

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**Social Science**

**Revision Date: 01-09-23**

[Syllabus Statements](#)

**I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

Course Number: ANTH1120

Course Title: General Anthropology

Prerequisite: None

Catalog Description: A survey of the study of races, their characteristics, customs, social relationships and work, the cultural and linguistic diversity of living people.

Credit Hours: 3.0

Class Hours: 45

Lab Hours: 0

Total Contact Hours: 45

**II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:***

- A. Explain human variation through biology and culture in all geographical regions and over time.
- B. Help students understand and appreciate the value of anthropology as a comprehensive and holistic science for investigating our species within an evolutionary framework and from a cross-cultural perspective.
- C. Attempt to create a greater tolerance for human biosocial diversity and a deeper respect for the crucial role that anthropology plays in comprehending and appreciating the place of our own species within evolving nature.

**III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES**

A. Student Learning Outcomes: *Student will be able to:*

- 1. Understand and appreciate the value of anthropology as a comprehensive and holistic science for investigating our species within an evolutionary framework and from a cross-cultural perspective.
- 2. Develop an understanding of human biosocial diversity, both past and present.
- 3. Understand the global interconnectedness.
- 4. Analyze physical and cultural change using anthropological concepts.
- 5. Develop knowledge of current research in biological and cultural anthropology.

B. General Education Learning Outcomes

- 1. GELO #3: Critical Thinking
  - Outcome: Collect, identify, interpret and analyze data.
  - Outcome: Synthesize information to arrive at reasoned solutions to problems.
  - Outcome: Evaluate the validity of arguments, alternatives, data, outcomes, and/or impacts of actions.
  - Outcome: Acquire and integrate knowledge and construct relationships across disciplines.
- 2. GELO #4: Global Awareness and Citizenship
  - Outcome: Explain the connections between historical and recent events and current global situations related to political systems, economic systems, social systems, and /or environmental issues.
  - Outcome: Function effectively in multicultural settings.
  - Outcome: Discuss issues from a global perspective.

**IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE (*course outline may provide more detailed information*)**

- A. An overview of the fields in the Biological and Cultural Anthropology.

- B. A general introduction to the study of evolution from the early Paleolithic to the emergence of *Homo sapiens* emphasizing the fossil evidence for human evolution. Future directions of human evolution and human experience are explored.
- C. An examination of biochemical and physical variability in contemporary human populations. Topics include: genetic basis of human diversity, evolutionary theory, population genetics, blood groups, biochemical variations, body size and shape, pigmentation, and other morphological characteristics.
- D. A general introduction to the study of archaeology.
- E. An introduction to the nature of culture.

**V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

- A. C.P. Kottak, *Anthropology: Appreciating Human Diversity*, 19<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2022. ISBN: 9781266603914.  
Material provided in class through Canvas (look for email) – Account will be charged.

**VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION**

- A. Methods of presentation typically include a combination of the following:
  1. Lecture
  2. Discussion
  3. Multimedia
  4. Guest Speakers

**VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION**

- A. Methods of evaluation typically include a combination of the following:
  1. Attendance
  2. Quizzes and Exams
  3. Written Assignments
  4. Class Presentation
  5. Short papers
  6. Class discussions

Specific details regarding grading policies will be noted in individual class policies.

**B. SCC GRADING SCALE:**

A+	95-100	C+	75-79	F	59 or less
A	90-94	C	70-74		
B+	85-89	D+	65-69		
B	80-84	D	60-64		

**VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Attendance/Participation
- B. Quizzes and Exams
- C. Written Assignments (reports, research paper, concept paper)
- D. Class Presentation