

ANTH F100X: Individual, Society, & Culture Maymester 2020 - Section F91, 3.0 credits

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I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

A. FORMAT:

This is an online synchronous & asynchronous course.

**What does
that mean?**

Synchronous

For this part of the online course, the instructor will meet with all students at a scheduled time in a video conference environment.

This will allow us to have class discussions and interactions in a shared context.

This is scheduled for

DATES: MAY 4 – MAY 15

TIME: 11 AM – 1:30 PM

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Asynchronous

For this part of the online course, you will work independently online, on your own schedules, while still meeting deadlines for different tasks. This gives you more freedom to complete work when you have time – as long as you meet the deadlines for each assignment, exercise, exam, etc.

DATES: MAY 4 – MAY 15*

**TIME: ON YOUR OWN
(YOU MUST STILL MEET ALL DUE DATES)**

*While students may complete all coursework by May 15, if you choose, due to changes associated with moving this course online, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, students will be given until **Friday, May 22, at Noon**, to complete the **4 Exercises** listed on the syllabus. **THIS ONLY APPLIES TO THE EXERCISES, ALL OTHER WORK HAS DUE DATES, WHICH FALL BETWEEN MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 15.**

II. OFFICE HOURS—Online

• **DAYS: Monday—Friday**

• **TIME: 1—2 PM**

***Or by appointment**

- The link to access office hours will be posted on Blackboard. To locate the link on the Blackboard class homepage, find the upper-left menu and click on 'Office Hours.'
- If you are unable to make it to scheduled office hours, you can schedule an appointment.
- Appointments must be scheduled a minimum of 2 full class days in advance.

III. COURSE DETAILS

A. Official Course Description:

An examination of the complex social arrangements guiding individual behavior and common human concerns in contrasting cultural contexts.

B. Prerequisites:

Placement in WRTG F111X or higher; or permission of instructor. Email nmdufour@alaska.edu for more information.

C. Attributes:

UAF Core Indv, Soci Culture, UAF GER Social Sciences Req.

D. Course Goals and Learning Objectives:

- This course is designed to provide you with an introduction to the field of anthropology, which we will use to investigate how people and societies around the world construct both individual and group identities.
- You will learn the importance and characteristics of culture from the perspective of anthropology, while also learning how individuals and cultures vary around the world.
- You will learn about diversity and cultural variation.
- You will learn anthropological concepts that you can apply to real-world experience to help you navigate the complex and ever-changing world we live in.
- You will also learn what an anthropologist does, what careers are available to anthropologists, and some of the research topics available for study, both in Alaska and around the world.

E. Methods of Instruction:

- The synchronous part of the class, which will be held at the set time of 11 AM—1:30 PM, will be primarily lecture and class discussion. The asynchronous part of the class, which will be completed on the student's own time, with scheduled due dates, will consist of recorded lectures, multimedia presentations, exercises, and online class discussion and posts. These methods will be supported by required readings, open-book exams, quizzes and assignments.

IV. TEXTBOOK & MATERIALS

A. Internet and Computer Access

- You will need both internet and computer access for this class. Contact the instructor if you have questions regarding this, to see what options may be available.

B. Blackboard:

- You are responsible for accessing course content through Blackboard at:

classes.alaska.edu

- You must have access to your @alaska.edu account in order to access Blackboard.
- If you cannot, or if you encounter issues, contact the instructor the Office of Information Technology (OIT) - Help Desk at helpdesk@alaska.edu.

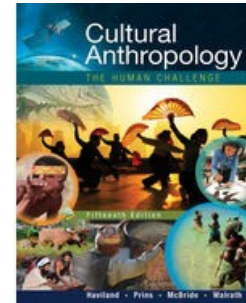


C. Digital Access Card (Required):

- Includes digital textbook and access to *MindTap*, which you will use, through Blackboard, to complete many of the course readings, activities, assignments, etc.

E-Text with MindTap Access

Title: Cultural Anthropology: Human Challenge
Authors: Haviland, Prins, McBride, & Walrath
Copyright: 2017
ISBN: 9781305860605



D. Additional Material

- Any additional materials and video links will be posted on Blackboard.

V. GRADES, EXAMS, & ASSIGNMENTS

A. Grading Scale:

Grade	%
A+	97>
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	70-76
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	60<



Final grades will NOT be rounded up.

*For example,
89.9% is a B+*

B. Final Grade Composition

Graded Assignment	% Final Grade
i. Exams (Open-Book / Notebook)	30%
ii. Reading Assignments	40%
iii. Online Lecture Attendance & Participation	10%
iv. Online Exercises	20%

i. Exams (30% of final grade, 15% each)

- There will be 2 exams
 - Exam #1 = 15% of final grade—May 9
 - Exam #2 = 15% of final grade—May 15
- Missed exams will receive a grade of zero.
- **No make-up exams** will be given, except for emergency circumstances at the sole discretion of the instructor.
- The exam must be completed on the assigned day, unless previous arrangements are made with instructor.
- Once you begin the exam, you will have three hours to complete the exam. You will not be able to pause and come back to the exam at a later time. Therefore, ensure that you are in a location with adequate internet speed before you start the exam. If this is an issue, contact the instructor.
- Exams are open book and open notebook
- Exams will be computer based, through Blackboard



Exam Content and Format

- Exams questions will be drawn from all material covered as part of this course.
- The exam may include the following types of questions: fill in the blank, multiple choice, matching, lists, true/false, compare and contrast, short essay.

ii. Reading Assignments: (40% total, 5% each)

- There will be 9 assignments total
 - Your highest 8 assignment scores will each count as 5% of your final grade
 - Your lowest score will be automatically dropped.

Assignment Content and Format

- Assignments will be completed through MindTap on Blackboard.
- Assignments are due prior to the start of lecture (11:30 AM) on the assigned day.
- Assignments will consist of questions and exercises related to the assigned reading.
- You will read the assigned chapter and complete all parts of the assignment.
- Assignments may have time limits and limits on the number of tries. When applicable, such restrictions will be stated in instructions to the assignment.

iii. Online Lecture Attendance and Participation: (10% total, 5% each)

- Attendance and participation are important components of this class.
- Attendance will be taken at the start of class
- You are expected to attend and participate during all class meetings.
- Your participation includes completing all readings and assignments prior to class on the assigned day.
- Those missing more than 25 min. of a class period will be marked absent and will also lose participation credit for that day.

A. Attendance:

Attendance will make up 5% of your final grade. It will be calculated based on the percentage of class days you attend:

$$\text{Attendance} = \frac{\# \text{ Days Present}}{\text{Total \# Class Days}} \times 5$$

B. Participation:

Participation will make up 5% of your final grade. It will be calculated based on the percentage of class days you attend AND in which you participate, by responding to class polls, contributing to discussion through chat or by voice, etc.,

$$\text{Participation} = \frac{\# \text{ Days Present \& Participating}}{\text{Total \# Class Days}} \times 5$$

iv. Online Exercises: (20% total, 5% each)

- **There will be 4 online exercises total**
 - You are expected to complete ALL 4 exercises.
 - All 3 exercises will count toward your final grade, **no** scores will be dropped

Exercise Content and Format

- Assignment instructions will be posted on Blackboard (See table, below)
- All assignments will be due **no later than NOON on Friday, May 22.**
- Assignments and directions for completing assignments will be provided to students by the dates listed on the table below.
- Assignments may be turned in at any point after they have been given to you. You do not need to wait until the deadline to submit them.
- ***The assignments involve watching either videos or live streams. For the live streams, alternatives are available, but you must inform the instructor by the second day of class if watching a live stream is not possible with your available internet speed.***

EXERCISE #	TITLE	EXERCISE WILL BE AVAILABLE BY	DUE DATE	% of Final Grade
Exercise 1:	Culture Exercise	Wed, May 6	Fri. May 22, by Noon	5%
Exercise 2:	Online Ethnographic Observation	Fri, May 8	Fri. May 22, by Noon	5%
Exercise 3:	Film Review #1	Mon, May 11	Fri. May 22, by Noon	5%
Exercise 4:	Film Review #2	Wed, May 13	Fri. May 22, by Noon	5%



VI. Expectation of Student Effort

This is a condensed course, but you are still expected to cover the same material covered during the regular semester. You should expect to spend a significant portion of the next few weeks working on this course. Students should expect to spend 2.5 hours a day, from 11AM—1:30PM in online lecture and class discussion (May 4—May 15). You should also expect to spend another 2.5 hours per day working on the course on your own schedule (watching recorded lectures and videos, and completing course exercises and activities). You will also be expected to read approximately one chapter per day. The amount of time this will take will vary from person to person, but it will likely take you 2-3 hours to read a chapter. In addition to the expectations for May 4—May 15, you also have through May 22 to complete the three Online Exercises, listed above.

You will be expected to complete all assignments, exercises, and exams by their due dates and have all reading completed prior to the scheduled lecture on the day in which the reading is assigned. There will not be additional reading due the day of exams.

Due to the fast pace of this course, it is important that you fall behind. Therefore, no extensions will be granted for due dates, except for emergency circumstances, at the sole discretion of the instructor.

Students are expected to maintain a working backup plan to be implemented in the event of a computer malfunction or an interruption of their normal Internet service during the course. If you need assistance finding available resources to help you come up with a backup plan, contact the instructor at nmdufour@alaska.edu.

VII. COURSE POLICIES:

- Students are expected to attend **ALL** scheduled class lectures.
- Students are expected to be on time and prepared for class.
- Students should expect to be dismissed from class on time.
- In the event that you must miss an online lecture, it is your responsibility to obtain notes, and any other information that you may have missed, **from a fellow student**. This includes information pertaining to unforeseen changes in assignments and due dates.
- You may wish to exchange contact information with a few classmates so that you have their information available in the event that you must miss class. This can be done through the course discussion board.
- The instructor will NOT provide students with notes or other information presented during missed online lectures, except during office hours or scheduled appointments.
- Lecture slides will **NOT** be posted online. A copy of slides will be available for viewing during office hours or by appointment.
- Students are expected to pay attention and participate during lectures.
- Students are responsible for taking notes during lectures.
- Students are responsible for all information covered as part of this class including assigned readings, lecture material, slides, class discussions, video clips, movies, and any other information and assignments. Any material covered during the course may appear on exams or other graded material.
- Make-up exams and assignments will **only** be given for **emergency** circumstances and at the sole discretion of the instructor. To ensure fairness to all students, if, in the rare event, a make-up assignment or exam is approved, it may be different from, but similar to, the original.

ASSIGNED READINGS ARE TO BE READ BEFORE LECTURE ON THE ASSIGNED DATE

READING ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE BEFORE LECTURE ON THE ASSIGNED DATE

- Students will not be allowed to disrupt the classroom learning environment in any way. The identification of disruptive behavior will be at the sole discretion of the instructor. Repetitive disruptive behavior or any behavior that is egregious may result in the student being officially dropped from the course or placed in contact with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, in accordance with UAF and UA Policies & Procedures.



Students are expected to be respectful of the instructor, fellow classmates, and the cultures and ideas presented in course material.

To be successful in this course, you do NOT have to agree with or adopt any of the ideas presented in the course material. You are, however, responsible for knowing the material and applying it in line with anthropological thinking.

VII. EMAIL POLICY:

Students may email the instructor for course information, applying the following policies:

- Emails regarding the course will typically be returned by the instructor within 24 hours.
- The email address associated with your Blackboard account, which is usually your @Alaska.edu email address will be used for communication between you and the instructor for this course.
- If you need help with your @alaska.edu account, or if you not have an account, contact the OIT Help Desk at helpdesk@alaska.edu.



VIII. Student Code of Conduct / Academic Honesty

- Policies concerning academic honesty set forth by the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and / or the University of Alaska (UA) will be followed. For more information visit: www.alaska.edu/bor/policy-regulations. Violations of any UA and / or University of Alaska Fairbanks policies, regulations, or rules, including but not limited to, plagiarism, academic dishonesty, violations of the *Student Code of Conduct*, will be handled in accordance with official policies and procedures.
- As a student, it is your responsibility to be familiar with all UA and UAF policies, regulations, and procedures, including the *Student Code of Conduct* (www.uaf.edu/csrr/student-conduct/index.php).
- When academic dishonesty is documented on any assignment or exam, you will receive a zero on that assignment and the matter may be turned over to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for inquiry, with the recommendation of a failing grade in the course.

IX. Student Protection & Services

Every qualified student is welcome in my classroom. As needed, I am happy to work with you, Disability Services, Veterans' Services, Rural Student Services, etc. to find reasonable accommodations. Students at this university are protected against sexual harassment and discrimination (Title IX), and minors have additional protections.

As required, if I notice or am informed of certain types of misconduct, then I am required to report it to the appropriate authorities. For more information on your rights as a student and the resources available to you to resolve problems, please go the following site: www.uaf.edu/handbook/

If you need assistance in reaching any of the services listed above, email the instructor at nmdufour@alaska.edu. If you need assistance from the Office of Disability Services, please inform the instructor within the first two days of class, when possible, so that any accommodations can be made as quickly as possible.

X. Notice of Nondiscrimination

UA is an AA/EEO employer and educational institution and prohibits illegal discrimination against any individual: www.alaska.edu/nondiscrimination.

Your continued enrollment in this class is considered to be your acceptance of this syllabus and your agreement to abide by the policies and information included above.