

ANT 2000: Introductory Anthropology

Fall TWK Term 2012 (201310)

Online – CRNs 14329 and 14478

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Course Description

Introduction to study of humans and culture with an emphasis on archaeology, biological anthropology and linguistics. Major topics may include human origins, religion and supernatural beliefs, family and kinship, technology, medical and forensic anthropology, foodways, and globalization.

Prerequisites/Corequisites: None

Textbook

Haviland, W.A., Prins, H.E.L., Walrath, D., & McBride, B. (2012). *The essence of anthropology* (3rd ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing.

Course Format

This class takes place fully online. You may log into the course by going to <http://learn.valenciacollege.edu>. You will use your ATLAS user id and password to log in. If you experience technical difficulties, please see below for Blackboard support contact information. *Each week, you will complete a learning module or an exam. There are specific due dates for each assignment and those dates can be found within each learning module and on the course calendar within Blackboard.*

Competencies and Evaluation:

- Student Core Competencies:
 - Think – Students will think critically about anthropological concepts and methods
 - Value – Students will understand value of anthropological studies to the global community
 - Communicate – Students will be participate in general anthropological discourse
 - Act – Ideas and concepts conveyed will enable students to act and react to other cultures as well as their own culture from an anthropological perspective

Helpful Information for ATLAS, Blackboard and General Computer Questions:

Professor Dunn CANNOT provide technical support. If you are experiencing problems with Atlas, Blackboard, etc. you must contact the appropriate department. Assistance with Blackboard may be found at <http://valenciacollege.edu/oit/ltad/studentResources/help/> or by calling (407)582-5600 (available 24/7). The ATLAS help desk phone number is (407)582-5444.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE INSTRUCTOR OF ANY TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING THAT ARE IMPEDING YOUR ABILITY TO SUBMIT WORK ON TIME! You must notify Professor Dunn immediately of any difficulties you are experiencing (either by emailing through course messages, or by emailing sdunn18@valenciacollege.edu, or by calling 407-582-

6871 – or do all three!). **Exceptions will only be made for students who make an effort to keep me apprised of their legitimate technical difficulties!**

Blackboard disclaimer

Occasionally technical issues may arise that cause problems with Blackboard or specifically within our course. If something appears incorrect or does not match the syllabus or weekly module instructions, please notify me as soon as possible. If something is missing or is inaccessible (that should be accessible), please notify me. If you experience technical difficulties while completing an assignment or task, notify me. Notify me if Blackboard looks at you funny or calls you names. Notify me, notify me, notify me, and do it ASAP. You may notify me via course mail (messages), by emailing sdunn18@valenciacollege.edu, or by calling my campus number at 407-582-6871. **Not notifying me will not excuse you from completing a task late because of aforementioned difficulties. You are also responsible for seeking timely technical support (see section above).**

Emergencies

If you experience an emergency that will impede your ability to participate in the class (either temporarily or permanently), notify the instructor via course email as soon as possible. Do not wait until after the fact to notify the instructor of an issue that prevents you from keeping up with your work.

Grading

I will do my best to grade your work as quickly as possible, however please allow at least four days before your grades are reflected in the grade book. You will be able to access your grades and track your progress within Blackboard. Your grade in the course will be determined by your course participation, quality of discussions and responses, and performance on quizzes and exams. Maximum possible points: 300

Welcome Module	10 Points
Weekly Discussions (10 @ 10 points each)	100 Points
Module Quizzes (5 @ 20 Points each)	100 Points
Virtual Museum Visit	20 Points
Final Exam	70 Points
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Grade Scale
270 – 300 points – “A”
240 – 269 points – “B”
210 – 239 points – “C”
180 – 209 points – “D”
Below 179 points – “F”

Please note:

You are responsible for completing your assignments in a timely manner. You are given a generous window in which to complete all modules and associated assignments. **I strongly suggest that you complete your work well in advance of the deadline so that personal issues, illness, computer problems, etc, do not prevent you from submitting your work on time.** Work that is turned in late, regardless of the reason, will be accepted up to one week (grace period) past the deadline at a reduction in points. *No late work will be accepted after the one week grace period.* The point reduction and terms for late submission will be outlined in the directions for each assignment. **The Quizzes, Final exam, and Welcome Module assignments will not be accepted late.**

Discussions: There are a total of 10 discussion postings (worth 10 points each). Each discussion post has associated prompts and minimum posting length (in number of words). You will also be asked to respond to your classmates postings. **Your weekly postings are an expression of your critical thinking, analysis and research and will be graded according to their depth, quality and content.**

Quizzes: There are a total of 5 quizzes (worth 20 points each). Quiz questions will include material covered in both the lecture and reading. You are permitted only two attempts at each quiz. Quizzes are designed so that they test your knowledge of the lecture and module, thus a time limit of 20 minutes is given. The questions are drawn from a bank of quiz questions and thus no two quizzes are likely to be the same. Although you are permitted to use your notes and book if necessary, I strongly urge you to review your notes, readings, and the lectures before attempting the quizzes.

Virtual Museum Visit: You will be assigned a virtual exhibit to “visit” and discuss. The museum visit will take place entirely online. Specific questions and a rubric for assignment completion will be posted in the course. This project is worth 20 points.

Final exam: The final exam is worth 70 points and will consist of short essay style questions (due Dec 15 by 11:59pm).

Attendance

Your weekly participation in the course and timely completion of readings, lectures, discussions, and activities is absolutely necessary to your success in the course. You are expected to log into the class at least once weekly to review lectures, complete discussion assignments, other activities, and quizzes or examinations. If you fail to participate in activities (quizzes, exams) and discussions for two or more weeks (consecutive or nonconsecutive), you may be withdrawn from the course.

Online Course Communication:

The online class environment is a positive environment. Please understand that your opinions may differ from those of your fellow classmates. Respect your fellow classmates’ right to their opinions. Be courteous and respect others’ privacy. Post only on topics relevant to the course material, prompts, and discussion.

Please write in complete sentences and proofread your work before submitting. You are welcome to reference other sources for your discussion posts and written work provided that you properly cite the source using APA-style citation. One very helpful website for APA style can be found at: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>. [Work that is not properly cited may be considered plagiarism and will not be tolerated. Please refer to the Academic Dishonesty Policy section of the syllabus.]

Behavior that is deemed inappropriate (ex. threatening, harassing, use of offensive language) may result in loss of credit for an assignment or dismissal from the course. Please report any objectionable behavior privately to the instructor via course web mail. Students are also subject to the Valencia Student Code of Conduct, Policy 6Hx28: 8-03, which may be found at <http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/default.cfm?policyID=180> .

Communication with the instructor: Please allow 24-48 hours for an email response. Typically I will answer emails within 24 hours, however occasionally circumstances arise that prevent me from accessing my email. If you have carefully read the syllabus this far, send me a message through Blackboard with the subject line “Syllabus Secret Bonus” and your name. I will add an

extra 5 points to your syllabus quiz score at the end of the week. You must do this by October 6 and please keep it confidential.

No Show Status

Class attendance is required beginning the first week of the term. Since this is an online course, your attendance will consist of weekly and timely participation of assigned activities and discussions. During the first week of class, you are required to complete a discussion posting, orientation quiz and Module 1. If you do not complete these assignments by October 6, 11:59pm, you may be withdrawn from the class as a "no show". In this event you will be billed for the class and a "W" will appear on your transcript for the course.

*If you decide within the first week that you no longer wish to take the course, you must drop the course from your registration before **October 9** in order to receive a refund.*

Withdrawal Policy

The withdrawal deadline for this course is *November 16, 2012*. Your success in this course is dependent on your weekly participation in the course and timely completion of readings, lectures, discussions, and activities. If you fail to participate in activities and discussions for two or more weeks (consecutive or nonconsecutive), you may be withdrawn from the course.

Please be aware of the following Valencia withdrawal policies (continued on the next page):

If you withdraw prior to the withdrawal deadline for this course (Nov 16, 2012), you will receive a "W" for the course. You cannot withdraw yourself AFTER the withdrawal deadline has passed. Also, you can withdraw by the instructor (up until the final withdrawal deadline) for violation of the course attendance policy, as outlined in this syllabus. Valencia will no longer issue grades of "WP" or "WF" for withdrawal after the withdrawal deadline. Please note the following that remains true in the revised policy: During a first attempt or a second attempt in the same course, if you withdraw or are withdrawn by your professor before the specified withdrawal deadline, you will receive a W (Withdrawn). Please refer to the 2012-2013 Valencia Community College catalog for more details at <http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/current/>. Review the Withdrawal Deadlines posted previously in this document or through the college's calendar withdrawal website accessed at: <http://valenciacollege.edu/calendar/>

Important ****new**** Bright Futures withdrawal information for students

If you withdraw from any course(s) that were paid for by a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, you are responsible for repaying the cost of tuition and fees for those course(s).

Academic Honesty Policy

Valencia Policy 6Hx18: 8-11

<http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/default.cfm?policyID=193>

All forms of academic dishonesty (as outlined in Policy 6Hx18: 8-11) are prohibited and may result in loss of credit for an assignment or immediate withdrawal from the course.

All work submitted in this course is expected to be the result of your own individual thoughts, research, and self-expression. If you use ideas, wording, or organization from another source, the source must be properly acknowledged (APA format in-text citations and references are encouraged). *Please visit the Perdue Online Writing Lab for information and examples on APA format and style:* <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/1/>

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities

determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities (Winter Park Campus, Room 203, 407/582-6887).

Course Schedule

Week/Module	Due Date
Week 1: Welcome Postings and Syllabus Quiz (Welcome Module)	Oct 5, 11:59pm
Week 2: Welcome Posting and Essence of Anthropology (Module 1)	Oct 6, 11:59pm
Week 2: Biology, Evolution, Primates (Module 2)	Oct 13, 11:59pm
Week 3: Early Human Origins (Module 3)	Oct 20, 11:59pm
Week 3: Neolithic Revolution/Emergence of Cities and States (Module 4)	Oct 27, 11:59pm
Week 4: Human Diversity/Characteristics of Culture (Module 5)	Nov 3, 11:59pm
Week 4: Communication and Personality (Module 6)	Nov 10, 11:59pm
Week 5: Subsistence and Exchange (Module 7)	Nov 17, 11:59pm
Week 5: Marriage, Family, and Kinship (Module 8)	Nov 24, 11:59pm
Week 6: Politics, Power, and Violence (Module 9); Museum Visit due	Dec 1, 11:59pm
Week 6: Spirituality and Religion/Global Changes and Anthropology (Module 10)	Dec 8, 11:59pm
Week 7: Final Exam due	Dec 15, 11:59pm

Disclaimer: The course schedule and/or syllabus may be changed at the discretion of the professor.

Please print a copy of the syllabus to refer to when you are offline or unable to access the internet!!