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Anthropology 101H Section 02
Anthropology and the Human Experience
Syllabus Fall 2021 – Part 1
The University of Montana, Department of Anthropology

Tuesday, Thursday
2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

North Underground Lecture Hall 101

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“Anthropology demands the open-mindedness with which one must look and listen...”
~ Margaret Mead

“Anthropology is the most humanistic of the sciences and the most scientific of the humanities.”
~ Alfred Kroeber

“Anthropology is the science which tells us that people are the same the whole world over—except when they are different.”
~ Nancy Banks-Smith

Course Description:

This class will provide an in-depth introduction to anthropology. This course introduces the fundamental concepts, methods, and perspectives of the field and the four subfields of anthropology: biological anthropology, archaeology, social/cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. It provides a description and analysis of human culture, its growth and change, as well as the nature and functions of social institutions.

Safety Message:

- **Mask use is REQUIRED within the classroom.**
- UM recommends students get the COVID-19 vaccine. Please direct your questions or concerns about vaccines to Curry Health Center.
- Please keep your distance from others as much as possible.
- Assigned seats and class attendance will be recorded to support contact tracing efforts.
- Eating during class is discouraged within the classroom as it requires the removal of masks.
- Stay home if you feel sick and/or if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and contact the Curry Health Center at 243-4330. If you are required to isolate or quarantine, you will receive support in the class to ensure continued academic progress.

Required Text: (There are two copies on reserve at the Mansfield Library.)
Ember, Carol R., Melvin Ember, and Peter N. Peregrine
2015 *Anthropology*. 14th Edition. Pearson, Boston, MA.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will gain an appreciation of the diversity and richness of the human experience
2. Students will acquire an understanding of the history, subject matter, and methods of study in anthropology
3. Students will learn basic anthropological concepts and terms

Grades:

Exam #1	100 points
Exam #2	100 points
Final Exam	200 points
<u>Community Action Project</u>	<u>20 points</u>
Total	420 points

Students with Disabilities:

The Department of Anthropology is committed to equal opportunity in education for all students, including those with documented physical disabilities or documented learning disabilities. University policy states that it is the responsibility of students with documented disabilities to contact instructors to discuss appropriate accommodations to ensure equity in grading, classroom experiences, and outside assignments. The instructor will meet with the student and the staff of the Disability Services for Students (DSS) to make accommodations. Please contact DSS (umt.edu/dss; 406. 243.2373) for more information.

Academic Integrity:

The University of Montana expects its students to be academically honest, particularly in regard to plagiarism. "Plagiarism is the representing of another's work as one's own." Both copyright laws and University policies are rigid as concerns plagiarism. Consult the current "Student Conduct Code" for details regarding penalties for plagiarism.

Topics for Part One:

- Introduction: What is Anthropology?
 - What is culture? What does it mean to be human?
 - Why is Anthropology important?
- Four subfields of Anthropology
 - Social/Cultural
 - Archaeology
 - Biological
 - Linguistics
- History of Anthropology and Anthropological Theory
- Research Methods
- Practicing Anthropology and Public Anthropology
- Social Stratification: Class and Ethnicity
- Culture and the Individual
- Sex and Gender

Exam #1 will be on Thursday, September 30th.

Anthropology Coming Attractions

- Human Evolution
 - Genetics and Evolution
 - Human Variation and Adaptation
 - Primates: Past and Present
 - The First Hominins
 - The Emergence of Homo sapiens

- Cultural Evolution
 - The Origins of Culture
 - The Upper Paleolithic World
 - Food Production and Settled Life
 - Cities and States

- Cultural Variation
 - Culture Change
 - Communication and Language
 - Rites of Passage
 - Economic Systems
 - Marriage and the Family
 - Marital Residence & Kinship
 - Political Life: Social Order and Disorder
 - Religion and Magic