

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and
Wellness, Legal and Protective Services

ANTH 1023 (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology)

Catalog Description:

An introduction to the field of cultural anthropology using common cultural traits as a unifying concept. Areas include subsistence, politics, economics, religion, art, ethno medicine, and globalization.

Prerequisite:

None

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:

3/3/3

Target Audience / Transferability:

Designed as an introduction to cultural anthropology, this course is intended for students both in transfer and terminal degrees. It counts toward the *natural science requirement* for both transfer and terminal Arts and Science students.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the field of anthropology and discuss the role cultural anthropology plays as a sub-discipline.
- Identify the characteristics cultures share in common and explore the influence of environment, history, and innovation explain variation.
- Discuss how culture changes over time and the effect of globalization on ethno genesis.
- Evaluate how concepts like ethnocentrism and cultural relativism impact anthropological study

Topics:

- Defining Anthropology
- Culture
- Linguistics
- Applied Anthropology
- Method and Theory
- Subsistence
- Politics
- Economics
- Kinship/Family/Marriage
- Gender
- Religion
- Art
- Linguistics
- Culture and Personality
- Subcultures/Counter cultures
- Globalizations
- Global Social Problems

Forms of Assessment:

The Department of Behavioral Sciences is committed to ensuring our students come away from our courses with a good general understanding of the material, and more specifically, achieving the college-wide objectives. (Students can read selections at the appropriate level of education and describe the main idea and supporting details. Students can evaluate written material objectively. Instructors will utilize the course textbook and possible outside readings for a better understanding of each topic). The Assessment Committee determines which of the many college-wide learning outcomes each course is to test. Each discipline decides upon the testing method for the semester.