Courses in Anthropology

A Ant 100
Culture, Society, and Biology (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* Introduction to the issue of human diversity, the course poses the question of what it means to be human. Through study of biological anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, and ethnology, students will explore the range of diversity within our shared humanity, and seek explanations that might account for it.
(1540) Leo, Aaron
6 Week 2: June 25-August 3
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Ant 104
Archaeology (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* Introduction to the methods used by archaeologists to study ancient sites and artifacts. Topics include archaeological fieldwork, laboratory analysis, dating, interpretation of artifacts, and the reconstruction of past cultural patterns. Examples include studies of ancient and recent societies.
(1546) Vavrasek, Jessica
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Ant 108
Cultural Anthropology (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* Survey of the theory, methods, and goals of cultural anthropology, emphasizing the nature of culture and the varied forms in which it is expressed among the peoples of the world. A Ant 108Z is the writing intensive version of A Ant 108; only one may be taken for credit.
(1539) Mylin, Christa
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Ant 111
Introduction to the Primates (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* Survey of the basic morphology and behavior of nonhuman primates. Prosimian and anthropoid primates are studied in terms of their comparative morphology and behavior, with reference to these same features among humans.
(1740) Spriggs, Amanda
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Ant 175
Anthropology and Folklore (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* Introduction to the study of folklore as an aspect of culture, symbolically expressing people's identity, beliefs and values. The focus is on oral text traditions - myths, folktale, and legends - topics in folk custom and ritual, folk music and folk art are also included. Includes folklore from Western and non-Western cultures. Only one of A ANT 175 & A REL 175 may be taken for credit.
(2219) Sheedy, Crystal
4 Week 3: July 23-August 17
*Online course in Blackboard*

A Ant 197
Special Topics in Anthropology - Structure of African American English (3)
*This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.* This course provides an introduction to the study of linguistics through the specific lens of African American English (AAE). With
an estimated 30 million speakers, AAE is a major dialect of English that is most frequently associated with African American people living in urban centers -- although not all African American people speak AAE, nor are all AAE speakers African American. As is the case for all human languages, AAE is rule-governed and complex; however, it continues to be plagued by social stigma in many arenas. This course focuses on AAE's distinctive features in the areas of sound and sentence structure, as well as topics in linguistic anthropology, e.g. the impact of language ideology on AAE speaking communities. This course provides students with a basic understanding of the field of linguistics, specific structural knowledge about one variety of English, and an opportunity for reflection on mainstream attitudes towards a low prestige dialect, in light of linguistic evidence. There are no prerequisites for this course.

(2000) Clemens, Lauren
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
Online course in Blackboard

A Ant 201
Critical Thinking and Skepticism in Anthropology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. How many people believe most everything they are told, or everything that they read? How can we tell the difference between statements that are based on fact, and those based only on opinion, ideology, error, or falsehood? Why should we care in the first place? This class will help you answer these questions, and hopefully raise many more. We will cover the ways in which your own brain and senses can trick you. We will cover the common mistakes made in reasoning, "logical fallacies" that can lead even the most critical of thinkers to false conclusions. We will cover several of the most common types of false information that people encounter today, such as psychics, astrology, or complementary and alternative medicine, and will explore why these are problematic. Our focus throughout will be on identifying current, real world examples of "uncritical thinking" in popular and news media. Hopefully at the end of the course, we will all be better consumers of knowledge. Only one version of A ANT 201 may be taken for credit.

(2220) Rafferty, Sean
6 Week 3: July 9-August 17
Online course in Blackboard

A Ant 211
Human Population Biology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Biological variation in human populations, with emphasis on genetics, adaptability, demography and related aspects of population dynamics. Prerequisite(s): A ANT 110; or A BIO 110; or A BIO 120 recommended.

(2001) Lee, Florence
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
Online course in Blackboard

A Ant 316
Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4)
This course provides an introduction to human anatomy and physiology. These topics refer to the form and function of the human body, and are presented together in an integrated two-semester course sequence. This course focuses on basic concepts in anatomy and physiology, embryology, the peripheral nervous system, respiration, the cardiovascular system, and the musculoskeletal system of the upper limb, thorax and back. The course provides a foundation for students interested in human biology, biological anthropology, medicine, and allied health professions. Prerequisite(s): A Bio 110 or 120 and 122; 111 or 121 and 123; A Chm 120, 121. Permission of instructor. Contact Hubioadvise@albany.edu for eligibility.

(1541) Fabian, Mercedes
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
MTWThF 12:30p.m.-3:30p.m.
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A Ant 318
Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4)
This course provides an introduction to human anatomy and physiology. These topics refer to the form and function of the human body, and are presented together in an integrated two-semester course sequence. This course is the second in that sequence, and focuses on the gastro-intestinal tract, digestion, the urogenital, reproductive and endocrine systems, the cranial nerves, the visual, olfactory and auditory
systems, and the musculoskeletal system of the lower limb, head and neck. The course provides a foundation for students interested in human biology, biological anthropology, medicine, and allied health professions. Prerequisites: A Ant 316. Seats reserved for Senior Human Bio Majors. All other students contact dept (hubioadvise@albany.edu) about enrollment availability. Students registered for A Ant 316 in 4W1 must receive a passing grade in order to remain enrolled in A Ant 318 in 4W3.

(1542) Fabian, Mercedes
4 Week 2: June 25-July 20
MTWThF 12:30p.m.-3:30p.m.
CS-B23

A Ant 319
Physical Growth And Development (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Prenatal and postnatal periods and their variation around the world. The course focuses on the influence of social factors, nutrition, alcohol and cigarette use, race/ethnicity, pollution, and features of the physical environment which modify growth patterns. Prerequisite(s): A ANT 110; or A BIO 110 and 111; or 120 & 122 and 121 & 123; or 102.

(1741) Holdsworth, Elizabeth
6 Week 3: July 9-August 17
Online course in Blackboard

A Ant 338
Archaeological Field Research (6)
Directed archaeological excavation of selected sites, including experience in site location, mapping, excavation, preservation, analysis, classification, and interpretation. A ANT 338Z is the writing intensive version of A ANT 338. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): A ANT 335 or permission of instructor.

(2067) Masson, Marilyn
6 Week 2: June 25-August 3
Meeting dates and times are by arrangement of instructor.

A Ant 340
Anthropology of Social Media (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Over the last few decades, a good deal of social science research has imagined "traditional" forms of community and sociality in decline, a trend that social media appears to have reversed, as these new communicative technologies have contributed to a rather dramatic reimagining of community and communicative practices. As a core tenet of anthropology is to view the individual as part of a wider set of social relationships, the discipline is uniquely positioned to explore the relevance and impact of social media on our everyday lives. Drawing on key concepts and recent scholarship in anthropology, sociolinguistics, and communications, this course will critically evaluate the impact of social media on social relationships, language practices, and identity by asking questions such as: What are the consequences of social networking across cultures? How are lives being changed by online engagement? What impact does social media have on social relationships and networks? Do sites such as Facebook and Twitter (or Orkut and Sina Weibo) approximate some kind of community? While grounded in ethnographic and linguistic theory, this course will also be rooted in practice, actively engaging ethnographic methods through sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Tumblr.

(2221) Crowley, Jennifer
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
Online course in Blackboard

A Ant 364
Introduction to Cultural Medical Anthropology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Introduction to cultural approaches to medical anthropology. Cross-cultural examination of different views of health, disease, healing and the body, their effect on medical care and maintenance of health of individuals and communities. Also examines the intersection between health, sickness, and social and economic inequalities globally and in the U.S. Prerequisite(s): A ANT 108 or permission of the instructor.

(1855) Somers, Jessica
6 Week 2: June 25-August 3
Online course in Blackboard
A Ant 381
Anthropology of Gender (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The history of and current trends in
anthropological theories of gender. Specific issues are raised in the form of questions, including: On what
bases is gender identity constructed? What factors affect the relative status of men and women in different
cultures? How many genders are there? What constitutes "femininity" and "masculinity" cross-culturally?
Theoretical issues in the literature are linked to policy debates throughout the world, such as those over gay
families, female genital cutting, abortion, and the use of new reproductive technologies. A Ant 381Z and A
Wss 381Z are writing intensive versions of A Ant 381 and A Wss 381; only one of the four courses may be
taken for credit.
(1742) Arango Londono, Jose
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
Online course in Blackboard