

Bellevue Community College
ANTH/CES 180
Dr. Brommer
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5 credits

ANTH/CES 180: American Life and Culture

MTWThF 9:30-10:20 am, Room D103

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Course Information

Welcome to ANTH/CES 180! What is American culture? How has it changed over time? How has politics, class, and race defined or shaped American life and values from the origins of the United States to the present? How has popular culture and gender and race ideologies impacted American life and culture? These are the areas we will explore as we delve into what structures our daily lives and social world. To achieve an anthropological perspective, we must be open-minded and respectfully speak and listen to each other.

Course Overview

A view of American culture from the broad lens of anthropology. Topics include American popular culture, the historical background to American social and cultural values, and the effect of economic and political changes in American life. Situates American culture and society in the context of a globalized world. Same as CES 180. Either ANTH 180 or CES 180 may be taken for credit, not both. (From the course catalog)

Course Outcomes

- Identify the various components of the culture concept and how this concept applies to Americans.

- Analyze contemporary anthropological views on ethnicity and nationalism, economic power and politics, and social characteristics (e.g., family, gender, etc.), as these views pertain to American culture and history.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the complex history of multicultural America, with an emphasis on immigration and inequality.
- Appreciate insights about American culture from a foreign perspective of the USA.
- Situate American culture and society in the context of a globalized world and with respect to major global issues.

Grading

Please note that an A grade is assigned to work that EXCEEDS expectations, so to get an A in this course, you will need to go beyond the minimum asked in assignments.

Your final grade in this class will be based on **four** Components:

- Attendance/Engagement in Class = 50 pts
 - Assignments/Activities (mostly in class) = 250 pts
 - Exams = 100 pts
 - Immigration and *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* Essay = 100 pts
- TOTAL = 500 pts

The College Grading Policy is explained in the current Course Catalog and can also be found at this link: [Grading Policy](#)

Attendance/Engagement in Class

You are expected to attend class, participate in class discussions, and engage and contribute to the class learning environment. A factor in receiving attendance points is respectful interactions in class (no texting, looking at phones, etc.). Attendance means more than sitting in a chair; it means showing respect and engagement.

Assignments/Activities (mostly in class)

There will be multiple in-class worksheets based on videos, articles, discussions, and group work.

Exams

There are 2 exams, each covering the text and concepts from class. The exams will consist of multiple choice, true-false, matching, fill-in-the-blank, and/or short definitions.

Immigration and *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* Essay

You will write a 6-8-page essay on immigration and *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. Details will be presented in class.

Late work submission

To be fair to students who submit their work on time, written assignments that are submitted after the day they are due will be subject to a 10% reduction in points for every day they are late, including weekends, non-instruction days, and holidays. After one week, late assignments will not be accepted and a 0 will be awarded. However, I understand and respect that life happens and unexpected circumstances occasionally occur that prevent students from submitting work on time. Please contact me as soon as possible and emergency situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Being busy, going on vacation, being pressured with outside work, or having competing academic commitments are not valid reasons to grant extensions.

Grading Scale (maximum of 500 points)

Your final grade will be based upon the accumulation of points using the table below.

Grade	Point Value	Grade	Point Value	Grade	Point Value	Grade	Point Value
A	500 – 470	B	434 – 415	C	384 – 365	D	324 - 300
A-	469 – 450	B-	414 – 400	C-	364 – 350	F	299 and below
B+	449 – 435	C+	399– 385	D+	349 – 325		

Course Calendar

This class is designed in weekly sessions (see schedule distributed in class). **There may be additional articles or videos assigned for discussions.**

DEADLINES ARE NOT FLEXIBLE.

**JUST BECAUSE THIS SYLLABUS DOESN'T EXPLICITLY SAY YOU CAN'T
DO SOMETHING... IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN DO IT**

Books and Materials Required

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

By Jamie Ford

Ballantine Books

ISBN: 9780345505347

Help with Canvas

Students can find help with Canvas by following the link here: [Student Canvas Help](#)

Classroom Learning Atmosphere

Instructor's Expectations

Student Responsibilities

To make the most out of the educational opportunities in this class, you need to take an active and energetic role in your own learning process. Success can best be achieved by completing the following student responsibilities. Also, please see the Bellevue College Student Code of Conduct at: [Student Code.](#)

- Complete weekly reading assignments before coming to class.
- Participate actively in class.

- Be respectful in class discussions, arriving on time, not leaving early, not texting or using phones or other distractions in class. I reserve the right to restrict or deny computer and cell phone usage in this class.
- Complete assignments. Don't wait until the last minute to ask for help.
- Submit assignments in Word format.
- Turn work in on time. No late work will be accepted unless arrangements with the professor have been made.
- Contact your professor if you have any questions. I am happy to talk to you and help!

Accessibility

The online elements of this course are designed to be welcoming to, accessible to, and usable by everyone, including students who are English-language learners, have a variety of learning styles, have disabilities, or are new to online learning. Be sure to let me know immediately if you encounter a required element or resource in the course that is not accessible to you. Also, let me know of changes I can make to the course so that it is more welcoming to, accessible to, or usable by students who take this course in the future.

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.

[Affirmation of Inclusion](https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/inclusion/) (<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/inclusion/>)

Reasons of Faith and Conscience

Reasonable Accommodations for Reasons of Faith and Conscience: Students who will be absent from course activities due to reasons of faith or conscience may seek reasonable accommodations so that grades are not impacted. Such requests must be made within the first two weeks of the course to the office of the Associate Vice President of Student

Affairs (see Bellevue College [Policy 2950](https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id2950/) (<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id2950/>)). In the event you feel you are being discriminated against based on faith or conscious, you may refer to the procedures outlined in the college's [Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policy 1440P](https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id-1440p/) (<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id-1440p/>).

Annual Notice Non-Discrimination

Bellevue College does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity; creed; color; national origin; sex; marital status; sexual orientation; age; religion; genetic information; the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability; or veteran status in educational programs and activities which it operates. Bellevue College is prohibited from discriminating in such a manner by college policy and by state and federal law. All college personnel and persons, vendors, and organizations with whom the college does business are required to comply with applicable federal and state statutes and regulations designed to promote affirmative action and equal opportunity.

Reports of gender and sex-based based discrimination, sexual misconduct, or retaliation by a student should be raised with the Title IX office (see 1440P2 for contact information). In cases where the impacted party is a student and the responding party is a college employee, the Title IX coordinator will direct the matter to the Office of Human Resources (HR). All other reports, including all reports where the impacted party is an employee, should be raised with the HR. If a report is against personnel in the Title IX office or HR, it should be submitted to the president's office for referral to an alternate designee.

[Equal Opportunity](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/equal/) (<http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/equal/>)

Confidentiality and Mandatory Reporting

As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep information you share private to the greatest extent possible. However, I am required to share with the Title IX Coordinator any and all information regarding sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct (e.g.

relationship violence, stalking) that may have occurred on campus or that impacts someone on campus. Students may speak to someone confidentially by contacting the BC Counseling Center at (425) 564-2212. The Title IX Office can be contacted at 425-564-2641 and more information can be found at [Title IX](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/titleix/) (<http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/titleix/>).

If you have any concerns, you may report to: [Report Concerns](https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/reportconcerns/) (<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/reportconcerns/>).

Division Statements

Are you interested in earning a concentration in anthropology, along with your degree?

In addition to earning an AAS degree, you can take 20 credits of required courses to earn a concentration in Anthropology. These four courses provide the basic foundation of Anthropology and represent the 4-field approach of American Anthropology. All of them are be offered on campus and on-line.

ANTH& 204 – Archaeology (5 credits of Social Science)

ANTH 208 – Language, Culture, & Society (5 credits of Humanities or Social Science)

ANTH& 206 – Cultural Anthropology (5 credits of Social Science)

ANTH& 215 – BioAnthropology with Lab (6 credit of Lab Science) **or** ANTH& 205 – Biological Anthropology (5 credit of natural science)

SNOW DAYS or other non-schedule class cancelations

The possibility is always there that class will be cancelled unexpectedly. In the case that class is cancelled, I will post information on Canvas as an announcement. This will include lecture material, assignments and handouts. It is your responsibility to check

this in a timely manner before the next class session. Material provided in this way will be covered as a review in class but may not be lectured on in detail.

What courses in anthropology are offered at BC?

There is a general introductory class (Survey of Anthropology) which highlights all four sub-disciplines of anthropology. BC offers in-depth courses in Anthropology which I encourage you to take: archaeology (Great Discoveries in Archaeology; Archaeology; Ancient North America; Incas & Their Ancestors; Aztecs, Mayas, & Their Ancestors), biological anthropology (Biological Anthropology; Bioanthropology with Lab; Cross-cultural Medicine; Forensic Anthropology), cultural anthropology (Food, Drink, & Culture; American Life & Culture; Cultural Anthropology; Sex, Gender, & Culture; Environment & Culture; REEL Culture; Religion & Culture) and linguistics (Language, Culture, & Society). Check BC's Course Catalogue for a full description of each course. We will also be offering several special topics courses spanning the discipline. Topics may include Primatology, Experimental Archaeology, Anthropology of Immigration and Scandinavian Culture. There are no prerequisites for any of these courses and they fulfill degree requirements. Different formats (on campus, on-line, hybrid) are offered. Stop by and visit the Social Science Advisor, Deanne Eschbach, in Room D110, for free professional planning and advising, or contact Anthropology Prof. Anthony Tessandori (tony.tessandori@bellevuecollege.edu) to learn more about majoring in anthropology.

Communication

According to Bellevue College policy, I am only allowed to communicate with students over official BC emails systems (Bellevue Email or Canvas). If you email me from your personal email I may not respond. I am also subject to FERPA law which states that I am not allowed to communicate with any other person outside this institution about your academic issues without given and documented consent (this includes parents, none BC teachers or instructors)

Computer and Cell Phone Policy

If you choose to take lecture notes on a computer, you are free to do so. You are not permitted to email, Facebook or any other non-class related computer activity. You may want to check the web for more information about a topic we are discussing, please resist this temptation because it is can be distracting to other students. Please be aware that I know when you are doing something other than taking notes during lectures. The same is true for texting...You cannot hide it. Please refrain from this as well, improper computer use and texting during lecture can be highly distracting to other students and can negatively affect the learning environment. **I reserve the right to restrict or deny computer and cell phone usage in this class.**

Message from the chair

The Anthropology Department consists of a group of dedicated educators. We all want our students to learn and grow as they progress through their educations. We all are passionate about our fields of study and believe that what we have to say is important. We all feel that it is important that you come to class and take part in the learning process. We also know that life happens outside of our classrooms and missing class is sometimes unavoidable. In order for all of us to work together an open dialog between students and instructors is key. Most often an understanding can be reached when outside situation arises. If at any time during the quarter, you find that you are having concerns with the way a situation is being handled there are some steps to be followed. First you should talk direct to the instructor to ask for clarification or further explanation. If you feel you are not getting the results you require, contact me (Anthony Tessandori, Department Chair) at tony.tessandori@bellevuecollege.edu. I will do what I can to help resolve any issues. If I am unable to help alleviate your concerns, you should contact the Dean of Social Science Chris Bell at Chris.bell@bellevuecollege.edu

I look forward to the coming quarter and I hope to speak to each of you about the possibilities anthropology has to offer.

Have a great quarter ~ Tony Tessandori

Anthropology Paper Usage Policy

In an attempt to conserve resources, the Anthropology Department has implemented a paper use reduction policy. We will use the Canvas Site to post materials required for class (i.e. readings, activities, the complete syllabus...). When necessary we will make copies for class, but this will be when posting is not an option. You are not expected to print all materials. When we think it would be beneficial to print materials we will inform you of this. but will not require it. We know that it is not always convenient and understand that we all must make changes to attain a sustainable life style.

Explore the LMC!

The Library Media Center is at your fingertips! I *strongly* encourage you to visit the LMC at least this quarter, but you can also access it via the web. Talk to a Reference Librarian at the Library (D-126), by calling (425) 564-6161, or by email: reference@bellevuecollege.edu.

- Main Library Media Center: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/>
- For the LMC online catalog: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/catalogs.html>
- For article databases: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/periodicals.html>

For all of your written work:

Submit proofread work **only**. Work not proofread will be returned **once** for a rewrite, expected to be handed in within 48 hours. If you need help with your writing, please make use of the following student support services:

- Academic Success Center: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/academicsuccess/>
- Academic Tutoring Center: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/tutoring/>
- TRiO Student Support Services: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/TRiO/>
- Writing Lab @ BC: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/writinglab/>

Preventing Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty occurring when students use information or material from outside sources and do not properly cite those sources. This is grounds

for disciplinary action. It is your responsibility to understand plagiarism and its consequences. Plagiarism occurs if:

- a. You do not cite quotations and/or attribute borrowed ideas.
- b. You fail to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks.
- c. You do not write summaries and paraphrases in his/her own words and/or doesn't document his/her source.
- d. You turn in work created by another person.
- e. You submit or use your own prior work for a current or past course, or work from one current course in another course *without express permission* from your professors. This may also be considered academic dishonesty.
- f. Consequences: If it is determined that you have plagiarized or engaged in other forms of academic dishonesty, you will likely fail the assignment and possibly the course, despite points earned through other work. Acts of academic dishonesty are reviewed for disciplinary action.

Procedures and guidelines of the social science division

Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing*

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 Dean 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 Dean of Student Services and at

[http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050P_Student_Code_\(Procedures\).asp](http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050P_Student_Code_(Procedures).asp)

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

The following conditions must be met for an incomplete (I) grade to be issued:

- Students must request an incomplete grade
- However, agreeing to issue an incomplete grade is at the discretion of the instructor
- Students must have completed 85% of the required coursework by the time the quarter ends
- Students must have earned at least a C average for all other completed coursework

F Grade

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

Hardship Withdrawal (HW) Option Eliminated:

- Faculty should assign the grade earned
- Students with extenuating circumstances may submit an appeal to Student Central to ask that a failing or poor grade be changed to an official withdrawal (W)
- Students with a medical situation may also qualify for a refund of tuition and fees

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.

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 us as soon as possible. If you are a person who requires assistance in case of an emergency situation, such as a fire, earthquake, etc, please meet with your individual instructors to develop a safety plan within the first week of the quarter. 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 D 125. www.bellevuecollege.edu/autismspectrumnavigators/. The DRC office is located in B 132 or you can call our reception desk at (425) 564-2498. Deaf students can reach us by video phone at (425) 440-2025 or by TTY at (425) 564-4110. Please visit our website for application information into our program and other helpful links at www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc/.

Religious Accommodations

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In a manner similar to the DRC, the Student Affairs AVP will approve the accommodation and inform, support and work with the faculty member to accommodate the requested days. That may include an alternate test day, or extended deadlines/alternate assignments for work completed during class time. (Test make-ups can be scheduled in the testing center at no charge to the student.)

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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.

College Grievance Policy

Procedure regarding grievances for discrimination, harassment and retaliation) can be found at <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id-1440p/>

**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.*
