

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Intro to Cultural Anthropology

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** ANT 1520

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Examines the nature of the concept of cultural behavior. Students will understand the patterning of social and cultural systems among societies around the world and gain global and ethnic understanding. Students will also determine the universal as well as variations involved in each cultural system. ANT 1510 is not a prerequisite for this course.

**Eligibility:** ENG 1510 without supports or **Corequisite:** ENG 1510 with supports.

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**General Education Requirements Met:**

**SUNY**

Diversity

Social Sciences

**JCC**

Cultural Understanding

Diversity

Global Awareness

Scientific Reasoning

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Describe major concepts and theories of at least one discipline in the social sciences. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
  2. Demonstrate understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
  3. Demonstrate understanding of cultural similarities and differences and how cultural norms shape each person's experience of the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Cultural Understanding]
  4. Describe the historical and contemporary societal factors that shape the development of diverse individual and group identities, including but not limited to race, class and gender. [JCC Gen Ed – Diversity]
  5. Analyze the role that social structures and systems play in the creation and perpetuation of power, privilege, oppression, and opportunity. [JCC Gen Ed – Diversity]
  6. Demonstrate an understanding of how the principles of rights, access, equity, and autonomy apply to social justice action, past, current, or future. [JCC Gen Ed – Diversity]
  7. Demonstrate awareness of systemic global issues and the impact of individual and collective decisions on life around the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Global Awareness]
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**Topics Covered:**

- What is anthropology
  - The characteristics of culture
  - Ethnography and research
  - The scientific method (strengths and weaknesses in cultural anthropology)
  - Primates and evolution
  - Language and communication
  - Identity
  - Patterns of subsistence
  - Economic systems
  - Sex, marriage and family
  - The supernatural
  - Globalization
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**Information for Students:**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)

- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.

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**Effective Date:** Fall 2023