

ANT 101-621 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Fall 2017 Syllabus (22812)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/COURSE MATERIALS

Robert L. Welsch & Luis A. Vivanco (2016) *Asking Questions About Cultural Anthropology: A Concise Introduction*. Oxford Univ. Press.

Articles as assigned in class

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Studies human cultural patterns and learned behavior including linguistics, social and political organization, religion, culture and personality, culture change, and applied anthropology. Guaranteed Transfer course.

Credit hours: 3

COURSE PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITES

Prerequisite: ENG 090 (grade C or higher) CCR 092, CCR 094, or equivalent placement scores.

SKILLS AND TALENTS

Students are expected to read and write at the college level. In addition, students must have the following skills and talents:

1. Self-motivation: you are required to read the assignments, participate in the classroom discussions and complete all course requirements by the dates in the timeline. No one will remind you of deadlines.
2. Knowledge of your strengths and weaknesses: you will know when you are doing well and when you need help. It is your responsibility to seek help when you need it. Call or email the instructor--no question is trivial if it answers a concern, clarifies a point or simply offers reassurance.
3. This course involves the use, understanding and capacities in the following areas: writing, reading, critical thinking, ethics, information seeking and an appreciation of diversity.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

I. Critical Thinking

II. Diversity & Global Learning

COURSE COMPETENCIES

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education has approved ANT 101 for inclusion in the Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathways program in the [GT-SS3] category. For transferring students, successful completion with a minimum C-grade guarantees transfer and application of credit in the GT Pathways category. For more information on the GT Pathways program, go to visit [the CO Department of Higher Education](#) website. [Course Competencies](#) for ANT 101.

ANTHROPOLOGY MISSION STATEMENT

The Anthropology program at RRCC is committed to building an understanding of human diversity and global awareness while utilizing critical thinking skills. This course focuses on culture, a subfield of anthropology, to better understand human cultures around the globe. Students acquire skills for life-long learning, as well as, a deeper understanding of our shared humanity upon successful completion of an RRCC ANT course.

To be successful in this class you must read the chapters BEFORE the date they will be discussed and come to class prepared. Please share your cross-cultural experiences; your comments and discussions are encouraged.

GRADES

METHODS OF EVALUATION / GRADING / ASSESSMENT

Tests (2 X 90 points each)	180	Points
Chapter Quizzes (10 pts. each)	50	“
Ethnographic Project (due 10/14)	60	“
Exercise TWO (due 11/27)	45	“
In-Class Activities (5 X 15 pts.)	75	“
<u>Final Analytical Paper</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>“</u>
Total Points	530	

GRADING SCALE

A = 477 - 530, B = 424 - 476, C = 371 - 423, D = 318 - 422, F = 0 - 317

CRITERIA FOR GRADING / GRADING STANDARDS / ASSESSMENT MODULES

All students will be assessed based on their scores on the 5 quizzes, a Midterm and Final exam and a final analytical paper on contemporary culture. These assignments will indicate whether or not you understand the concepts and topics of Cultural Anthropology.

COURSE POLICIES

CENSUS DATE (LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A REFUND)

If you drop a class before the drop date you are not responsible for payment, and you will not lose College Opportunity Fund (COF) credits. Additionally, a dropped course will not be visible on your permanent student record. If you are on financial aid, you should consult a financial aid advisor before dropping a class.

The **last day to withdraw** is October 6 (with a refund)

WITHDRAW DATE (LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW WITH A "W")

You can withdraw between the drop and withdrawal dates without affecting your grade point average. However, if you withdraw from a class you will be responsible for full payment and you will lose COF credits. If you are on financial aid, you should consult a financial aid advisor before withdrawing from a class.

The **last day to withdraw** is Oct.20 (without refund).

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance and class participation are expected. It is your responsibility to attend class and to complete the readings and assignments. **Attendance is so important** a point will be awarded for each class period you attend. You have 2 built in sick days. If you are ill or have to miss class for an important reason, then email the instructor (**drg@tde.com**) with a short explanation for your absence (within a week). If you do, you will receive a half point for that day and I will email you to say what you missed.

MAKE-UP / LATE WORK POLICIES / EXTRA CREDIT

Late Assignments. Late papers will ONLY be accepted ONE week past their due date IF YOU HAVE A VALID REASON & you have discussed it with the instructor. You will lose 10% of the points for that assignment. You are responsible for all information and materials covered in class lectures, videos, and in the texts.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Please be respectful of your fellow classmates and the professor. Turn your cellphones to silent and only use your laptop to take notes and not to check your Facebook account, etc.

OTHER COURSE POLICIES

Reading Assignments:

Week	Text	Assignments
1 Friday 10/6	Chapter 1 – Anthropology Chapter 2 – Culture	Study Ch. 1 & 2 for Quiz
Saturday 10/7	Take Quiz 1 on Ch. 1 & 2 in class on 10/07 Chapter 3 – Linguistic Anthropology Chapter 4 – Ethnography: Studying Culture Chapter 5 – Globalization & Culture	IN CLASS ACTIVITY: “TIME” Film: Killing Us Softly Study Ch. 3-5 for Quiz
2 Friday 10/13	10/13 Take Quiz 2 on Ch. 3 - 5 Chapter 6 – Sustainability: Environment & Foodways Chapter 7 – Economics: Working, Sharing and Buying	IN CLASS ACTIVITY: GIFT EXCHANGE Study Ch. 6-7 for quiz Critical Thinking Test 1
Saturday 10/14	Take Quiz 3 on Ch. 6 & 7 Chapter 8 – Power: Politics and Social Control Chapter 9 – Gender, Sex and Sexuality Chapter 10 – Kinship, Marriage and the Family	In Class Activity: Ethnographic Project Study Ch. 8-10 for Quiz Begin planning for your ethnographic project.
3 Friday 10/20	Take Quiz 4 on Ch. 8 – 10 Chapter 11 – Religion: ritual and belief	Film: The Shamans Apprentice Study Ch. 11 for Quiz 5
Saturday 10/21	Take Quiz 5 on Ch. 11 Chapter 12 – The Body: Biocultural perspectives on Health and Illness Chapter 13 – The Arts: Objects, Images and Commodities	Critical Thinking Final Test (2)

ETHNOGRAPHIC PROJECT

1. Choose an aspect of contemporary culture that interests you and that you can portray visually. Your task is to make a single slide power point presentation which you will explain culturally to class on the due date. You will present your ethnographic project to the class on October 14.
2. Examples: Portray visually aspect of American belief systems or aspects of socialization of children or environmental concern.
3. Prepare a print-out of your slide to turn in for a grade.

FINAL ANALYTICAL PROJECT

Anthropology is really a study of human systems in which there is a relationship between structure and behavior (ex. Why do U.S. citizens wear clothes? A structural relationship to wearing clothes may be weather and that the political system in which we live that has severe sanctions for those who do not .) We have posited that culture is learned, shared, integrated, based on symbols and can change over time. Building on your ethnographic project, write a coherent paper of 3-5 typed pages write an analytical paper that illustrates the principles of a learned, shared, integrated, symbolic and has changed over time.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The current RRCC Student Handbook is your most current source of dates, resources, contacts, and policies: <http://www.rrcc.edu/student-life/handbook> . Read the section on Academic Integrity or the attached document under the Content tab & Getting Started.

INCOMPLETE (I) GRADES

An "I" (incomplete) grade means that a student has not completed the course requirements due to circumstances as judged by the instructor to be beyond the student's control, BUT THAT THE STUDENT HAD BEEN ATTENDING CLASS AND HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST 75% OF THE REQUIRED COURSE WORK. The student and the faculty member will enter into a contract that will outline the requirements and deadlines that the student must met to successfully complete the course. It is not granted automatically. If the student fails to meet the terms of the contract, the student's grade will automatically become an F grade for the course.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The current RRCC Academic Calendar is your most accurate source of academic events and deadlines <http://www.rrcc.edu/academic-calendar>

RRCC CATALOG

For additional college policies, please see the current RRCC Catalog (<http://www.rccc.edu/catalogs/17-18/>)

CAMPUS MAPS

Campus maps for both the Lakewood campus and the Arvada campus are available for assistance locating your classrooms and other campus services: <http://www.rccc.edu/campus-maps/lakewood-interior> and <http://www.rccc.edu/campus-maps/arvada>

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Plagiarizing, cheating, or committing any other form of academic misconduct including, but not limited to, unauthorized collaboration, falsification of information, and/or helping someone else violate reasonable standards for academic behavior. Students who engage in any type of academic dishonesty are subject to both academic consequences as determined by the instructor and to disciplinary action as outlined in the RRCC disciplinary procedures, see the current Student Handbook: <http://www.rccc.edu/student-life/handbook> . **You MUST footnote all websites used for your Exercises and Essays.** Copying or cutting and pasting an essay from the internet is cheating! YOU did NOT write the essay! If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing on Test 1, you will be given 1 week to write an original essay in your own words for no more than 24 points. If the Test 2 essay is also plagiarized you will receive a 0 for that essay and you will also be reported to the Vice President of Student Services. There is no chance to rewrite Test 2! If you are caught cheating on a quiz you will receive a zero for that quiz.

CAMPUS CLOSURE INFORMATION

Did you know RRCC is exempt from the State Inclement Weather Policy and may remain open while other state government offices close? You can learn when bad weather or emergency conditions require that either of the Red Rocks campuses are closed via local news media, the RRCC website, or by calling the campus closure line at 303-914-6600.

ACTIVATE AND USE YOUR STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT

RRCC communicates with students via email only through their student email address. For access information and instructions for setting up your account, please see the student email website (<http://www.rccc.edu/admissions/student-email>).

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY – STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

RRCC follows the standard response protocols visible in each in classroom and around both campuses. The RRCC Emergency Management Plan and additional useful information are available via the RRCC Police Department homepage.

ACCESSIBILITY

ADAAA (Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: Red Rocks Community College is committed to access for students with disabilities. If you are a student with a disability and need assistance or are interested in requesting accommodations, please contact Accessibility Services. Faculty are not obligated to provide accommodations without proper notification by Accessibility Services and accommodations are not retroactive. Students may contact the Access staff by telephone or email to make an intake appointment at 303-914-6733, 720-372-1591(VP) or Accessibility Services access@rrcc.edu. Accessibility Services is located in Suite 1182 at the Lakewood campus. More information is available at the Accessibility Services website: www.rrcc.edu/accessibility-services.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Red Rocks Community College is committed to diversity in its people and programs. The College is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry, or any other category protected by applicable law. Please direct discrimination inquiries to: Red Rocks Community College, Human Resources, 13300 W 6th Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228-1255, 303-914-6298.

MANDATORY REPORTING STATEMENT

Our College is committed to preserving a safe and welcoming educational environment for all students. As part of this effort, I have an obligation to report certain issues relating to the health and safety of campus community members. I must report to the appropriate College officials any allegation of discrimination or harassment. Sexual misconduct, which includes sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse, and sexual exploitation, is considered a form of discrimination.

In addition to reporting all discrimination and harassment claims, I must report all allegations of dating violence or domestic violence, child abuse or neglect, and/or credible threats of harm to yourself or others. Such reports may trigger contact from a College official who will want to talk with you about the incident that you have shared. In almost all cases, it will be your decision whether you wish to speak with that individual. If you would like more information, you may reach the Title IX/EO Coordinator: D. Arnie Oudenhoven, Executive Director of Human Resources/Title IX Administrator, 303-914-6298 or Arnie Oudenhoven (arnie.oudenhoven@rrcc.edu) Reports to law enforcement can be made at the Red Rocks Campus Police Department behind the Welcome Desk at the Main Entrance or RRCC Dispatch (rrpd.dispatch@rrcc.edu) at 303-914-6394.

If you would like a confidential resource, please contact Deborah Houser, Assistant Director of Human Resources/Deputy Title IX Administrator, 303-914-6224 or Deborah Houser (deborah.houser@rrcc.edu)

Further information may be found on the college Human Resources website: <http://www.rrcc.edu/human-resources/sexual-misconduct> .