



Alabama Community College System

ANT 200 Introduction to Anthropology

I. ANT 200 Introduction to Anthropology—3 Semester Hours

II. Course Description

This course covers the physical, social, and cultural development of human behavior from an anthropological perspective.

III. Prerequisite

NONE

IV. Textbook

Due to the varied selection of quality college-level textbooks, each college will select the textbook needed to meet the requirements of this course.

V. Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. discuss how anthropology is a social science based on systematic study;
2. explain evolutionary theory (and its mechanisms), hominid evolution, modern human variation, and the interplay between biology and culture;
3. describe human similarities and differences as well as the cultural diversity of the world by applying basic anthropological terms, concepts, principles, and general theories; and
4. examine human ways of life holistically and comparatively, applying an anthropological perspective to the analysis of current events and social issues.

VI. Course Outline of Topics

1. Anthropology and culture
2. Language and communication
3. Biological and cultural evolution
4. Primates
5. Hominids and early humans

6. Human diversity
7. Patterns of subsistence
8. Family, marriage, household, and kinship
9. Belief and religion
10. Political/Social control
11. Arts and culture
12. Change and the future

VII. Evaluation and Assessment

Grades will be given based upon A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%, and F = below 60%.

VIII. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student's ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

IX. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment

It is the official policy of the Alabama Community College System and entities under its control, including all Colleges, that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of any impermissible criterion or characteristic, including, without limitation, race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, disability, sex, age, or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law. (ACCS Policies 601.02 and 800.00)

X. Americans with Disabilities

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College.