

Introduction to Anthropology

Sociology and Anthropology 101

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: Anthropology is the comparative cross-cultural study of human nature and human possibilities. As seen in its very name (derived from the Greek words for 'man' or 'humanity' -- anthropos -- and 'knowledge' -- logos), this field of study is based on the ambitious dream of achieving an understanding of humankind in all its diversity. In this course we will explore the basic concepts of modern social and cultural anthropology through concrete examples of anthropology in practice--especially those involving political controversies of significance in our own region and the contemporary world at large. Such controversies include Aboriginal land-claims, immigration, the nature of gender, the dispute over "female genital mutilation", the nature of "exotic" beliefs such as witchcraft and magic in relation to science, and the concept of "race".

Grading: Your final mark in this course will be based on the following:

A brief "anthropological" autobiography (5pp): 10%

Paper proposal: 5%

A mid-term exam: 25%

A research essay (10-15pp): 30%

A final exam: 30%

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

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Required Texts: Napoleon Chagnon, The Yanomamo, 5th Edition, Harcourt Brace Publishers

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Hugh Brody, *Maps & Dreams: Indians & The British Columbia Frontier* Douglas & McIntyre.

Serena Nanda, *Neither Man nor Woman*, Wadsworth

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Students with credit for SA 170 may not take SA 101 for further credit.

Notes: Tutorials will not be held in the first week of classes.

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