
ANT S302

Cultural Anthropology

Summer 2012 (July 8 – August 9)
MTWTh 1:00-2:45 pm

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Overview

This course is an introduction to cultural anthropology. There are no prerequisites. The course fulfills the Social Science and Cultural Diversity requirements.

Goals

Students will emerge from the course with

- Knowledge of the complexity and diversity of cultures and societies.
- An awareness of various theoretical and methodological approaches to communication, interpretation, and representation across cultures.
- An understanding of their own experiences as social and cultural beings.
- Improved critical and analytical thinking skills.

Requirements

This is a fast-paced course that covers a semester's worth of material in five weeks. Students are expected to

- Attend class regularly
- Complete readings prior to the class for which they are assigned
- Engage fully in class discussions and exercises
- Turn in assigned work on time

Evaluation

Grades will be based on

- Three projects (40% of the final grade)
- One comprehensive final exam (30%)
- Three quizzes (20%)
- Attendance and class participation (10%)

Required Materials

Available at the University Coop Bookstore.

The main text:

- JT Omohundro, *Thinking Like An Anthropologist*. McGraw-Hill, 2008.

Two ethnographies:

- B. Knauff, *The Gebusi: Lives Transformed in a Rainforest World*. McGraw-Hill, 2011.
- S. Nanda, *Neither Man nor Woman: The Hijras of India*. Wadsworth, 1999.

Milestones

Project assignments will be distributed one week before the due dates.

July 18

Project 1 due

July 30

Project 2 due

August 6

Project 3 due

August 9

Final exam (in class). Includes both objective and essay questions.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
	9 <i>Introduction</i>	10 <i>The Concept of Culture</i> Omohundro. Intro (Using This Book) & chapter 1	11 <i>Fieldwork</i> Omohundro ch. 2	12 <i>Cultural Integration</i> Omohundro ch. 3 Quiz 1		Text: Omohundro, <i>Thinking Like An Anthropologist</i>
	16 <i>Cultural Comparison</i> Omohundro ch. 4	17 <i>Cultural Change</i> Omohundro ch. 5	18 <i>Cultural Representation: Ethnographic Film Project 1 due</i>	19 <i>Cultural Representation: Ethnographic Writing</i> Knauff pp. 1-92		Text: Knauff, <i>The Gebusi</i>
	23 <i>Cultural Change (case study)</i> Knauff pp. 93-168 Quiz 2	24 <i>Culture and Biology</i> Omohundro ch. 6	25 <i>Social Structure and Power</i> Omohundro ch. 7	26 <i>Symbols and Meaning</i> Omohundro ch. 8		
	30 <i>Symbols and Meaning (cont'd)</i> Project 2 due	31 <i>Reflexivity</i> Omohundro ch. 9	1 <i>Cultural Relativism</i> Omohundro ch. 10	2 <i>Cultural Dialogues</i> Omohundro ch. 11 & Afterword Quiz 3		
	6 <i>Gender and Sexuality Project 3 due</i>	7 <i>Gender and Sexuality (case study)</i> Nanda pp. 1-82	8 <i>Gender and Sexuality (cont'd) and Review</i> Nanda pp. 83-158	9 Comprehensive final exam		Text: Nanda, <i>Neither Man Nor Woman</i>

Relevant University Policies

Academic Integrity

Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University of Texas Honor Code:

The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

Any work submitted in this course for academic credit must be the student's own work. Students who violate the Honor Code will receive no credit for the assignment, quiz, or exam, and may be referred to the Dean for disciplinary action.

Use of E-mail for Official Correspondence to Students

It is the student's responsibility to keep the University informed as to changes in his or her e-mail address. Students are expected to check e-mail on a frequent and regular basis in order to stay current with University-related communications, recognizing that certain communications may be time-critical. It is recommended that e-mail be checked daily, but at a minimum, twice per week. Instructions for updating your e-mail address are available at

<http://www.utexas.edu/its/help/utmail/1564>

Services for Students with Disabilities

Any student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at (512) 471-6259 (voice) or 1-866-329-3986 (video phone). Please notify the instructor as quickly as possible if the material being presented in class is not accessible, or if other disability-related accommodations are required. See SSD's website for more disability-related information:

http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/for_cstudents.php

Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL)

If you are concerned about someone, please call the Behavior Concerns Advice Line, 512-232-5050.

Q drop Policy

The State of Texas has enacted a law that limits the number of course drops for academic reasons to six (6).

Emergency Evacuation Policy

Occupants of buildings on the UT Austin campus are required to evacuate and assemble outside when a fire alarm is activated or an announcement is made. Please be aware of the following policies regarding evacuation:

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when you entered the building.
- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform the instructor in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the instructor's instructions.
- Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.