ANTH 104: The Human Experience: Anthropology

Instructor: Various
When & Where: 2:00-2:50 MW, Wham 105
11:00-11:50 T Th, Pulliam 42
3:00-4:40 M W, Engineering 111 (this section meets 2nd half of semester)
(in addition, all students will have a one-hour discussion section per week)

This course fulfills the requirement for a Social Science course in the Core Curriculum.

- What is evolution? What does it have to do with me?
- Who made those arrowheads you found as a kid?
- Is same sex-marriage traditional?
- Is war an environmental adaptation?
- Could there ever be a universal translator?
- Do chimpanzees have culture?
- If you wanted sex every single day, what primate should you be?
- How many genders are there anyway?
- Can forensic specialists really do what they do on CSI?

Anthropology is about the evolution of human beings and the relationships between biology and culture, language, and the material remains of ancient civilizations. In short, if human beings are doing it or have done it, if our primate ancestors did it or our current primate relatives are doing it, anthropologists are interested in it! Think Outside Your Boundaries!

Prerequisites: None


ANTH 202: America’s Diverse Cultures

Instructor: Various
When & Where: 9:00-9:50 MW, Wham 105
3:00-3:50 MW, Lawson 121
6:00-6:50 T Th, Parkinson 108
(in addition, all students will have a one-hour discussion section per week)

This course fulfills the requirement for a Multicultural course in the Core Curriculum.

In this course we explore both the diversity of North America populations and the common threads that join them. We see how these distinctions, and similarities, affect different individuals’ and groups’ life experiences by looking at different ethnic groups, religious practices, family configuration, occupations, and beliefs about health and illness. Students taking this course will learn through readings, videos, lectures and guest speakers as well as through small-group discussions and field research.

Prerequisites: None

Required textbook:
ANTH 204: Anthropology of Latino Cultures  
**Instructor:** Ms. Aimee Hosemann, password@siu.edu  
**When & Where:** MWF, 10:00-10:50, ASA 118C

**Course description:** The central concern of this course is the cultural aspect of the Latino experience in the United States. When we speak of Latinos, the term refers to people of Latin American origin who are part of the population of the United States. The course will review some history of the major Latino groups. It focuses on the contemporary population, the political and economic issues that affect Latinos in this society, and the characteristics that Latinos share and yet that make Latinos the most diverse population in the United States. These characteristics include family, religion, socio-economic status, gender ideology, generational relations, and more. The course pivots around the construction of Latino identity: What helps shape it? How do Latinos perceive themselves? How do others perceive (us) them?

**Prerequisites:** None

**Requirements:** Course includes 3 exams, 1 3-5 pg. research paper, 2 brief writing assignments, pop quizzes, and discussion.

**Required textbook:**  

ANTH 205: Latin American Civilizations  
**Instructor:** Dr. Andrew Balkansky, abalkan@siu.edu  
**When & Where:** T Th 2:00-3:15, ASA 118C

**Course description:** Introduction to the civilizations of Latin America: the Culhua-Mexica or Aztec of Mexico; the Inka of Peru and Andean South America; and the Maya of southern Mexico, Guatemala, and adjacent parts of Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador, as recorded at the time of the Spanish Conquest, during Colonial times, and including their modern descendants.

**Required textbook:**  

**Recommended texts:** *Spain in America*, by Charles Gibson, Harper & Row; and *The Conquest of New Spain*, by Bernal Díaz, Penguin Books.
ANTH 240A: Human Biology: An Introduction to Biological Anthropology

Instructor: TBA

When & Where: T Th 12:35-1:50, Quigley 140B
Plus 2-hour lab, Faner 3438:
S.1, M 2:00; S.2, T 2:00; S.3, W 2:00; S.4, Th 2:00;
S.5, Th 4:00; S.6, T 4:00; S.7 W 4:00, S.8, Th 4:00.

Course description: Explore human biology, our origins, and our closest living relatives the non-human primates. Topics include how evolution operates in populations and across time; behavior of nonhuman primates; the fossil and cultural record of human origins; and biology of living humans including growth and development, genetics, adaptations to diseases and extreme environments, forensic anthropology, and the interface of culture and biology.

Prerequisites: None

Requirements: Exams and short projects
$10 lab fee.

Required textbooks:

ANTH 240B: Introduction to Anthropological Linguistics

Instructor: TBA

When & Where: MWF 9:00-9:50, Faner 3515

Course description: This course is intended as an introduction to the theories, methods and goals of anthropological linguistics focusing on the structure and use of language in cultural context. We will be investigating questions about what language is, how languages are similar and different, how and why speech patterns vary within speech communities, and how languages change. We will begin with an emphasis on phonological and grammatical analysis with consideration of the pragmatics of language use. Then we will examine a variety of anthropological topics including language and thought, language and culture change, universals and variability in language and culture, the social functions of language, and writing systems.

Prerequisites: None

Requirements: Weekly exercises, mid-term exam and comprehensive final exam

Required textbook:
ANTH 240C: Introduction to Archaeology
Instructor: Dr. Izumi Shimada, ishimada@siu.edu
When & Where: MWF 11:00 -11:50, Faner 3515

How do archaeologists find the remains of past human activities and decide where, when, and how to excavate? How do they know where, when and how recovered artifacts were made or used? How can they shed light on ancient beliefs and symbolism? How can archaeological understanding of the past contribute to our life today?

These are some of the basic questions that guide this course. In essence, this course introduces you to the fundamentals of modern archaeology. We begin by defining the basic nature and objectives of archaeology, as well as its basic concepts and terms, followed by discussion of the historical development of various intellectual traditions that contributed to the rise of modern archaeology. The remainder of the semester focuses on methods and theories underlying archaeology as well as the challenges posed in applying them. The course also considers archaeological investigations of technology, economics, social structure, and cultural change. These will be illustrated using case studies drawn from various parts of the world, as well as the instructor's ongoing research in Peru. Videos, Powerpoint presentations, and handouts will supplement class lectures.

Prerequisites: None

Requirements: (1) Two 50-minute exams (each 25% of the course grade), (2) Two take-home, short-writing assignments (each 10% of the course grade), and (3) a 10-page research paper worth 40% of course grade.

Required textbook:

ANTH 240D: Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology
Instructor: Dr. David Sutton, dsutton@siu.edu
When & Where: MWF, 3:00-3:50, Faner 3515

Course description: Socio-cultural Anthropology offers a unique perspective on human societies and cultural diversity throughout the world and close to home. This course will introduce some of the main topics, theories and methods by which anthropologists have understood human behavior and human creations in small-scale societies as well as industrialized ones. Through a focus on reading ethnographies of different groups, the students will learn about anthropology's holistic approach to society, in which all aspects of life, from kinship, economic and political relations, ritual and gender relations are brought together.

Prerequisites: None

Requirements: TBA

Required textbook:
Janet Siskind. (1975). To Hunt in the Morning. $34.95. ISBN: 0195018915. There will be one other book to be determined.
ANTH 250: Writing Anthropological Research
Instructor: Dr. Paul Welch, pwelch@siu.edu
When &Where: T Th 9:35-10:50, Faner 3515

This course fulfills the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum requirement.

Course description: This course teaches everything you need to know about writing a research paper. You’ll learn about simple, mechanical things like how to format tables in MS Word and how to use hanging indents to make your References Cited list appear the way it should. You’ll learn about literature search tools you never knew of, that will allow you to find publications you’d otherwise not be aware of. You’ll review other people’s writing, to develop better writing skills yourself. And you’ll revise and polish a paper, turning it from a lump of coal into a small, clear gem.

Strongly recommended for all Anthropology majors.

Required textbooks:

ANTH 301: Language in Culture and Society
Instructor: TBA
When & Where: MWF 11:00-11:50, Faner 3461

Course description: This course focuses on the interrelationships of language, culture, and cognition from an anthropological perspective. We will be investigating questions about what language is, how languages are similar and different, how and why speech patterns vary within speech communities and the politics of language.

After a brief overview of language structure and linguistic analysis and description, we will examine folk classification systems and linguistic relativity in detail, which will include data gathering and analysis. Next we will examine natural discourse and its relation to context. We will also examine a variety of related topics involving the social and political functions of language including linguistic registers and dialects, language and social identity, gender and language, language acquisition and socialization, multilingualism, language shift and language revitalization movements. Finally we will examine the origin of language and writing systems.

*Before registering for this course, please verify its status with the department.

Prerequisites: None

ANTH 310A/310H/470A/AFR 310A*: Introduction to Peoples and Cultures of Africa  
Instructor: Dr. John McCall, jmccall@siu.edu  
When & Where: MW 4:00-5:15, Faner 3515

Course description: This course surveys societies of Sub-Saharan Africa from an interdisciplinary perspective. A brief introduction to African geography is followed by an overview of African history in the pre-colonial and colonial eras. The remainder of the course is devoted to the study of present-day Africa including readings on social organization, religion, music, art, literature, popular culture, politics, economics and development. The objective of this course is to convey a more sophisticated understanding of modern Africa, and insights into the problems and potentials of contemporary African societies. Special attention is given to the ways in which traditional social structures and world-views articulate with modern conditions.

Required textbooks:

*The course is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduates must enroll in the 310A section, graduate students in the 470A. Honors program students should sign up for 310H.

ANTH 410E: Anthropology of Law  
Instructor: Dr. David Sutton, dsutton@siu.edu  
When & Where: T Th 3:35-4:50, Faner 3515

Course description: This class considers anthropological evidence for and approaches to anarchist societies, that is, societies without arches (Greek for leaders/laws). We will look at how anarchist societies function, what kinds of history and mythology they produce, how their exchange systems are elaborated, and why they have remained “under the radar” of the modern system of state societies. What is the relationship between anarchist societies and gender egalitarian societies? Were Pirates the first transnational anarchists? We will also consider the implications of anthropological knowledge of anarchist societies for contemporary movements that draw on anarchism for inspiration, including OWS and Anonymous. How have ideas about “direct democracy” shaped new social and cultural practices? What is the relationship between these projects and movements and the larger societies in which they exist?

The Anthropology of Anarchy

Required Textbooks:
3. Others TBA
ANTH 410K: Ecological Anthropology  
**Instructor:** Dr. Andrew Balkansky, abalkan@siu.edu  
**When & Where:** T Th 9:35-10:50, Faner 3461

**Course description:** This course is about human interaction with nature. We study foraging, pastoral, agricultural, and urban societies past and present; we consider various ecological perspectives, current environmental dilemmas and our potential human futures.

Bring your brain and a pencil. There is no prerequisite.

**Learn your ecological ABCs**

A is for adaptation  
B is for biodiversity  
C is for climate change  
D is for Darwin  
E is for ecosystem  
F is for fossil fuels  
G is for Gaia, the hypothesis  
H is for homeostasis  
I is for Industrial Revolution  
J is for Joule  
K is for Kilimanjaro  
L is for Leopold, as in Aldo  
M is for Malthus  
N is for Natufian  
O is for ozone  
P is for population  
Q is for Quinn, the futurist  
R is for rainforest  
S is for sustainability  
T is for technology  
U is for urbanism  
V is for values  
W is for warfare  
X is for Xavante  
Y is for Yosemite  
Z is for... that's right, zoo plankton!

**The web of life: are you in it?**

**Required textbooks**


ANTH 415/LING 415: Sociolinguistics  
**Instructor:** TBA  
**When & Where:** T Th 3:35-4:50, Faner 1228

**Course description:** This course provides an introduction to the study of language as social and cultural practice. The course provides an overview of foundational topics in sociolinguistics (including dialects, variation, registers, pidgin and Creole languages, bilingualism, code-switching, and language and gender); as well as more recent issues in the field (such as language policy, language ideologies, social identity, and critical discourse analysis). Through course readings and assignments, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the field of sociolinguistics and be prepared to complete sociolinguistic research projects on their own.

**Prerequisites:** None  
**Requirements:** TBA  
**Required textbook:** TBA
ANTH 426/WGSS 426/LING 426: Gender, Culture, and Language
Instructor: Ms. Emily Davis, eedavis@siu.edu
When & Where: MWF 9:00-9:50  Life Sciences II 450

Course description: This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to gender studies. It will focus on readings in language and gender in the fields of anthropological- and socio-linguistics. Issues to be addressed are the differences between language use by men/boys and women/girls, how these differences are embedded in other cultural practices, and the various methodologies and theories that have been used to study gendered language use.

Required textbook:

ANTH 450B: Museum Studies – Methodology and Display
Instructor: Mr. Nathaniel Steinbrink, nstein@siu.edu
When & Where: T Th 2:00-3:15, Faner 1526

Course description: A study of the theory and practice of exhibition design applied to diverse subjects such as anthropology, art, and history. The course will discuss and practice research, curation, design and creation of museum exhibitions. This course will prepare a student to take on all steps of curation, design, preparation and installation of a museum exhibition. Topics covered include curatorial philosophy, artifact handling, storyline development, graphic design, 3-D design, lighting, color, and object arrangement. Students will learn through a combination of lectures, hands on experience in the museum, design projects, and practicum work on actual exhibitions. Design projects for the course are a combination of writing, drawing, computer design and model construction. Laboratory/field trip fee: $20.

Required textbook

Photographs: http://www.campbellsci.ca/Images/Museum.jpg
ANTH 455B: Special Topics in Biological Anthropology  
Instructor: TBA  
When & Where: T Th 8:00-9:15, Faner 3438  

Course Description: TBA  

*Before registering for this course, please verify its status with the department.  

Textbooks: TBA

ANTH 455D: Quantitative Methods  
Instructor: Dr. Paul Welch, pwelch@siu.edu  
When & Where: MWF 2:00-2:50, Faner 3515

Course Description: This is a first course in statistics, aimed at anthropology majors and graduate students. The course begins by examining the kinds of quantitative data anthropologists deal with, then turns to the design of sampling schemes. After data have been collected, the next step is to explore the data, using graphs and descriptive statistics, including linear regression. Next, we consider probability theory and its use in helping anthropologists make decisions about whether their data match their research hypotheses. We end by covering bivariate statistical tests for ratio-scale (t tests and analysis of variance), ordinal (U tests, Kolmogorov-Smirnov, analysis of variance with ranks), and categorical data ($\chi^2$, Fisher’s exact test). Throughout, the emphasis is NOT on memorizing formulas, but on understanding the reasons for employing one procedure or another.  

Prerequisites: Officially none, but you’ll need high-school level algebra  

Requirements: A series of assignments to work on at home, plus a take-home final exam  

Required Textbook:  
[WARNING: do NOT get the 1st edition; it has serious errors!]

"You want proof? I'll give you proof!"
ANTH 455H: Osteology
Instructor: Dr. Gretchen Dabbs, gdabbs@siu.edu
When & Where: T Th 11:00-12:15, Faner 3438

Course description: Osteology is a lab-based course for the advanced student interested in intensive analysis of human skeleton remains. This course will cover human skeletal anatomy, methods used in the identification and analysis of fragmentary skeletal remains in archaeological contexts, and osteological evidence for disease, diet, and trauma in past populations.

Required textbook:
*The Human Bone Manual.* Tim D. White and Pieter A. Folkens. ISBN: 978-0-12-088467-4. $32.72

ANTH 456: Forensic Taphonomy
Instructor: Dr. Gretchen Dabbs, gdabbs@siu.edu
When & Where: T Th 12:35-1:50, Faner 3438

Course description: Critical to the successful forensic anthropological analysis of human remains is an understanding of the events and processes that affect decomposition of biological tissues. This course is designed to teach students about a variety of processes affecting decomposition of human tissues, including (but not limited to) animal scavenging, insect activity, environmental conditions, personal characteristics of the deceased and human vectors (dismemberment, burning, burial, etc.), and how this information can be used to aid in forensic investigations (estimate the postmortem interval, assess trauma, etc.).

Prerequisite: ANTH 231 or ANTH 455H (or concurrent enrollment in 455H)

Required textbook:
ANTH 500A: Theory and Method in Biological Anthropology
Instructor: Dr. Ulrich Reichard, ureich@siu.edu
When & Where: MWF 10:00-10:50, Faner 3438

Course description: This course is an overview of Biological Anthropology that teaches students how to identify, understand, and apply the methods and theories currently used in Biological Anthropology. Deeply grounded in Darwinian thinking the course integrates historical foundations of natural selection with concepts about genetics in the “genomics era”.

The course applies the principles of evolutionary theory to humans as well as nonhuman primates and explores the links between evolutionary genetics and human behavior. The course provides graduate students with advanced knowledge of the place of Biological Anthropology within modern Anthropology.

Select topics:
- Biocultural evolutionary theory
- Evolutionary genetics
- Hominin and modern human evolutionary origins
- Human biology and variation
- Human and nonhuman primate behavioral ecology
- Skeletal biology and forensic anthropology
- Race: an outdated concept

Prerequisites: This class is a core requirement for new students in the graduate program. Enrollment is by permission of instructor/department only.

Requirements: Three exams; book report; research paper

Required textbook:

ANTH 500B: Theory and Method in Linguistic Anthropology
Instructor: Dr. Anthony Webster, awebster@siu.edu
When & Where: TTh 2:00-3:15, Faner 3515

Course description: Overview to enable students to identify, describe and understand the theories, methods and goals of linguistic anthropology. Emphasis is placed on the relationships of language to culture and cognition from a variety of perspectives including: 1) structuralism; 2) functionalism; 3) cognitive anthropology; and 4) semiotics and discourse analysis. Topics may include language origins, descriptive linguistics, language and cognition, synchronic and diachronic variation, language in cultural context, poetics, discourse and pragmatics, orality and literacy, and writing systems.

This course is an overview of linguistic anthropology, focusing on both the methods and theories that are relevant to understanding language as a social phenomenon. Special attention will be placed on language, poetics and discourse as achievements. Such an approach, however, demands an understanding of the descriptive components of a language (i.e., phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics). Thus the first part of this class will focus on descriptive linguistics. It is only by understanding these more formal features of language structure that we can speak to issues concerning poetics, discourse, linguistic relativity, language and identity, or language ideologies.

Required textbook:
ANTH 500E: History of Anthropological Theory
Instructor: Dr. Jonathan Hill, jhill@siu.edu
When & Where: MWF, 1:00-1:50, Faner 3515

Course Description:
This course provides foundational knowledge about the intellectual and institutional history of anthropology, and examines the historical development of anthropological concepts. After an overview of the philosophical roots of anthropology, we spend the rest of the semester examining the development of anthropological theory in the 19th and 20th centuries. We consider the institutionalization of anthropology in historical context, with attention to the grounds upon which various theoretical approaches took shape.

Prerequisites: This class is a core requirement for new students in the graduate program. Enrollment is by permission of department only.

Required textbooks:

ANTH 516: Seminar in Complex Societies:
Mortuary Analysis
Instructor: Dr. Izumi Shimada, ishimada@siu.edu
When & Where: Th 4:00-6:30, Faner 3461

Course Description: This seminar provides an in-depth appreciation of the potential, limitations, as well as theoretical underpinnings of diverse approaches for mortuary analysis (i.e., processual, post-processual, bioarchaeological or integrative, archaeothanatology), as well as of the range of information that can be extracted. We are interested not only in the physical aspects of mortuary practices (e.g., skeletal remains, grave goods, and tomb structures), but also in ceremonies and ideologies connected with ancestors and burial or cremation of the dead. More broadly speaking, we are concerned with death as both a social and biological event and with the diverse forms of the dead-living relationship. Students will be reading both programmatic statements and case studies of different approaches to mortuary analysis, as well as ethnographic and historical documentation of funerary practices, human sacrifices, dead-living interaction, and the concept of body from diverse periods and locations throughout the world. All students in archaeology and physical anthropology are welcomed.

Prerequisites: None

Requirements: Active participation in classroom discussion, two research papers (approx. 15 pages each) and associated oral presentations (approx. 20 min.).

Required textbooks:
ANTH 554/MBMB 554/PLB 554/ZOOL 554:
Evolution Seminar
Instructor: Dr. Susan Ford, sford@siu.edu
When & Where: Th 12-12:50 p.m., LS3 1003

Course Description: This is an interdisciplinary discussion session of current literature in systematics and evolutionary biology, held in the Zoology Department. The course is pass-fail, and the structure is a weekly assigned reading of a recent paper in the field, which is then discussed in an informal and open manner by interested students and faculty during a lunch-time meeting. ANTH 500A or its equivalent and a strong understanding of evolutionary biology are recommended. Course is cross-listed in Zoology, Plant Biology, and Microbiology.

Prerequisites: None

Requirements: Readings and participation

Textbooks: None

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