

Anthropology II: Course Syllabus

Anthropology II: More Human Mysteries Uncovered

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Anthropology has helped us better understand cultures around the world and through different time period. This course continues the study of global cultures and the ways that humans have made sense of their world. We will examine some of the ways that cultures have understood and gave meaning to different stages of life and death. The course will also examine the creation of art within cultures and examine how cultures evolve and change over time. Finally, we will apply the concepts and insights learned from the study of anthropology to several cultures found in the world today.

Unit 1: Anthropologists in the Field

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss ethnographies as a research method and written product.**
- * **Discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages of using ethnographical research methods.**
- * **Describe the development and history of ethnography.**
- * **Understand the various elements of doing ethnographical research.**
- * **Discuss the ethical dilemmas and issues in ethnographies.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Anthropologists in the Field: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Anthropologists in the Field: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz –Anthropologists in the Field	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 2: The Life Course

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss the life course perspective and why anthropologists may study the life course.**
- * **Describe rites of passage and why societies use them.**
- * **Understand some of the different phases or stages that individuals experience during their lives.**
- * **Discuss social birth and how this may be different from physical birth.**
- * **Describe initiation rites and why they are used by societies.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Life Course: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Life Course: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 2 Quiz – The Life Course	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 3: Death & Dying

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Understand death systems and the functions that these systems have for society.**
- * **Describe how human societies deal with human remains.**
- * **Discuss how societies have buried their dead and how these practices connect to religious and social beliefs.**
- * **Define grave goods and understand why they were used in burials around the world.**
- * **Discuss some of the funeral practices that societies have used throughout history.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Death & Dying: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Death & Dying: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 3 Quiz – Death & Dying	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 4: Art and Culture

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Describe the anthropological perspective on art.**
- * **Understand why cultures produce art and what role it plays in society.**
- * **Show how art can be classified according to societal complexity.**
- * **Discuss music and dance as a form of art.**
- * **Describe the production of cave paintings in prehistoric periods.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Art and Culture: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Art and Culture: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz – Art and Culture	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Anthropology II Midterm Exam

Objectives:

- Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:
- * **Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
 - * **Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

ASSIGNMENT:

Anthropology II Midterm Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Midterm Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 5: Cultural Evolution

Objectives:

- Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:
- * **Describe cultural change.**
 - * **Show why cultural change happens and some of the factors that can produce it.**

- * Discuss anthropological concepts related to cultural change, such as diffusion and acculturation.
- * Discuss some of the different types of cultural diffusion.
- * Describe how cultural change can be intentionally brought about.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Cultural Evolution: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Cultural Evolution: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz – Cultural Evolution	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 6: The Maasai

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Describe the Maasai culture in Africa.**
- * **Understand the household organization of the culture.**
- * **Discuss the gender arrangement of the Maasai.**
- * **Discuss the rites of passage that Maasai males experience.**
- * **Understand the factors that are creating cultural change for the Maasai.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Maasai: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Maasai: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 6 Quiz – The Maasai	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 7: The Yanomamo**Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss the Yanomamo.**
- * **Describe the structure and organization of a Yanomamo village.**
- * **Discuss different explanations for the violence and warfare in Yanomamo culture.**
- * **Describe Yanomamo funeral practices and their functions.**
- * **Understand some of the controversies of Yanomamo research.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Yanomamo: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Yanomamo: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz – The Yanomamo	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 8: Cultures of Indonesia

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss the cultures of Indonesia.**
- * **Show how Indonesian culture reflects cultural diffusion.**
- * **Give several examples of Indonesian religions that show the influence of other cultures.**
- * **Discuss the tradition of gamelan and its role in Indonesian society.**
- * **Understand how other cultures have influenced Indonesian architecture and cuisine.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Cultures of Indonesia: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Cultures of Indonesia: Online Anthropology II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz – Cultures of Indonesia	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Anthropology II Final Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
- * **Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

ASSIGNMENT:

Anthropology II Final Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
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**Class Reflection Discussion
Assignment**

Discussion

10 points

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