

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

MASTER 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.

General Education Requirements Met:

SUNY

Other World Civilizations
Social Sciences

JCC

Cultural Understanding
Global Perspectives
Scientific Reasoning

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of either a broad outline of world history or the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, culture, etc., of one non-Western civilization. [SUNY Gen Ed – Other World Civilization]
 2. Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, models, and issues of at least one discipline in the social sciences. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 3. Demonstrate understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena, including observation, hypothesis development, measurement and data collection, experimentation, evaluation of evidence, and employment of mathematical interpretive analysis. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 4. Demonstrate knowledge of common institutions, practices, or policies, and how they have affected different social groups or individuals in society. [JCC Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 5. Demonstrate understanding of cultural similarities and differences and how cultural norms shape each person's experience of the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Cultural Understanding]
 6. Demonstrate awareness of global issues and the impact of individual and collective decisions on life around the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Global Perspectives - I]
 7. Weigh diverse perspectives in the face of opposing viewpoints and understand the source of one's own assumptions and biases. [JCC Gen Ed – Global Perspectives - II]
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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 (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
 - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)

- Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
- Disability/Special Services
 - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
- Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
- 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:

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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.

Effective Date: Fall 2019