

Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology

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Required Reading: [NOTE: Course and tests based on *these* **editions only**, not earlier ones]

Kottak, Conrad Phillip **2010** Cultural Anthropology [**14th** edition]. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Spradley, James and David W. McCurdy **2012**. Conformity and Conflict: Readings in Cultural Anthropology [**14th** Edition]. New York: Pearson.

Course Requirements:

Three objective, multiple choice exams. Each exam covers approximately one-third of the course materials, and each counts one-third of the course grade. These **three exams** and **attendance** (please see below for attendance requirement) will be the **only basis** for your course grade. Please also see attached exam procedures.

Exam Dates:

First Exam: Friday, March 9
Second Exam: Monday, March 18
Third Exam: May 17 to May 23 inclusive

Grading: Plus-Minus: 0-2 = minus; 3-5 = letter grade; 6-9 = plus; for example, 82 = B-

Class Attendance:

Class attendance is **required**. The class meets 40 times, and two of those are used for testing. You are allowed only three **unexcused** absences. *Each additional unexcused absence results in the subtraction of 5 points from your overall class average.* The class will meet for the **full** class period, from 11:15-12:05. Plan to be in class the full class period. The class is based upon both the lectures and the books. A large portion of the class materials is **NOT in the books**. Thus, students who skip a single class tend not to understand much of the course material well and thus tend not to be able to obtain the grades they desire in the course. Attendance will be taken at each class through a sign

sheet and your own signature is the **only** basis for checking your attendance. {Please also see **test** attendance policy in course outline below}

Helpful Reminder: Classes, exams, and grades for this course are governed by University policies described in the current *Student Guide to Policies*. For additional discussion of these and related Anthropology Department policies, see attached sheet.

E-Mail for Students: E-mail messages concerning the course may be sent to class members' **UD email address** at any time, and **students are responsible for knowing the information in them.**

Study Suggestions:

1. Each exam will cover both class and book material. You are expected to know and understand **ALL** materials from classes and assigned reading. Moreover, you are expected to demonstrate your understanding by **effectively applying concepts on exams.**
2. Attend class. There are only 40 lecture classes and a single absence constitutes an important portion of the course. Moreover, notes that are effective are personal for you. In class, take your own notes and use them in reviewing all lecture material. For most, this means making outline notes that are fairly detailed. Class notes for the next exam should be reviewed by you at least once every week to help you better understand the meaning of daily material in the context of the course as a whole and to identify areas that you do not understand adequately. Then you should ask the instructor to help you understand the problem areas.
3. Treat audio-visual materials as being of the same importance as lectures and assigned reading. For example, take notes on them.
4. Read assigned chapters in both texts before the class at which they or material related to them are discussed. Each class is presented with the assumption that you have read the assigned material before the lecture.
5. After you have read each assigned chapter in Kottak, use the "Summary", "Key Terms", "Test Yourself" features at the end of each. In addition, you may find the "Glossary" at the end of the book helpful in reviewing relevant concepts in the chapter. The same sections can be used **in combination with your class notes** to assist yourself in preparing for the exams.
6. Do ask the instructor to clarify lectures or materials you have read.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. What Is Anthropology? 2/6-2/8
- Read: Kottak Ch's 1 and 3
 Spradley and McCurdy Pp. 2-5; Ch's 1, 3, 4, 36, 37, and 39
- II. Culture as a Process 2/10-2/20
- Read: Kottak Ch's 2 and 5
 Spradley and McCurdy 5, 6, 8, 29, and 31
- Film: Trobriand Cricket
- III. Biology and Culture 2/22-2/24
- Read: Kottak Ch's 6 and 9 [pp. 210-217 and 229-233 only]
 Spradley and McCurdy Pp. 185-188; Ch's 22, 24, and 35
- IV. Technology: Cultural Adaptive Strategies 2/27-3/7
- Read: Kottak Ch's 7 [pp.156-167; 9 [pp. 217-229]
 Spradley and McCurdy Pp. 70-72; Ch's 10, 11, and 12

----> FIRST EXAM<--- FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Exam Make-Up Policy: This policy applies to all three exams. Only **extreme** circumstances, such as the death of a close family member or a medically-certified student illness, will be accepted as justification for missing an exam and being allowed to take a make-up exam. Requests to the instructor for permission to take a make-up exam must be accompanied by justification in writing from an authority other than the student. The **justification must be in hard copy. signed and dated by the authority and include the authority's telephone number.** A missed scheduled exam that is not made up is graded as a zero.

V. Social Organization: Economic Processes 3/12-3/23

Read: Kottak Ch 7 [pp. 168-179]
Spradley and McCurdy Pp. 116-118; Ch's 2, 13, and 25
David Counts 1990 "Too Many Bananas, Not Enough Pineapples, and No
Watermelon at All" **See:**
<http://anthropology.uwaterloo.ca/WNB/TooManyBananas.html>

Film A Poor Man Shames Us All

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NOTE: No classes 3/26-3/30 SPRING BREAK
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VI. Social Organization: Marriage 4/2-4/4

Read: Kottak Ch 11
Spradley and McCurdy Pp. 152-154; Ch's 20 and 23

VII. Social Organization and Technology: Kinship and Family Organization
4/6-4/9

Read: Kottak Ch 10
Spradley and McCurdy Ch's 17 and 18

VIII. Social Organization: Bands and Tribes 4/11-4/13

Read: Kottak Ch 8 [pp. 184-196]
Spradley and McCurdy Ch's 9 and 26

---->SECOND EXAM<---- MONDAY, APRIL 16

IX. Social Organization: Chiefdoms and Non-Industrial States 4/18-4/27

Read: Kottak Ch 8 [pp. 196-209]
Spradley and McCurdy 27

Film: The Incas

X. Social Organization: : The Industrial State and Globalization
4/30-5/7

Read: Kottak Ch 14, 15, 4 and 9 [pp. 226-229 only]
Spradley and McCurdy Pp. 294-295; Ch's 15, 16, 32, **and** 33

XI. Ideology: Religion 5/9-5/14

Read: Kottak Ch 12
Spradley and McCurdy Ch's 28 and 30

Film: Cows of Dolo Kem Paye

----->THIRD 60 EXAM<-----

**At some point in the MAY 17 to May 23 period; no
air or other tickets are accepted as excuse for
missing**