

## ANTHROPOLOGY COURSE LIST SPRING 2023

### **ANTH 10000 INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY**

MW 1:30-2:20 MTHW 210 + online Hybrid Barber  
Distance Learning Smith  
A general introduction to anthropology's holistic approach to human nature and behavior. A basic survey of biocultural development and evolutionary process, and of human uniformity and diversity through time and across space. Barber CRN 11017, 26205; Smith CRN 25571

### **ANTH 20100 INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY AND WORLD PREHISTORY**

TTH 1:30-2:45 WALC 2087 Otárola-Castillo  
Introduction to the ideas and practices of archaeology that are used in the study of human prehistory, from the earliest stone tools to the development of agriculture and states. Emphasis is placed on the objectives and methods of contemporary archaeology. CRN 11304

### **ANTH 20400 INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMAN EVOLUTION**

TTH 8:30-9:20 WTHR 172 Lindshield  
This course surveys biological anthropology through a review of evolutionary theory and genetics, the fossil evidence for current theories in human evolution with insight from modern non-human primates, and the influence of environmental stressors on modern human biological variation. CRN 11033

### **ANTH 20500 HUMAN CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

MW 8:30-9:20 MTHW 210 Wirtz  
Distance Learning Wirtz  
Distance Learning Barber  
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Using concepts and models of cultural anthropology, this course will survey the principal cultural types of the world and their distribution and will undertake a detailed analysis of society's representative of each type. Wirtz CRN 11041, DL 10601; Barber CRN 54814, 25573

### **ANTH 21000 TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE**

TTH 3:00-4:15 WALC 3087 Nyssa  
MW 1:30-2:20 WALC B091 Cromer  
Distance Learning Reid  
This course explores the social dimensions of technology from the perspective of ancient, modern, and post-modern society. Topics include the origins of particular technologies; processes of technical development and dissemination; the politics of everyday artifacts; virtual identities; and technologies of the body. Nyssa CRN 10606; Cromer CRN 29736, 21649; Reid CRN 22109

### **ANTH 21200 CULTURE, FOOD AND HEALTH**

MW 11:30-12:20 MTHW 304 + online Hybrid Wirtz  
This course is designed to provide an introduction to the field of Nutritional Anthropology in which we will examine issues related to diet, health and illness from holistic anthropological perspectives. CRN 10615, 20580

### **ANTH 21500 INTROCUCTION TO FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY**

TTH 3:00-4:15 STON 217 Beasley  
Introduction to forensic anthropology, the science that utilizes methods from skeletal biology and archaeology as tools in human identification in a medico-legal context. This course introduces students to methods used to recover and positively identify human remains, and to evaluate trauma and taphonomy in medico-legal situations. Topics include an overview of historical and current developments in the field. Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the sequential order of applied work from the search for forensic scenes through the recovery of remains, and skeletal analysis in the laboratory. CRN 17195

### **ANTH 23000 GENDER ACROSS CULTURES**

TTH 9:00-10:15 STEW 314 Valdez  
Explores gender and sexuality from a cross-cultural perspective. Draws on case studies to explore the complexities of women and men's lives. Examines gender hierarchies, gender in a globalized world, and the cultural construction of sexuality and gender. CRN 10616

### **ANTH 25400 ARCH HOAXES, MYTHS AND FRAUDS**

MW 12:30-1:20 STON 217 + online Hybrid Lindsay  
Why does archaeology inspire so many theories about aliens, dark conspiracies, apocalyptic predictions, and mysterious technologies? While the study of the ancient past indeed involves the pursuit of ancient "mysteries," archaeology attempts to solve these mysteries with rigorous methodologies, thoughtful analysis of data, and the scientific method. Through readings, discussion, and films, students will develop critical thinking and analytical tools to evaluate evidence and diagnose "fake news" archaeology and pseudoscience when they see it. CRN 18394, CRN 22263

### **ANTH 31000 MORTUARY PRACTICES ACROSS CULTURES**

TTH 12:00-1:15 STON 217 Buzon  
Explores how death is treated or has been treated in diverse world cultures and time periods. Death is viewed as an expression of social behavior and as an expression of symbolic meaning. CRN 17465

### **ANTH 31200 THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT EGYPT AND THE NEAR EAST**

TTH 3:00-4:15 MTHW 304 Buzon  
Selected topics on the archaeology of ancient Near Eastern cultures in Mesopotamia, the circum-Mediterranean area, Egypt, and the Nile Valley, emphasizing an anthropological interpretation of the political, social, religious, and economic systems that contributed to their development. CRN 12833

### **ANTH 33500 PRIMATE BEHAVIOR**

TTH 10:30-11:45 STON 217 Lindshield  
This course is an introduction to the primate order and primate studies. The emphasis is on field studies. Ecological influences on social organization and behavior, learning, play, and communication will be considered as adaptations within an evolutionary framework. CRN 17490

### **ANTH 34000 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTH**

MW 1:30-2:20 WALC 3090 + online hybrid Wirtz  
MW 10:30-11:20 WTHR 160 + online hybrid Barber  
This course examines health issues and risks faced by individuals around the world, but especially in resource poor geographical areas. We will explore in-depth the gendered, ethnic, cultural, and class dimensions that underlie the patterning of disease and illness worldwide. Wirtz CRN 16194/26191; Barber CRN 24762/26192

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## **ANTH 38400 DESIGNING FOR PEOPLE: ANTHROPOLOGICAL APPROACHES**

MW Lecture 12:30-1:20 & Lab M 1:30-3:20 WALC 2124 Briller  
MW Lecture 9:30-10:20 & Lab M 10:30-12:20 WALC 2124 Renkert  
This course is about designing for people. You will use anthropological knowledge and skills to better understand human and technology interactions. With students from other fields, you will learn how to apply an anthropological perspective to human centered design and design with the needs of a specific user group in mind. Briller CRN 19835, 19857; Renkert CRN 19826, 19854

## **ANTH 39200 PREGNANCY, BIRTH AND BABIES**

TTH 12:00-1:15 REC 317 Veile  
This course examines human universal patterns and cross-cultural variation in pregnancy, birth, and infant care practices, using evolutionary and biocultural perspectives. Students will connect course themes to current events and controversies (such as medical models of birth, public breastfeeding, and parent-infant co-sleeping) in class discussions and projects. CRN 17215

## **ANTH 39200 COLONIALISM, GLOBALIZATION, & FOOD JUSTICE**

F 3:30-4:20 HORT 210 Flachs  
The through-lines from colonialism to globalization seem logical, smooth, and inevitable to some people - its beneficiaries, perhaps - but have been defiantly challenged by others, particularly those who have been displaced, dispossessed or made vulnerable. This course will bring awareness to the racial and ethnic inequities in global farming and food systems and will investigate how people, particularly indigenous peoples and other marginalized groups, are resisting unfair food systems, and build better ones: attempting to decolonize farming and food systems. CRN 23430

## **ANTH 41400 INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

TTH 1:30-2:45 STON 217 Anderson  
An exploration into the nature of human communication, particularly the structures, functions, and substance of human language. Focus is on the interpenetration of language, culture and cognition, on the evolution of language and speech, and on their uses in everyday life. CRN 17468 cross listed LING 49800

## **ANTH 42500 ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHAEOLOGY**

MW 2:30-3:20 STON 217 + online Hybrid Lindsay  
Introduction to the theory and methods of contemporary American archaeology. Basic field and laboratory methods are placed in the context of theoretical viewpoints and problems. Major theoretical issues in the field are explored, showing the integration of American archaeology with anthropology. CRN 17472, 22277

## **ANTH 43600 HUMAN EVOLUTION**

TTH 1:30-2:45 STON 154 Beasley  
This class examines the fossil evidence for human evolution and theories proposed to explain the development that led from the origin of primates to modern humans. This course will include lectures, exercises with fossil casts, presentation, and discussions. CRN 17474

## **ANTH 51900 INTRODUCTION TO SEMIOTICS**

TTH 4:30-5:45 STON 217 Anderson  
An inquiry into various hypotheses concerning sign generation, perception, and interpretation applicable to a broad range of phenomena (including artistic texts, verbal and non-verbal communication, rhetorical discourse, myth, and other linguistic, cultural, ethological, and evolutionary contexts. CRN 17475

## **ANTH 53500 FOUNDATIONS OF BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

TTH 9:00-10:15 STON 154 Veile  
This course covers such topics important in Biological anthropology as applied to both living and extinct humans and primates. Possible topics include: evolutionary thought; genetics, race, and human variation; the intersection of biology and culture; fossils and paleoanthropology; ecology and speciation; primate behavior; and theories on the social behavior of early humans. CRN 17506

## **ANTH 59200 ANTHROPOLOGY PROSEMINAR**

Wed 9:30-11:20 STON 217 Remis  
Open to first and second year Anthropology Grad Students. This 1-credit course is an introduction to graduate study in Anthropology at Purdue. Students will be introduced to the research interests of Purdue Anthropology faculty and how their work fits into the contemporary landscapes of their fields. Students will engage with visiting speakers and their work as well as participate in learning how to organize academic events. CRN 17492

## **ANTH 60500 SEMINAR IN ETHNOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS**

W 10:30-1:20 STON 154 Flachs  
A selection of ethnographic monographs will be read, reported on, and discussed by seminar participants under the direction of the anthropology staff. The monographs will be discussed in terms of field methods employed, particular theoretical strengths and weaknesses, and their value to current anthropological method and theory. CRN 17491

## **ANTH 60600 THE CONDUCT OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL INQUIRY**

TTH 4:30-5:45 STON 154 Otárola-Castillo  
The course provides a broad overview of research strategies and techniques commonly employed in the various subfields of anthropology. Topics would include field techniques, the use of data banks (e.g., the HRAF files), sampling, hypothesis testing, and computer application. CRN 17501

## **ANTH 62000 Anthropologies of Medicine, Science and Technology**

W 2:30-5:20 WALC 3127 Cromer  
Medicine, science, and technology are shaped by, and shaping of, the social worlds we inhabit. This seminar explores current trajectories at the intersections of medical anthropology and science and technology studies. Students will gain an advanced introduction to key conceptual works in these fields through a diverse array of ethnographies and selected theoretical, literary, historical, and media perspectives. We will consider the strengths and limits of ethnographic methods through explorations within and beyond the clinic and lab. This course will cultivate critical skills for investigating and applying anthropological perspectives to the intersections of knowledge production, power structures, health and wellbeing, scientific inquiry, and technological development. CRN 21648

## **ANTH 64100 DISCOVERY AND DESIGN**

T 10:30-1:20 STON 154 Nysa  
This course focuses on using anthropology to address social issues. The course examines topics including: the history of anthropologists working in applied settings, the relationship between theory and practice, professional ethics, job opportunities, and skills needed as anthropological practitioners. CRN 25565