

Introduction to Anthropology (A)

Sociology and Anthropology 101

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: This course is an introduction to the concepts anthropology uses to understand social life. It is an exploration of the questions that arise from an international, cross-cultural perspective on how and why people's collective experiences differ around the world. We will discuss how culture shapes people's lives, ways we can understand the social organization of everyday life, and what it means to speak of different cultures in a world shaped by colonial relations of power and the global movements of people, ideas, goods, and technologies. The course will move between detailed accounts of particular lives (their experiences, hopes, dilemmas, loves, and hardships), on the one hand, and on the other, overviews of concepts and debates in anthropology that address the local and global means by which lives are ordered and organized. The emphasis is on an anthropological way of asking questions and engaging with problems, as a tool both for understanding different ways of life and gaining insight into one's own.

This course gives equal weight and time to lectures and tutorial discussions. The textbook, case studies, and lectures will raise questions and possible answers, while tutorial sections give you an opportunity to explore the connections between the lives described, and the concepts anthropologists might use to make sense of them.

Grading: Graded course assignments will include exams, short essays, and various learning exercises. Attendance at tutorials is required. The weighting of these assignments in the final grade will be presented in the first class and posted on Dr. Pigg's door.

All the assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology follows SFU policy in relation to grading practices, grade appeals (Policy T 20.01) and academic dishonesty and misconduct procedures (Policy T 10.03). It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of the content of these policies (available on the SFU website under Administration, SFU Policies & Procedures).

Required Texts: Delaney, Carol. *Investigating Culture: An Experiential Introduction to Anthropology*. Blackwell Publishing 2004.

Ashworth, Adam. *Madumo: A Man Bewitched*. University of Chicago Press, 2000.

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Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None

Notes: All students are expected to read and understand SFU\202s policies with regard to academic dishonesty (T 10.02 and T 10.03). These policies are available at the following web addresses: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-02.htm> and <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-03.htm>

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