world consists of diverse cultures, many often misunderstood, causing conflict and problems among those of different cultures. Culture is defined as a set of concepts, ideas, values, beliefs, attitudes and learned behaviors shared by a group of people or a population. The course will present material that will allow the student to reason why there is such a diversity of cultures, one of which is the influence of the physical environment and the process of adaptation to such an environment. The course will cover topics of biological anthropology, sociolinguistics, marriage and family, subsistence, culture change, sex roles, fieldwork, ecology, futuristics and more.

**Course Objective:**

To let the student have a deeper and wider perspective of the world's peoples and their diverse culture. In hope that somehow, this understanding will lead to friendship and goodwill and to world peace. An anthropological view will allow the student to better appreciate the richness of humans and their cultures.

**Requirements and Grading:**

Participation: oral report, assignments .....20%  
 Term paper on Fieldwork project.....30%  
 Midterm, final.....50%

Attendance is necessary for obtaining a good grade. The term paper will be 6-10pp. on a topic pertaining to anthropology. The midterm and final will cover materials from lecture and readings and will be a mixture of matching and short answer essay.

**Course Format:**

Class will consist of lecture, discussion, and on some days video. Videos shown in class will be discussed and homework questions will be assigned. Students are expected to keep up with the weekly assignments and be ready for discussion. We will work on the ethnographic fieldwork as we go along.

## SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1017:	Introduction, WHAT IS ANTHROPOLOGY, brief history	ch 1
10114:	Biological anthropology Fieldwork, Primatology	ch.2,3 Video(V) Cayo Santiago Read DNA article
10121:	Sociolinguistics, Pidgin V- Primal Mind, Pidgin to the Max	
10128:	Marriage and Family V-Yucatec Maya	Ch.4 family tree
1114:	Subsistence V-N!ai, story of a 'Kung woman Nov.11 veteran's day- no class	MIDTERM
11!18:	Cultural Change and its problems V- Khirgiz of Afganistan	ch.2,3
	see video- Strangers in Paradise, Discussion on problems with cultural change and environmental degradation	
	Nov.25. Thanksgiving Day- no class	
12/2:	Trade and economics Sex roles, Individual Ecology and Homo sapiens. TERM PAPERS DUE	ch.8,4,5
12/9:	Religion, magic, art Future of anthropology, Futuristics	c h.15 Read biosphere art.
12/16:	Evaluations, Oral presentations,	FINALEXAM

\*FOR HOMEWORK, SUMMARISE EACH CHAPTER IN A PARAGRAPH, ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THE BOOK AS YOU WISH. GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BOOK.