

Anthropology 206: Cultural Anthropology

Bellevue College, Spring 2016: ONLINE

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Contacting your instructor

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On campus office hours Tuesday 10:30 – 12:20; Thursday 11:30 – 12:20 in my office, D100E. You can come by my office or call me during those hours.

Online Office Hours (tentative times): Thursdays: 8:00 – 9:00 am; 8:00 – 9:00 pm. We can talk via chat or Skype during these times.

Textbooks

Readings are an essential part of this course. While some readings may be available on-line, you will need to purchase **two** textbooks: an online REVEL textbook and a digital course reader. Instructions for purchasing are available in the Getting Started module of the course and were also sent out through the Canvas Inbox.

- i. The Pearson Revel interactive ebook, *Human Culture: Highlights of Cultural Anthropology* by Ember and Ember, is an online textbook, which incorporates quizzes, videos and other resources, as well as having an audio option. Once you have access to it, I think you will find it a great learning tool. You can also order a print copy if you wish, but only the digital version is required. We will cover the entire textbook during this quarter.
REVEL Course URL: <https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/o1vz9d>
- ii. The digital course reader contains 8 articles taken from the anthology *Conformity and Conflict*. You will read all of these articles during the quarter.

Course Outcomes

Listed below are the course outcomes for ANTH 206. Outcomes will be assessed through quizzes, exams, assignments and discussions.

- Articulate an understanding of the breadth of cultural anthropology and its ties to sciences and humanities.
- Recognize, identify, and employ the scientific method in cultural anthropology, and to distinguish coherent arguments based on such principles from other claims.
- Identify critical components in anthropological thought, especially in regard to ethnocentrism and cultural relativism.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the range of contemporary human cultural variation.
- Identify and analyze various subsystems of culture, such as subsistence, political organization, kinship, religion, and others.
- Explain the relevance of the anthropological perspective to global issues and cultural diversity.

Course Rhythm and Time Commitment

- This online course is divided into weekly modules.
- Be sure to keep up with the due dates. There will be important assessment due dates every week. Most due dates are on Mondays. However, the last exam is due on a Friday, the last day of the quarter.
- You should expect to spend at least 12 hours per week reading, working on assignments and studying.
- Your learning will be assessed with quizzes, discussions, assignments and exams.

Reading List and Course Calendar

- A schedule of topics, readings and due dates is provided later in the syllabus and also as a separate document in the Getting Started Module.
- Readings and due dates will also be included in the weekly modules. Any changes to the readings or due dates will be announced on the course site.

Grading

Grades will be calculated using points, distributed as follows:

Assignment	% of your grade
Getting Started assignments	5%
3 Reading Discussions	25%
3 Assignments	25%
3 Exams	35%
Reading quizzes from REVEL and Canvas	10%
TOTAL:	100%

i. Grading scale

Final grades will be calculated based on the following grading scale:

95-100%	A
90-94%	A-
85-89%	B+
80-84%	B
75-79%	B-
70-74%	C+
65-69%	C
60-64%	C-
55-59%	D+
50-54%	D
below 50%	F

Details of the Bellevue College grading policy can be found at:

http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/3/3000_grading.asp

Read the descriptions there carefully. Note that an A grade is only assigned to work that EXCEEDS expectations, so if you want to get an A in this course, you will need to work hard and go beyond the minimum asked for in assignments.

Course Assessments

After the special work completed in the Getting Started module, assessed work in this class will consist of discussions, exams, reading quizzes and assignments. Here is some information about each of these.

i. Discussions:

The reading discussions are designed as forums where you can deepen your knowledge of the course material by sharing your understanding of the course topics with other students, and by reading the responses of other students.

You need to participate in three discussions. Each time you participate, you will be required to post an initial response to the topics and then reply to other students.

You will be graded on the quality of your posting and your engagement in the discussion. Guidelines about my expectations will be provided in the discussion prompt. Each discussion will contain specific questions for you to answer.

In general you should organize your posting into sections according to the questions posted in the discussion prompt. Include a word count at the end of your posting. Where possible or relevant, you will refer to the readings and use technical terminology from the course content.

ii. Reading Quizzes

All quizzes in this online course are open-book and multiple choice.

These quizzes count for very few points each, but overall contribute 10% of your grade. They are designed to help you assess your understanding of the readings. These quizzes can be taken as often as you wish and you can also use them to review for the exams – as long as you complete them by the due date.

Most reading quizzes will be on the REVEL site, but quizzes related to the course reader will be on the Canvas site. Quiz grades from the REVEL site will be transferred to the Canvas site for final grade calculation at the end of the quarter.

iii. Exams

All exams in this online course will be available on Canvas. Exams are open-book and multiple choice. You will have only one attempt at each exam. You must work on the exam alone. You will have one hour to complete the exam.

iv. Assignments

Assignments represent individual work which you turn in to me (online), to show your ability to apply what you have learned.

What should you do to succeed in this class?

Since this is a survey course, we will be covering a lot of material. In order to be successful in the course, you will need to be sure you are keeping up with the assigned readings and assignments. The following advice may help you be more successful.

1. Allow yourself enough time to complete all the required work.

To be successful in this course you should allow at least 12 hours a week for reading, completing assignments and studying for exams.

2. *Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.*

I welcome your emails and questions at any time. Often a problem can be easily solved if it is addressed immediately. Too often, though, students delay in letting me know about a problem until the end of the quarter when it may be too late to resolve it.

3. *Participation in class*

Participating actively in class will help you learn and make the class more enjoyable. Be a regular participant in the discussions.

4. *Reading*

Reading is a very important part of learning in this course. Here are a few tips which might help you with managing the readings:

- i. Look over the “Tips for doing readings” document posted in “Getting Started”.
- ii. Listen to the audio version of the textbook while you read to help you focus.
- iii. Email me to ask questions about any of the readings if you find them difficult. I welcome your questions.
- iv. Read all the postings in the reading discussions to see other students’ comments about the readings.
- v. Complete the reading quizzes and redo them until you get 100%.

Class Expectations

Syllabus and Social Science Division Guidelines and Procedures Review

You are required to review this syllabus and the Social Science Division Procedures and Guidelines (at the end of the syllabus), which apply to students in this class. Enrollment in the course constitutes an agreement to abide by the procedures and guidelines set forth in these two items. If you have any questions about the meaning of any of this material, please ask me.

My expectations of students:

- Be respectful to other students
- Read instructions carefully and contact me whenever you have questions
- Follow instructions for assignments
- Turn work in on time
- Do not wait until the last minute to ask for help

What you can expect from me:

- Respectful responses to questions
- Responses within 24 hours to email. I will warn you ahead of time if this will not be possible for any reason. If you do not hear back from me, **please** email again after 24 hours, to be sure that I saw your message. I will not be annoyed by a repeat message!
- Work usually graded within a week. Again, I will warn you if I cannot meet this goal.

Due dates

- All online course work must be submitted/posted/completed by 11:59 p.m. on the due date.

Late work (and how to avoid it!)

- In general I do not accept late assignments, as it seems unfair to students who submit on time. However, I know from personal experience that life can present unexpected challenges which prevent you from turning work in on time. If you feel that you have a valid reason for needing to submit work late, you may write an email asking me to accept your late work. In your email you should state why your assignment is/will be late, and provide any evidence you can to support your claim. If your work is complete, attach the file to your message. I will consider these requests on a case by case basis. You should always contact me as soon as possible. If your request comes in after the due date, you will need to have a good reason. Do not just submit work late with no explanation and hope that I will accept it.
- Vacations are not a valid excuse for late work. If you will be out of town without web access on due dates, you should complete the work before you leave.
- Quizzes are worth very few points, and I will not grant extensions for these. It is to your benefit to complete quizzes on time because then you can use them to review for the unit exams. If you have not completed them by the due date, you will not be able to review the quiz questions.
- If I agree to accept late work from you, it is your responsibility to let me know when the work is completed, and to check with me if it is not graded within two weeks after submission.
- To avoid last-minute emergencies, try to complete all work well before the deadline. Some students like to mark deadlines on their calendars a day earlier than the actual due date, so that they will always have an extra day if a last minute emergency arises.

Behavioral Expectations for Discussions

- Remember that you need to treat your classmates with respect. The on-line classroom, just like the on-campus classroom, must be safe and open for all students regardless of their age, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, or perspective. Even if you disagree with a classmate, you still need to treat that person with respect.
- Please abide by the following discussion guidelines:
 1. Treat your classmates with respect.
 2. Any opinions or arguments you express should be supported by evidence.
 3. If you disagree with a classmate, question the evidence or the claim; not the person.
 4. No one should be understood to be 'representing' the racial/ethnic, gender, class, etc. group to which he or she belongs. You speak only for yourself.

Avoiding Plagiarism

Plagiarism is "the uncredited use (both intentional and unintentional) of somebody else's words or ideas." (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>) It is considered a serious academic offense in the United States. You can avoid plagiarism by taking care in how you cite or paraphrase the sources you use in researching projects or papers.

The form of plagiarism I most frequently see in student assignments is the copying and pasting of material from the web. Please do not be tempted to do this. All work you submit will be checked by Turnitin.com. If plagiarism is found, you will get a score of zero.

Here are two excellent sources you can use to help you learn how to avoid plagiarism:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

<http://www.lib.usm.edu/legacy/plag/whatisplag.php>

Students with Disabilities

If you have medical information to share with me, please contact me via email. If you need course modifications, adaptations, or accommodations because of a disability, I can refer you to our Disability Resource Center (DRC). The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you are a student who has a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation or have seen someone for treatment and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact them as soon as possible. You may contact them directly by going to B132 or by calling 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110. Information is also available on their website at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/drc/>

If you are a student with a documented autism spectrum disorder, there is an additional access program available to you. Contact asn@bellevuecollege.edu or (425) 564-2764. ASN is located in the Library Media Center in D125. <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/autismspectrumnavigators/>

Student Code

“Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one’s own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Vice President of Student Services.” The Student Code, Policy 2050, in its entirety is located at: http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050_Student_Code.asp

Affirmation of inclusion.

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination. We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College,

and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect. <http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/inclusion/>

Safe Space

This class is a Safe Space for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

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Email Communication with instructors must be done through student email accounts only. Instructors cannot communicate with students about their course work or grades through student's personal email accounts.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal from Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Resource Centre, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and program assistants or coordinators will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

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**If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*

ANTH 206 ONLINE: TENTATIVE Course Calendar Spring 2016 At-a-glance

Dates	Topics	READINGS	Assessments	DUE DATES
Day 1 April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ GETTING STARTED ❖ Syllabus ❖ Introductions 		Getting Started Assignments	Due Monday, April 6; work accepted till Monday, 4/11
Week 1: April 5-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is Anthropology? ❖ Culture and Culture Change 	REVEL: Chapters 1 and 2	Assignment 1 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, April 11
Week 2: April 12-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Understanding and Explaining Culture ❖ Communication and Language 	REVEL: Chapters 3 and 4 Reader: "Eating Christmas in the Kalahari"	Discussion 1 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, April 18
Week 3 April 19- 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Economics 	REVEL: Chapter 5	EXAM 1 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, April 25
Week 4 April 26 – May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Social Stratification: Class, Ethnicity and Racism 	REVEL: Chapter 6	Reading quizzes	Due Monday, May 2
Week 5 May 3 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sex and Gender 	REVEL: Chapter 7 Reader: "Fieldwork on Prostitution..."	Discussion 2 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, May 9
Week 6 May 10 - 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Marriage, Family and Kinship 	REVEL: Chapter 8 Reader: "Polyandry: When brothers .." Reader: "Mother's Love: Death without...."	Assignment 2 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, May 16
Week 7 May 17 - 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Political Life: Social Order and Disorder 	REVEL: Chapter 9	EXAM 2 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, May 23
Week 8 May 24 – May 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Religion and Magic ❖ The Arts 	REVEL: Chapters 10, 11 Reader: "Baseball Magic"	Reading quizzes	Due Tuesday, May 31 (May 30 is a holiday)
Week 9 May 31 – June 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Global Problems 	REVEL: Chapter 12 Reader: "Medical Anthropology: Improving Nutrition ..." Reader: "We are going underwater"	Assignment 3 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, June 6
Week 10 June 7 - 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Practicing and Applying Anthropology 	REVEL: Chapter 13 Reader: "Using Anthropology"	Discussion 3 Reading quizzes	Due Monday, June 13
Week 11 June 14-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Short week for FINAL EXAMS 		EXAM 3	Due <u>Thursday, June 17</u>