

Introduction to Anthropology Syllabus (ATR 120 - Online) Elgin Community College

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Required Texts:

Check with the ECC Bookstore: eccbookstore@elgin.edu; 847-214-7395

Other Readings:

Additional articles/readings may be assigned at the instructor's discretion during the course of the semester.

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the broad field of anthropology. Using a holistic, comparative approach to the study of cultural diversity, this course will impart a basic introductory outline of anthropology that all students can relate to. This course is designed to expose each student to the relevance of anthropology in the modern world, as well as to provoke a lasting impression regarding the nature of cultural diversity that surrounds each of us.

This online class is not self-paced. You still have to meet deadlines and complete work throughout the week. The online course is more flexible in that you can do your work from wherever you have Internet access and you can do it at anytime during the day. Keep in mind that you should be spending approximately 9 - 12 hours a week on this course.

Also, because this is an online course you should not expect for it to be any "easier" than a traditional face-to-face course. On the contrary, it may be more demanding because with an online course, you are forced to be more active in your learning versus passively attending a face-to-face class and just taking it in. All communication in this class is done via reading and writing for the most part. Consider that when you consider how much work it will be. You should be prepared to work very hard in this course.

Credits:

3 credit hours

Course Requirements:

Two Exams

Quizzes/Homework

Participation

Attendance Policy/Class Participation:

This is an online course, which means that there are no specific days that we meet in a classroom.

However, participation is required within this course. Participation is done by posting messages in the discussion board and "attending" class. There will be weekly discussion prompts/questions that I will pose throughout the course that you are required to answer. In addition, you are required to respond to at least 2 of your classmates' answers for each of the prompts. (Please feel free to post more!) Your initial response should be posted no later than Thursday of the assigned week. This allows time for your classmates to read your postings and then respond.

Using the discussion board in this manner is a way to generate classroom discussions about topics that we will be covering in class. Attendance is achieved by regularly and actively logging into the class and completing required assignments by their due dates. Your participation grade is based on the quality and substance of your messages (not necessarily just the quantity of messages that you post), along with regular "attendance" and completion of assignments.

Late Assignments:

All work needs to be completed by the given due date or will result in an F for that particular assignment. I do not accept any work that is late--this includes discussion responses, homework assignments, quizzes, exams, etc.