

OVERVIEW

This is a first course in anthropology—an introduction to the study of human origins and culture. There are three main objectives: (1) to understand how humans evolved into the only truly “cultural species” on this planet; (2) to provide a framework for the comparative study of human life ways; and (3) to help you see some problems of modern living in a broader, more global perspective.

Generally speaking, we will cover topics in one or two class periods that fill entire semesters in upper-level courses. What we lose in detail and depth, we gain in enlarged perspective and sense of the inter-relatedness of issues. The rapid pace, however, makes it imperative that students not fall behind in the readings. Each chapter of the 597-page text is full of ideas, terminology, arguments, and supporting facts, and we usually have only one day per chapter. Similarly, the single ethnography is 260 pages, yet we’ll have very little time to discuss it directly. Thus, students will need to read assignments carefully BEFORE coming to lectures, as well as review the readings afterwards. I also encourage each of you to come see me whenever you have questions.

MATERIALS

Textbook:

Conrad Kottak (2011) *Anthropology: Appreciating Human Diversity, 14th Edition*. New York: McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 978-0-07-811699-5

Ethnography:

Napoleon Chagnon (1997) *The Yanomamo, 5th Edition*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. ISBN: 0155053272.

REQUIREMENTS

Your grade in the course will be determined by the percentage of points you earn on four non-cumulative hour exams and one short paper assignment. Exams are mostly multiple-choice format, with some points allocated to short essay questions. The paper assignment will be distributed later. Each exam is worth 100 points, and the paper assignment is also 100 points; thus, there are a total of 500 possible points in the course. If you earn 90.0% or more of these possible points, your course grade will be some kind of A; 80.0% through 89.9% is some kind of B; and so forth.

GROUND RULES

EXAM POLICY. You are responsible for taking all four exams during their scheduled times. Any exception must be approved by me (John Gatewood) ***IN ADVANCE*** of the exam. Please note that talking with a secretary, phoning and leaving a message, e-mailing, etc., is not sufficient — you must obtain **my** permission **beforehand** to re-schedule an exam. Otherwise, failure to take an exam as scheduled will result in an automatic “F” in the course, irrespective of what grades you may have earned on other requirements.

ATTENDANCE POLICY. Attendance is required (there are no “free cuts”), and all electrical devices – cell phone, laptops, iPods, etc. – are to be turned off in the classroom. Also, you should arrive for class on time. Although I do not routinely take attendance, I think you will find that coming to class regularly is most helpful in understanding course materials. In addition, there will be occasional opportunities for students to earn bonus points during class time, but only those in attendance can benefit.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting accommodations, please contact both your instructors and the Office of Academic Support Services, University Center 212 (610-758-4152) as early as possible in the semester. You must have documentation from the Academic Support Services Office before accommodations can be granted.

CLASS PERIODS BY CALENDAR DAYS

(remember, Monday classes are 2 hours)

| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
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| Aug 29 | — | Aug 31 | — | Sept 2 (N.I.U.) |
| Sept 5 | — | Sept 7 | — | Sept 9 |
| Sept 12 | — | Sept 14 | — | Sept 16 |
| Sept 19 | — | Sept 21 | — | Sept 23 |
| Sept 26 | — | Sept 28 | — | Sept 30 |
| Oct 3 | — | Oct 5 | — | Oct 7 |
| — | — | Oct 12 | — | Oct 14 |
| Oct 17 | — | Oct 19 | — | Oct 21 |
| Oct 24 | — | Oct 26 | — | Oct 28 |
| Oct 31 | — | Nov 2 | — | Nov 4 |
| Nov 7 | — | Nov 9 | — | Nov 11 |
| Nov 14 | — | Nov 16 | — | Nov 18 (AAA) |
| Nov 21 | — | — | — | — |
| Nov 28 | — | Nov 30 | — | Dec 2 |
| Dec 5 | — | Dec 7 | — | Dec 9 |

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS & ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 29 (M) A. What Is Anthropology?
Readings: Kottak, chapter 1 (pp. 2-23)
B. FILM — *“Anthropologists at Work”* (1993, 36 min.)
2. Aug 31 (W) Applying Anthropology
Readings: Kottak, chapter 3 (pp. 48-69) ... recommended
Studying the Past
Readings: Kottak, chapter 4 (pp. 70-91) ... recommended

Physical Anthropology and Archaeology

3. Sept 2 (F) Evolution and Genetics
Readings: Kottak, chapter 5 (pp. 92-113)
4. Sept 5 (M) A. The Primates
Readings: Kottak, chapter 7 (pp. 134-150)
B. FILM — *“In Search of Human Origins, Part 1”* (1994, 60 min.)
5. Sept 7 (W) The Primates
Readings: Kottak, chapter 7 (pp. 134-150)
6. Sept 9 (F) Primate Evolution
Readings: Kottak, chapter 7 (pp. 150-159)
7. Sept 12 (M) A. Early Hominins
Readings: Kottak, chapter 8 (pp. 160-183)
B. FILM — *“In Search of Human Origins, Part 2”* (1994, 60 min.)
8. Sept 14 (W) Early Hominins
Readings: Kottak, chapter 8 (pp. 160-183)

9. Sept 16 (F) Archaic Homo
Readings: Kottak, chapter 9 (pp. 184-205)
10. Sept 19 (M) A. The Origin and Spread of Modern Humans
Readings: Kottak, chapter 10 (pp. 206-229)
B. FILM — *"In Search of Human Origins, Part 3"* (1994, 60 min.)
11. Sept 21 (W) The Origin and Spread of Modern Humans
Readings: Kottak, chapter 10 (pp. 206-229)
12. Sept 23 (F) Human Variation and Adaptation
Readings: Kottak, chapter 6 (pp. 114-133)
13. Sept 26 (M) A. Human Variation and Adaptation
Readings: Kottak, chapter 6 (pp. 114-133)
B. FILM — *"Iraq: Cradle of Civilization"* (1991, 57 min.)
14. Sept 28 (W) ----- **FIRST EXAM** -----
[covering chapters 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 6, with just a few questions from chapter 1]
15. Sept 30 (F) The First Farmers
Readings: Kottak, chapter 11 (pp. 230-253)
16. Oct 3 (M) A. The First Cities and States
Readings: Kottak, chapter 12 (pp. 254-279)
B. FILM — *"Collapse"* (1994, 60 min.)

Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology

[Start reading Chagnon's, *The Yanomamo*]

17. Oct 5 (W) Method and Theory in Cultural Anthropology
Readings: Kottak, chapter 13 (pp. 280-309) ... recommended
[Chagnon, preface, prologue, and chapter 1]
18. Oct 7 (F) Culture
Readings: Kottak, chapter 2 (pp. 24-47)
19. Oct 12 (W) Culture
Readings: Kottak, chapter 2 (pp. 24-47)
20. Oct 14 (F) Ethnicity and Race
Readings: Kottak, chapter 15 (pp. 334-359)
21. Oct 17 (M) A. Language and Communication
Readings: Kottak, chapter 14 (pp. 310-333)
B. FILM — *"Discovering the Human Language: Colorless Green Ideas"* (1995, 55 min.)
22. Oct 19 (W) Language and Communication
Readings: Kottak, chapter 14 (pp. 310-333)
23. Oct 21 (F) ----- **SECOND EXAM** -----
[covering chapters 11, 12, 2, 15, and 14]

24. Oct 24 (M) A. Making a Living: Production
Readings: Kottak, chapter 16 (pp. 360-387); [Chagnon, chapter 2]
B. FILM — *“Land of the Long Day”* (1952, 38 min.)
25. Oct 26 (W) Making a Living: Reproduction
Readings: Kottak, chapter 16 (pp. 360-387)
26. Oct 28 (F) Making a Living: Systems of Exchange
Readings: Kottak, chapter 16 (pp. 360-387); [Chagnon, chapter 5]
27. Oct 31 (M) A. Political Systems
Readings: Kottak, chapter 17 (pp. 388-415); [Chagnon, chapter 6]
B. FILM — *“A Man Called ‘Bee’: Studying the Yanomamo”* (1974, 40 min.)
28. Nov 2 (W) Political Systems
Readings: Kottak, chapter 17 (pp. 388-415); [Chagnon, chapter 7]
29. Nov 4 (F) Families, Kinship, and Descent
Readings: Kottak, chapter 19 (pp. 444-465); [Chagnon, chapter 4]
30. Nov 7 (M) A. Families, Kinship, and Descent
Readings: Kottak, chapter 19 (pp. 444-465)
B. FILM — *“Masai Women”* (1974, 52 min.)
31. Nov 9 (W) Marriage
Readings: Kottak, chapter 20 (pp. 466-489)
32. Nov 11 (F) Gender
Readings: Kottak, chapter 18 (pp. 416-443)
33. Nov 14 (M) A. Sexuality
Readings: none
B. FILM — *“Four Families”* (1959, 60 min.)
34. Nov 16 (W) ----- **THIRD EXAM** -----
[covering chapters 16, 17, 19, 20, and 18]
35. Nov 18 (F) Religion
Readings: Kottak, chapter 21 (pp. 490-515); [Chagnon, chapter 3]
36. Nov 21 (M) A. Religion
Readings: Kottak, chapter 21 (pp. 490-515)
B. FILM — *“Holy Ghost People”* (1983, 54 min.)
37. Nov 28 (M) A. The Arts
Readings: Kottak, chapter 22 (pp. 516-545)
B. FILM — *“First Contact”* (1983, 54 min.)
38. Nov 30 (W) Psychological/Cognitive Anthropology
Readings: none

The Changing World

39. Dec 2 (F) The World System and Colonialism
 Readings: Kottak, chapter 23 (pp. 546-571)
40. Dec 5 (M) A. The World System and Colonialism
 Readings: Kottak, chapter 23 (pp. 546-571)
 B. FILM — “*Anthropology on Trial*” (1983, 57 min.)
41. Dec 7 (W) Global Issues Today
 Readings: Kottak, chapter 24 (pp. 572-597); [Chagnon, chapter 8]
42. Dec 9 (F) Course Summary and Student Evaluations
 ----- PAPER ASSIGNMENT Due -----

REMINDER: The **FOURTH HOUR EXAM** will be held during the first 60 minutes of the “final exam” period assigned us by the Registrar. The fourth exam is a non-cumulative exam covering only those topics covered in lectures and the Kottak text since the third exam, i.e., chapters 21, 22, 23, and 24.

FILM SCHEDULE

1. Aug 29(M) "Anthropologists at Work" (1993, 36 min.)
MC VC LU 1388 / DVD 1503
2. Sept 5 (M) "In Search of Human Origins, Part 1" (1994, 60 min.)
MC VC LU 2300, pt. 1
3. Sept 12 (M) "In Search of Human Origins, Part 2" (1994, 60 min.)
MC VC LU 2300, pt. 2
4. Sept 19 (M) "In Search of Human Origins, Part 3" (1994, 60 min.)
MC VC LU 2300, pt. 3
5. Sept 26 (M) "Iraq: Cradle of Civilization" (1991, 57 min.)
MC VC LU 3238 / DVD 1308 #1
6. Oct 4 (M) "Collapse" (1994, 60 min.)
MC VC LU 1451, pt. 8 / DVD 1495 #disc 4, prog. 8
7. Oct 17 (M) "Discovering the Human Language: Colorless Green Ideas" (1995, 55 min.)
MC VC LU 1487, pt. 1
8. Oct 24 (M) "Land of the Long Day" (1952, 38 min.)
MC VC LU 2150 / DVD 1501
9. Oct 31 (M) "A Man Called 'Bee': Studying the Yanomamo" (1974, 40 min.)
MC VC LU 1118 / DVD 1309
10. Nov 7 (M) "Masai Women" (1974, 52 min.)
MC VC LU 908, pt. 10 / DVD 1336 #10
11. Nov 14 (M) "Four Families" (1959, 60 min.)
MC VC LU 3255 / DVD 1500
12. Nov 21 (M) "Holy Ghost People" (1984, 52 min.)
MC VC LU 848
13. Nov 28 (M) "First Contact" (1983, 57 min.)
MC VC LU 2024
14. Dec 5 (M) "Anthropology on Trial" (1983, 57 min.)
MC VC LU 518