

**Course Code:** ANT 101 (IAI S1 900N)

**Course Title:** Introduction to Anthropology

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

**CIP Code:** 45.0201

**Repeatability:** 0

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## Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 3-0-3

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 3**

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## General Course Information

### Catalog Description

Introduction to the study of humankind. Attention given to humanity as both a living, evolving organism and creator and product of culture. Substantial emphasis placed on crosscultural material.

### General Course Objectives

To introduce the student to the scientific study of humankind.

### Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

### Prerequisites

None

### Methods of Evaluation

Evaluation methods will include 1 midterm and 1 final exam, reading quizzes, short papers (8-10 pages total), and applied activities.

### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Introduction to Anthropology, current edition. This introductory textbook is an Open Educational Resource. 978-1-951693-99-2

## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction to Anthropology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the holistic and comparative perspectives and their value and importance in understanding human behavior.</li> <li>2. Name the major sub-fields in anthropology and give examples of careers in each sub-field.</li> </ol>	3	0	0
Research Methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the field methods used in archaeology and biological anthropology and distinguish between different dating and data collection methods used in these disciplines.</li> <li>2. Paraphrase the contributions of past societies to human culture and understand various theories for the rise and fall of states.</li> </ol>	6	0	0
Evolution, Variation, and Adaptation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Distinguish between the various mechanisms of evolution and recognize the significance of the modern synthesis.</li> <li>2. Provide examples of how human biological variation has been shaped by natural selection and describe why race is a discredited concept in human biology.</li> </ol>	6	0	0
Primates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recall the relatedness of primates to humans and infer primate behavior as a model for human evolution.</li> <li>2. Identify and distinguish among non-human primates, their skills, and abilities.</li> </ol>	3	0	0
Early Hominins and Early Humans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explain the chronology of hominid evolution, including identifying the oldest known bipeds and noting the differences between Australopithecines and Homo.</li> <li>2. Identify the adaptive strategies of different Homo species as well as their cultural capabilities and anatomical differences.</li> </ol>	6	0	0
Linguistic Anthropology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the field of sociolinguistics.</li> <li>2. Classify the components of language and how anthropologists learn languages, including explaining the significance of nonverbal communication.</li> </ol>	6	0	0
Cultural Anthropology: Theory, Methods, and the Construction of Race	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify and distinguish among the major ethnographic techniques, and know how and why these methods would be used.</li> <li>2. Paraphrase the major theoretical trends in anthropology.</li> <li>3. Distinguish between ethnicity and race and differentiate between assimilation, pluralism, and multiculturalism; analyze how these concepts are applied in diverse societies.</li> </ol>	3	0	0
Economic and Political Anthropology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the major economic adaptive strategies of humans and identify different forms of distribution and exchange.</li> <li>2. Analyze the effects of the market principle, redistribution, and reciprocity on social groups.</li> <li>3. Identify the four basic types of political systems and describe the key characteristics of each; analyze conflict resolution strategies among each type of political system.</li> </ol>	3	0	0

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Cultural Anthropology Perspectives: Gender, Kinship, Religion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe how biology and culture are expressed in human sex/gender systems, and analyze gender roles and gender stratification.</li> <li>2. Distinguish how families and descent groups differ and how kinship is calculated in various societies.</li> <li>3. Distinguish different forms of marriage cross-culturally, as well as identify the regulations of marriage and the rights this institution conveys to different populations.</li> <li>4. Explain ritual and its various forms and expressions, and explain the role religion plays in maintaining and changing societies.</li> </ol>	6	0	0
Contemporary Global Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify the influences on culture of arts, the media, and sports.</li> <li>2. Explain the world system and colonialism in twenty-first century societies.</li> <li>3. Analyze how anthropologists study issues of global concern such as environmental change and indigenous peoples.</li> </ol>	3	0	0

**Total Contact Hours**

<b>Lecture Hours</b>	<b>Lab Hours</b>	<b>Clinical Hours</b>
45	0	0