

Anthropology 2
Cultural Anthropology
Saddleback College
Ticket #XXXXXX

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Cultural Anthropology

Cultural Anthropology introduces students to the holistic discipline of anthropology, which core concept is culture. Culture is the medium through which humans handle problems of existence. Culture is learned, shared, symbolic, integrative, and dynamic; studying a multitude of cultural concepts enables students to view the complexity of world cultures through a clearer lens.

Course Description

Every discipline has its own language and terms, which we will explore. This helps students formulate responses, research new topics, evaluate current research, and apply new methodologies. A few topics: characteristics of culture, ethnography and field work, social identities, ethnicity, politics and power, kinship and descent, sex, marriage and family, language and communication, and ways anthropology may be used to solve challenges brought about by globalization processes.

Course Objectives

- To become familiar with and understand the concepts, theories, and issues relating to the discipline of cultural anthropology.
- To understand the role of culture in defining what it means to be human.
- To understand how anthropology differs from other disciplines.
- To appreciate the relevance of cultural institutions and cultural behaviors.
- Learn to apply anthropology concepts to cultural challenges in a globalized world.
- Be able to discuss, analyze, write about, and apply anthropology concepts to particular cultural experiences in travel, literature, and media exposures.

Required Textbook and/or Readings:

PLEASE (purchase) BRING TEXTBOOK TO FIRST DAY OF CLASS – Very Important!

Cultural Anthropology: The Human Challenge. 12th Edition.

The semester is 17 weeks including finals week. We may not cover every chapter. We may have a guest speaker or films. It is very important that the chapter readings be done **prior** to class meetings. Additional reading materials will be handed out also.

Course Requirements

Attendance/Class Participation: Participation and attendance is essential to overall success in the class. Students are expected to participate in discussions and use the Blackboard system. **Attendance is vital.** Strive to attend every class.

NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DROP OR WITHDRAW YOURSELF FROM THE COURSE. It is not the instructor's responsibility to drop students.

Blackboard (Bb) is used to enhance learning. It includes e-mail, discussion boards, grades, announcements, and PPT lectures. Your username is your Saddleback College e-mail address and password. Bb e-mail is my source of communication with you outside of class. Please check Bb daily. (<http://socccd.blackboard.com>)

Classroom Conduct: Some students have jobs and/or commuting difficulties. It is understandable if students are late occasionally; just enter class quietly. **All cell phones turned off during class. Laptops may only be used sitting in the front row.**

Exams: **No major exams in this class – BUT** – there will be ten vocabulary tests, 5 Reaction papers, a mid-term essay written in class, and a Web Quest research project.

Grading:

Grades will depend upon points earned. 400 points is possible. The ten vocabulary tests are each worth 10 points. Five reaction papers are worth 20 points each. For each class period a Reaction paper is late, five points will be taken from the total possible.

Reaction papers: Completed outside of class, 3 pages typed, double spaced, size 12 font. They can reflect your thoughts about articles, class discussions, lectures, or films. **They must** include vocabulary terms, concepts, theories, and data from class. From an anthropological point-of-view; describe, and explain, in applicable anthropological terms.

Web Quests: A web quest is an internet research project on a culture you choose from a list handed out in class. Write a 3-page paper and give a 10-minute **maximum** oral presentation. The Web Quest presentation takes the place of a final exam and will count 100 points (50 for written, 50 for oral).

Ten Vocabulary tests (10 pts each)	100 points
Five Reaction papers (20 pts each)	100 points
Mid-term Essay	50 points
Web Quest – (50 pts presentation, 50 pts paper)	100 points
Attendance	50 points
Total	400 points

360-400 Points =	A	320-359 Points =	B
280-319 Points =	C	240-279 Points =	D
			Below 240 = F

A TOTAL OF 30 POINTS EARNED EXTRA CREDIT FOR ATTENDANCE AT MUSEUMS, LECTURES, PLAYS, OR CURRENT EVENTS. RELATIVE TO OUR SUBJECT MATTER. Proof of admission-one-page paper to get 10 points each.

Late Paper Policy: There must be a valid reason – not excuse – for late papers.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is cheating – you know what cheating is. It is also academic dishonesty helping others cheat. Penalties at my discretion. “Cheat sheet” follows you.

Special Services

“Special Services provides support/specialized instruction for students with disabilities.”

Office location: SSC113 (Student Services Center 113; first floor)

Website: www.saddleback.edu/serv/couns/dsps/

The LAP is available for tutoring and can help you with writing assistance for this course. Call or visit the LAP in L114. (949) 582-4519/ www.saddleback.edu/library/

Vocabulary lists are given in class prior to the test. Definitions are found in reading the textbook/glossary or in PPT lectures. Ten points possible for each vocabulary test.

Web Quest Topics – Chosen from a topic list. It is not a 1 – o – n – g research assignment. Three internet sources, **no Wikipedia or Dictionary.** 3-page, double-spaced paper, and present – in whatever format you desire. **Maximum** 10 minutes.

Syllabus and Course Outline (subject to change if needed)

<u>Week #1</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Reading</u>
	Course Introduction	Syllabus	Please read syllabus!
	World Culture Regions	PPT Lecture	Hand-out
	Vocabulary #1 Words	Copy	From Board
	Essence of Anthropology	PPT Lecture	Chapter 1 of text
	Aspects of Culture	Hand-out	
<u>Week #2</u>	Characteristics of Culture	PPT Lecture	Chapter 2 of text
	Vocabulary #1 Test	Hand in	
	Vocabulary #2 Words	Copy from	Board
	Learning Culture	Formal and	Informal
	Class Activity	Attendance	Important
<u>Week #3</u>	Ethnography	PPT Lecture	Chapter 3 of text
	Vocabulary #2 Test	Hand in	
	Vocabulary #3 Words	Copy from	Board
	Ethnography Project	Reaction #1	Assignment
	Interviews/Informal/Formal	Forms for	Approval

Week #4

Sex, Marriage, Family
Graded papers/tests
Vocabulary #3 Test
Vocabulary #4 Words
African Film about Love
Reaction #1/Ethno Project

PPT Lecture Chapter 9 of text
Returned
Hand in
Copy from Board
Attendance counts
Due Today

Week #5

Patterns of Subsistence
Vocabulary #4 Test
Vocabulary #5 Words
Subsistence Questionnaire
Modern Subsistence
Reaction #2

PPT Lecture Chapter 7 of text
Hand in

Film or Activity
Hand-out

Week #6

Economic Systems
Vocabulary #5 Test
Vocabulary #6 Words
World Economies

PPT Lecture Chapter 8 of text
Hand in

Class Activity

Week #7

Spirituality/Religion
Vocabulary #6 Test
Vocabulary #7 Words
Major World Religions
Reaction #2

PPT Lecture Chapter 13 of text
Hand in
Copy from Board
Film Attendance Please
Due Today

Week #8

Language Communication
Vocabulary #7 Test
Vocabulary #8 Words
Class Activity/Shakespeare

PPT Lecture Chapter 5 of text
Hand in

Reaction #3 Assignment

Week #9

Social Identity, Gender
Vocabulary #8 Test
Vocabulary #9 Words
Class Activity/Article
Reaction #3
Reaction #4

PPT Lecture Chapter 6 of text
Hand in

Discussions
Due Today
Assignment

Week #10

Kinship/Descent
Vocabulary #9 Test
Vocabulary #10 Words
Social Networks
Class Activity

PPT Lecture Chapter 10 of text
Hand in
Copy from Board

Week #11

Gender, Age Class Vocabulary #10 Test Class Activity Vocabulary #4 Test Reaction #4	PPT Lecture Chapter 11 of text Hand in Discussion Groups Due Today
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Week #12

Politics, Power, Violence Reaction #5 Current Events/Discussions	PPT Lecture Chapter 12 Hand out Group Activities
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Week #13

Globalization Class Activity	PPT Lecture Chapter 16
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Week #14

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Thanksgiving Week Happy Thanksgiving	NO CLASS
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Week #15

Student Presentations Student Presentations	Web Quests Web Quests
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Week #16

Student Presentations Student Presentations	Web Quests Web Quests
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Week #17

Finals Week Reaction #5	No Papers Accepted After Today Due Today
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NOTE: Web Quests should address the following aspects of culture:

Sociological:	family, gang, school, church, laws, regulations, rules, etc.
Ideological:	convictions, beliefs, faith, myths, religion, etc.
Technological:	tools, skills, techniques to get food, clothing, shelter, etc.