

**Anthropology 1000, Introduction to Anthropology**  
**Fall 2006**  
**Thursday 5:00-7:20pm**  
**Dixie State College of Utah**

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**The Course:**

This course will introduce you to the discipline of anthropology, the systematic study of humankind. We will study the methods of collecting and analyzing data that make anthropology a science. Our analysis will include people's physical and cultural evolutions as well as our economic, political, and religious systems and how we organize around race/ethnicity, gender, and marriage. By the end of the course you will have a good understanding of the ways people, past and present, have organized themselves.

**Course Objectives:**

Students completing Introduction to Anthropology should:

- demonstrate knowledge of human development and the human condition;
- understand the ideas, people, and events that are generally thought to be important by anthropologists;
- develop informed points of view based on anthropological knowledge;
- understand anthropology as a scientific discipline (i.e. the gathering and analyzing of empirical data in a systematic fashion);

**Text:**

Raymond Scupin and Christopher R. DeCorse. *Anthropology: A Global Perspective*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

**Evaluation:**

Grades will be based on three multiple choice exams and one term paper. The weight of the exams and paper in determining your final grade are as follows:

Exam #1:	20%
Exam #2:	25%
Exam #3:	30%
Paper:	25%

**Exams:**

Exams will be a combination of multiple choice and essay. EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN ON ASSIGNED DATES.

**Paper:**

For your paper you will explore an anthropological field on your own. You will then apply concepts we've learned in the course to your findings. I will hand out a paper assignment on September 7, the paper is due on November 9. LATE PAPERS WILL BE GRADED DOWN ONE FULL GRADE.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is NOT mandatory. However, I lecture on material that is not in the text. There will be exam questions from my lectures, questions that are not from the text. If you miss class you risk missing information that will be on the exam.

NOTE: Your final grade is based on your letter grades, not on your accumulation of points.

ANOTHER NOTE: You must complete all assignments to pass this class.

FINAL NOTE: I reserve the right to (a) adjust individual grades based on my evaluation of your participation and enthusiasm in the course and (b) make changes to the syllabus during the course if I feel it will benefit the class.

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## Course Schedule

<u>Week &amp; Topics</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<u>Week #1</u> August 24 INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY	Chapter 1
<u>Week #2</u> August 31 EVOLUTION	Chapter 3
<u>Week #3</u> September 7 RECORD OF THE PAST <b>Hand out Term Paper Assignment</b>	Chapter 2
<u>Week #4</u> September 14 PRIMATES HOMINIDS	Chapter 4 Chapter 5
<u>Week #5</u> September 21 <b>Exam #1</b>	
<u>Week #6</u> September 28 HUMAN VARIATION	Chapter 6
<u>Week #7</u> October 5 CULTURE ANTHROPOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS	Chapter 10 Chapter 13
<u>Week X</u> October 12 <b>No Class</b>	
<u>Week #8</u> October 19 ANALYZING SOCIOCULTURAL SYSTEMS	Chapter 14
<u>Week #9</u> October 26 LANGUAGE	Chapter 12
<u>Week #10</u> November 2 <b>Exam #2</b>	
<u>Week #11</u> November 9 PALEOLITHIC CULTURES DOMESTICATION AND SETTLED LIFE <b>Term Paper Due</b>	Chapter 7 Chapter 8
<u>Week #12</u> November 16 COMPLEX SOCIETIES	Chapter 9
<u>Week XX</u>	

November 23

**No Class**

Week #13

November 30

AGRICULTURAL STATES

Chapter 18

Week #14

December 7

INDUSTRIAL STATES

Chapter 19

Week #15

December 14

**Exam #3**