

# CLASS SYLLABUS—ANTHROPOLOGY 102, Spring 2024, TuTh 1:00-2:15

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For information on my areas of scholarship, see the website of the Center for Research on Tibet:

<https://case.edu/artsci/tibet/about-us/staff>

**Exams:** a) format—short answer: multiple choice, true/false, fill-in, and matching questions based on readings, lectures and films.

b) number--**3 exams in class, each worth 100 points.** Make-up tests are not given. **THERE IS NO FINAL.**  
Curve: 100-88 (A= ≥264 points), 87-77 (B= 263-231 points), 76-66 (C=230-198-points), 65-55 (D=197-165), 54-0 (F = ≥164),

**Extra-credit:** there will be 2-3 opportunities to secure extra credit by writing a one page, single space “review essay” analyzing films shown in class. I will provide the topics for these essays. Each review essay is worth up to 8 (eight) points. These are *added* to your exam grades. For example, if your total points on the 3 exams is 250, that would earn you a B grade. However, if you had done the film essays and had received 24 points of extra credit, your total grade points would be 274 (250 + 24), so you would receive an A for the course.

**Required textbook:** (1.) Ember and Ember. Human Culture, 3rd EDITION, 2015.

**Required readings:** (1.) READINGS posted in “Modules” Section of Canvas

## Undergraduate General Education Requirement Options

This course meets TWO perspectives: *Human Diversity and Commonality AND Understanding Global Perspectives*. And it meets the social science breadth requirement. No skills.

## Approximate Outline of Lectures --

**Week 1-2-3-4: What is Anthropology, culture, fieldwork, cultural relativism, change, population & the demographic transition theory**

*Ember---*Chapters 1, 2, 3; Canvas Readings: 1-10, world population data sheet *Film: First Contact*

### EXAM # 1 — February 13th

**Week 5-6: Language**

*Ember---*Chapter 4; Canvas Readings: 11,12, 13;

**Week 7-8-9 --- Subsistence/Economics**

*Ember---*Chapter 5; Canvas Readings: NONE

## SPRING BREAK: MARCH 11-15

### EXAM # 2 — March 21st

**Week 10-11-12-13 --- Kinship/Family, Stratification/caste (Part 1)**

*Ember---*Chapters 6, 8, 7, Canvas Readings:14-18

**Week 14-15- --- Stratification/caste (Part 2); Religion**

*Ember---*Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Canvas Readings; 19,20; Films: *Dead Birds, Holy Ghost People*

### EXAM # 3 — April 29th