



COURSE SYLLABUS

ANT 2000 **Introduction to Anthropology**

Fall Semester, A Session, 2025

CRN: 85422 • Online • Semester Hours: 3 • Prerequisites: None

Semester Dates: 18 August 2025 – 12 December 2025

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Required Textbook:

OpenStax Anthropology: <https://openstax.org/details/books/introduction-anthropology>
ISBN-13: 978-1-711494-99-9

ANT 2000 Catalog/Course Description and Broad Goals:

Students in this course will learn the foundations of anthropology as the study of human variation in its biological, social, and cultural dimensions. Students will learn about anthropological concepts, principles, and methodologies to understand and explore past and present human behavior. They will apply the anthropological approach to analyze issues pertaining to past and contemporary cultures and develop intellectual skills and habits to understand behavioral, social, and cultural issues from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

The broad goals of the course are to introduce basic concepts of anthropology as a social science. Reading, writing, and test-taking skills will be an integral part of course content.

Teaching Techniques: The means of content delivery for this course includes textbook readings, PowerPoint presentations, and other supplementary material.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of ANT 2000, students will be able to:

- Explain scientific approaches to the study of human variation and human origins, including primatology, extinct and extant human cultures, language, and ethnicity.
- Explain the origins of anthropology as a foundation discipline in the social sciences that examines the nature and definition of culture.
- Apply anthropological concepts, principles, and methods to the scientific study of past and present human behavior.
- Explain how anthropology incorporates multidisciplinary knowledge and perspectives.
- Describe contemporary anthropological contributions.

Expectations Statements:

- Students enrolled in this section of ANT 2000 can expect a comprehensive, highly detailed, and balanced study of the field of anthropology.
- Let me know of problems or issues as soon as possible. I am always open to questions and to handling any problems you are experiencing with the course.
- This course is organized into weekly modules, each consisting of written assignments.
- Students can expect to receive replies to emails to the professor within 24 hours—48 hours on weekends.
- Students enrolled in this section of ANT 2000 are expected to use Canvas, and their GCSC email address for accessing the learning materials for this course and for all internet-based communication.

Social Sciences Policies

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The following policies apply to all GCSC Social Sciences courses and are to be included in all course syllabi.

Academic Integrity Policy - Honest participation in academic endeavors fosters an environment in which optimal learning can take place and is consistent with the college's mission. Academic misconduct, including cheating or plagiarism, is destructive to the spirit of an educational environment. Social Science professors report every instance of student academic misconduct to the college for inclusion in the student's records.

- **"Cheating"** includes but is not limited to the use of any unauthorized assistance in completing coursework.
- **"Plagiarism"** includes, but is not limited to, the use by paraphrase or direct quotation of another person's published or unpublished work without full and clear acknowledgment as well as the purchase of papers or projects.
- **"Self-plagiarism"** occurs when a student submits the same or considerably similar document to fulfill requirements in different classes. For example, if a student submits a term paper in Religion they originally wrote for an English class, this is self-plagiarism. Once a paper receives a grade in one class, it cannot be submitted again for another class.
- **The use of AI software** in any form to create class assignments may violate GCSC's Academic Integrity Policy. Before employing AI technology in any manner and to any degree, students should consult with their professors for all courses offered through the Social Sciences Division.

Sanctions for incidences of academic misconduct, depending on the severity of the incidence and/or its repetition, may range from receiving an F grade (or O) for the test, assignment, or activity, to failure of the course, to suspension or dismissal from the college.

Student Accessibility Statement - Gulf Coast State College supports an inclusive learning environment for all students. If aspects of this course's instruction or design hinder your full participation, reasonable accommodations can be arranged. Before receiving accommodations, you must register with Student Accessibility Resources. Appropriate academic accommodations will be determined based on the documented needs of the student. For information regarding the registration process, email sar@gulfcoast.edu or call 850-747-3243.

Recording Lectures - Under federal and state privacy laws, students may record class lectures for their personal educational use, in connection with a complaint to the college, or as evidence in internal or external legal proceedings. Students may not publish or upload the recordings or any components thereof without the knowledge and written permission of the faculty member. Failure to obtain permission to publish could lead to the student(s) paying damages, attorney fees, and court costs.

For more information about what can be recorded, please see the guidelines in the GCSC Student Handbook: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/current-students/student-handbooks/2021-2022-student-handbook.pdf>

Email & Voicemail Response Time - Instructors will check and respond to messages sent to their gulfcoast.edu email within 48 hours during scheduled workdays, barring illness or emergencies. The instructor may or may not check email during holidays or weekends. This policy also applies to messages sent via Canvas, as well as voicemails left on a provided phone number.

Attendance - Regular class attendance and participation are significant factors that help to promote

success in college. In face-to-face courses, students are required to be in class at the beginning of each class session, as attendance will be taken at this time. If a student arrives late, it is his/her responsibility to inform the instructor after class of his/her presence. Failure to do so may result in the student being marked as "Absent." Attendance in an online/hybrid CANVAS class is defined as the submission of complete written assignments before their posted deadline.

Withdrawals - Students may withdraw themselves from any course until the published withdrawal deadline for that term in the Gulf Coast State College catalog. Students wishing to withdraw from a course and receive a "W" must complete a withdrawal form and submit this to the Office of Enrollment Services before the scheduled withdrawal date as published on the college calendar. If you feel you have a unique situation that warrants removal from all of your courses for a term after the withdrawal deadline has passed, you may contact the Vice President of Student Affairs to discuss your situation.

Consequences of Withdrawals - Two withdrawals are permitted per credit course. After that, a grade will be assigned. Please be concerned about withdrawals. When admitting students into certain programs, universities may calculate withdrawals as grades. It is your responsibility to verify the effects of enrollment and/or withdrawal upon your financial assistance (financial aid, scholarships, grants, etc.).

Incomplete Grades - Grades of Incomplete in any Social Sciences course can only be assigned to students who have an emergency arise during the last two weeks of the course.

To receive an Incomplete, students must:

- Submit a written request to the instructor before the last face-to-face class meeting. For online courses, a written Incomplete request must be received no later than the week before the Final Exam period begins.
- Have completed no less than 60 percent of the course requirements and be passing the course at the time the request for an Incomplete is submitted.

Important Note: The Incomplete option provides 30 days from the date grades are due to make up any missing work; if work is not submitted during this period, the grade will automatically change to an "F" in Lighthouse.