
Anthropology 101

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

Lecture MWF 9:35-10:25 and 11:45-12:35

Fall Semester, 2005

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Textbooks:

Abu-Lughod, L (1986/1999) *Veiled Sentiments: Honor and Poetry in a Bedouin Society*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Boehm, C (1999) *Hierarchy in the Forest: The Evolution of Egalitarian Behavior*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Marks, J (2002) *What It Means to Be 98% Chimpanzee: Apes, People, and their Genes*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Walker, A & Shipman, P (2005) *The Ape in the Tree: An Intellectual & Natural History of Proconsul*. Cambridge: Belknap Press.

Goals of the Course:

Anthropology is the study of human beings as biological and cultural organisms in the past and present. Traditionally, American anthropology includes biological anthropology, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics. In this course, we will read and discuss four texts; two by biological anthropologists and two by cultural anthropologists. In addition, class lectures throughout the semester will help to place these texts into the broader context of the four subdisciplines.

The specific goals for students are to:

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of human biology, evolution, and cultural variation in the past and present in class discussion and assignments;
2. Demonstrate an understanding of how anthropologists study these topics through class discussion and short written assignments;
3. Develop critical thinking as we discuss the texts, demonstrated through writing papers on each one.

Student Requirements for Completing the Course:

1. Each segment of the course will focus on one of the texts. A grade will be given for each segment, which will include a paper on the text, class participation, and short assignments. The papers may build on each other; the final paper may make reference to everything that we have covered in the course. One half of a grade (+/-) will be deducted for each day a paper is late. All papers and assignments will be turned in using the class Blackboard site. Students are also encouraged to

post links to internet sites that are relevant to our discussions so that we can examine them critically along with the texts.

2. Class participation will be assessed on the basis of attendance, arriving to class on time, participating in discussion, and completing assignments on time, as well as appropriate behavior in class. Inappropriate behavior includes sleeping in class or engaging in behaviors that disturb others or interfere with the atmosphere of a learning community.

The grading scale is A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C-, D+, D, F

Course policies: All students are expected to be familiar with, and abide by, the Oxford College Honor Code. The papers and assignments are to be the students' own work; the papers are to draw on the texts and these must be referenced. Internet sites not posted on the Blackboard site are not to be used. Discussion with other students about papers and assignments is encouraged, but acknowledgement of other students' ideas should be made in the papers. If any student has any questions about the application of the Honor Code to the work in this course, it is that student's responsibility to contact me immediately.

Class Outline

Date:	Assignments and Special Events	Reading
Sep 7	Primates & Primate Evolution	
Sep 9	Honor Code Awareness Day	Walker & Shipman, Prologue & Chaps 1-2
Sep 12		Walker & Shipman, Chaps 3-4
Sep 14		Walker & Shipman, Chaps 5-6
Sep 16		Walker & Shipman, Chaps 7-8
Sep 19		Walker & Shipman, Chaps 9
Sep 21		Walker & Shipman, Chaps 10
Sep 23	The New Chimpanzees	
Sep 26		Walker & Shipman, Chaps 11- Epilogue
Sep 28		Boehm, Chapter 1
Sep 30		Boehm, Chapter 2
Oct 3	Walker & Shipman paper due	Boehm, Chapter 3
Oct 5		Boehm, Chapter 4
Oct 7		Boehm, Chapter 5
Oct 12		Boehm, Chapter 6
Oct 14	Guest Lecturer: Dr. Charles Hilton	
Oct 17		Boehm, Chapter 7-8
Oct 19	Film Screenings: The Fast	
Oct 20	Runner	
Oct 24		Boehm, Chapter 9-10
Oct 26		Abu-Lughod, Chapter 1
Oct 28	TBA	
Oct 31	Forager paper due	Abu-Lughod, Chapter 2
Nov 2		Abu-Lughod, Chapter 3
Nov 4		Abu-Lughod, Chapter 4
Nov 7		Abu-Lughod, Chapter 5
Nov 9		Abu-Lughod, Chapter 6
Nov 11		Abu-Lughod, Chapter 7
Nov 14		Abu-Lughod, Chapter 8
Nov 16		Marks, Chapter 1
Nov 18		Marks Chapter 2
Nov 21	Abu-Lughod paper due	Marks, Chapter 3

Nov 24	Marks, Chapter 4
Nov 28	Marks, Chapter 5
Nov 30	Marks, Chapter 6
Dec 2	Marks, Chapter 7
Dec 5	Marks, Chapter 8
Dec 7	Marks, Chapter 9
Dec 9	Marks, Chapter 10
Dec 12	Marks, Chapter 11
Dec 14	Marks, Chapter 12
Dec 16	Final paper due by 2:00pm
11:45 section	
Dec 21	Final paper due by 9:00am
9:35 section	
