

**Anth 100: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology**  
**T & TH 4:00-5:15 PM, HIRC 6**

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**Course Description**

Cultural anthropology provides an understanding of contemporary human issues through the systematic study of cultural and social similarities and differences around the world. This course introduces students to this major sub discipline of anthropology, its subject matter, history, unique approach, and major contributions to knowledge. Some topics that we will examine from an anthropological perspective include language and communication, economic and political systems, religion, identity (including ethnicity, race and gender), and globalization.

**Course Attributes**

ANTH 100 is a Liberal Arts course that fulfills the Social Science (S2) General Education requirement. It is required for Anthropology majors, counts toward credit for an Anthropology minor, and is a prerequisite for many upper division anthropology courses.

**Course Readings**

There are three required books.

1. Kottak, Conrad. 2005. *Mirror For Humanity*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. McGraw-Hill.
2. Shostak, Marjorie. 1981. *Nisa: the Life and Words of a !Kung Woman*. Vintage Books and Harvard University Press.
3. Fadiman, Anne. 1997. *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. The Noonday Press.

**Course Format and Requirements**

**Format.** Lectures, readings, videos, and discussion combine to bring this course together. The textbook (Kottak) introduces you to general subjects and provides detailed information on specific topics and issues. The ethnographies (Shostak & Fadiman) present in-depth looks at two very different cultures, to help you understand the nature and diversity of the human experience. Lectures relate to the week's topic(s) in the main text, but also bring in additional material. There is a strong emphasis on videos. They have been selected to bring specific issues or cultures to life, and your understanding of them is an important part of the course.

**Attendance.** Attendance is necessary to achieve a good grade. If you miss a class, you are still responsible for the material that was covered. Note that videos shown in class are not available for loan to students or in the library. If you need to view a video outside of class, you may watch it in my office during office hours. Students who do not attend class on a regular basis will be involuntarily withdrawn. If, due to serious injury/illness or dire circumstances such as a death in the family, you will be absent for several classes, please communicate with me as soon as possible, and consider calling Student Development (119 Netzer, 436-2513), to advise them, and take advantage of their assistance.

**Expectations.** You must read the assigned materials by class time on the date indicated in the attached Course Schedule. Questions and discussion are welcome at any time, but some class meetings may include time devoted specifically to discussing readings or videos. You must be prepared for and actively participate in designated discussion sessions.

You are part of a class and your behavior affects the other members of the class. Actions that are disrespectful of and disruptive to me or other students will not be tolerated. Arrive to class on time, ready to start, and do not start packing up your belongings before I dismiss class. Refrain from using cellular phones, iPods, etc. during class. Using these devices during exams will result in a failing grade. Laptop computers are not allowed unless one is needed for authorized disability. In-class discussion and comments must be relevant to the course, for all to hear, and respectful, even if you disagree. Be as discrete as possible if you need to use the restroom or leave class for some other reason, and try to keep personal breaks to a minimum.

**Academic Honesty.** It is your responsibility to know SUCO's rules on academic honesty (see Code of Student Conduct @ <http://www.oneonta.edu/development/judicial/code.asp#conduct>). I will not accept ignorance of the policy as an excuse for breaking it. Any student found cheating will receive a failing grade and may be reported to the Student Conduct Committee for possible further action consistent with College policy, including possible dismissal from the College.

**Angel.** Announcements, lecture PowerPoint presentations, study guides, handouts, and some other course material will be available via Angel (<http://angel.oneonta.edu>). It is your responsibility to check Angel regularly for announcements. You need to be officially registered in the class to access to course content on Angel. If you have problems with any aspects of Angel contact the Information Technology Help Desk (607) 436-4567.

### Methods of Evaluation

Your course grade is based on, and assessed, as follows. **There is no extra-credit.**

	<b>% of Grade</b>
Exams	80%
Participation	7%
Quizzes	13%
	100%

<b>Letter Grade by % distribution</b>		
A 93-100%	A- 90-92%	
B+ 87-89%	B 84-86%	B- 80-83%
C+ 77-79%	C 74-76%	C- 70-73%
D+ 67-69%	D 64-66%	D- 60-63%
F below 60%		

**Exams.** There are 4 exams (multiple choice, true/false, matching, short answer), each worth approximately 20% of your grade. Exams include all material covered in class (lecture, video, etc.) and readings. Note that Exam #4 is given during the Final Exam period scheduled for this course, but is not cumulative. Make-up exams are given only under the most extenuating circumstances, with appropriate documentation.

**Participation.** Participation is cumulative over the semester. It is based primarily on your contribution to in-class discussion and performance on two take-home assignments. **It may include pop quizzes**, if I feel that students' are not paying attention during class or keeping up with the assigned readings.

**Quizzes.** You are required to complete the on-line multiple-choice quiz for each of the 13 chapters in your textbook (Kottak, *Mirror for Humanity*). **The quiz is due before class on the day that the chapter is assigned (see Course Schedule below).** You will receive full credit for completing a quiz on time, half credit if the quiz is late but completed before the exam date, and zero credit if it is turned in after the exam that includes that chapter. Your performance on the quizzes will be monitored, and if you are consistently doing poorly, I will contact you to see what kind of assistance you need. Quizzes are located at McGraw-Hill's Online Learning Center (OLC).

1. Go to <http://www.mhhe.com/kottakmfh5>
2. On the left side of the screen in the Online Learning Center box, select the Student Edition link.
3. On the left side of the screen, select the assigned chapter from the pull-down menu.
4. On the left side of the screen, select **Multiple Choice Quiz**.
5. Answer the questions and click on Submit.
6. The OLC will grade your performance and give you some fields to fill out. Enter your name, section #, your email, and [klinkcj@oneonta.edu](mailto:klinkcj@oneonta.edu) in the box for your Instructor's email address. Change the Format boxes from html to **text**. Leave the other fields blank.
7. Click E-mail The Results. If no error messages pop up, your quiz has been mailed, and you should receive a copy of your quiz results at your own email address. Keep this in case any problems arise.
8. It is wise to print and keep a hard copy for your files. If submitting by email fails, you can submit this copy in class. It is also useful to study for exams. Within a few days, you will receive an email reply from me saying the quiz was received and logged. If you do not receive this message, contact me at [klinkcj@oneonta.edu](mailto:klinkcj@oneonta.edu).

**Configuration Issues.** At some point, nearly all of you will encounter problems. We will try to help you resolve them. I recommend that well before you need to complete the first quiz assignment you try the Chapter 1 True/False quiz as a test of your existing configuration. If it sends properly, odds are that your existing configuration is adequate.

If you receive an error message from your browser, you may need to upgrade your browser. This and other compatibility issues may be resolved by clicking on Help Center on the left side of the screen when logged on to the website, and running the Browser Test. This will tell you if your computer is configured adequately, and if there are any plug-ins you need to take advantage of all of the Online Learning Center's features. If you are getting access to the website from a college computer, do not alter configurations without consulting the computer staff.

### **Disability Needs**

You must inform me if you require special considerations, either in-class or for exams, due to disability (learning, physical, etc.). Your needs will be accommodated to the extent possible following SUCO policies.

**All material in this syllabus is subject to change at my discretion.**

**Course Schedule (Readings and Quizzes should be completed before class by the date shown.)**

Date		Readings	Online Quizzes	Other
30-Aug	Th	K - Ch 1: Anthropology & its Applications		
4-Sep	T	K - Ch 2: Ethics & Methods	K Ch 1 & 2 Quizzes due	
6-Sep	Th	Nisa - Introduction & Epilogue		
11-Sep	T	K - Ch 3: Culture	K Ch 3 Quiz due	
13-Sep	Th	<i>No Class - Break</i>		
18-Sep	T	K - Ch 5: Language & Communication	K Ch 5 Quiz due	
20-Sep	Th	Nisa - Ch 1, 2		
25-Sep	T			<b>EXAM #1</b>
27-Sep	Th	K - Ch 6: Making a Living	K Ch 6 Quiz due	
2-Oct	T	Nisa - Ch 3-5		
4-Oct	Th	K - Ch 8: Families, Kinship, & Marriage	K Ch 8 Quiz due	
9-Oct	T	Nisa - Ch 6-8		Assignment 1
11-Oct	Th	K - Ch 7: Political Systems	K Ch 7 Quiz due	<b>Assignment 1 due</b>
16-Oct	T	Nisa - Ch 9		
18-Oct	Th			<b>EXAM #2</b>
23-Oct	T	Nisa - Ch 10-12		
25-Oct	Th	K - Ch 9: Gender	K Ch 9 Quiz due	
30-Oct	T	Nisa - Ch 13-15		
1-Nov	Th	K Ch 10 - Religion AND Spirit - Ch 1,2	K Ch 10 Quiz due	
6-Nov	T	K Ch 1 pp. 12-16 (Medical Anthropology section) AND Spirit - Ch 3-5	K Ch 1 Essay Quiz: Qs 3 & 4 Only	
8-Nov	Th	Spirit - Ch 6, 7		
13-Nov	T			<b>EXAM #3</b>
15-Nov	Th	K Ch 4 - Ethnicity & Race	K Ch 4 Quiz due	
20-Nov	T	<i>No Class - Break</i>		
22-Nov	Th	<i>No Class - Break</i>		
27-Nov	T	K Ch 11 - The Modern World System AND Spirit - Ch 8-13	K Ch 11 Quiz due	
29-Nov	Th	Spirit - Ch 14, 15		Assignment 2
4-Dec	T	K Ch 12 - Colonialism & Development	K Ch 12 Quiz due	
6-Dec	Th	Spirit - Ch 16, 17		<b>Assignment 2 due</b>
11-Dec	T	K Ch 13 - Cultural Exchange & Survival	K Ch 13 Quiz due	
13-Dec	Th	Spirit - Ch 18, 19		
18-Dec	T	<b>FINAL: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm</b>		<b>EXAM #4</b>

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