



## Anthropology 2351-01W: World Cultures Summer II 2014

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### COURSE INFORMATION

#### Materials –Required Text

Kottak, Conrad. Cultural Anthropology, 15<sup>th</sup> edition. McGraw-Hill, 2013.  
ISBN 9780078035005

#### Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the major concepts, theoretical frameworks and research methods of cultural anthropology. We will examine a range of societies from small-scale foraging bands to complex industrial nations from global and ethnographic perspectives. A broad range of topics will be addressed from a cross-cultural perspective, including: social, political and economic development; marriage, gender, and language. In addition to examining the diversity of human cultures throughout the world, we will focus on how anthropological methods can be employed to help us understand *why* peoples' behaviors and beliefs vary cross culturally and how anthropologists go about uncovering the meanings of both cultural diversity and similarity. Globalization and its implications for countries all over the world will be addressed from a World-System perspective.

#### Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to demonstrate **knowledge** of the interconnectedness of global dynamics (issues, processes, trends, and symptom).
2. Students will be able to **apply** knowledge of the interconnectedness of global dynamics
3. Students will be able to view themselves as **engaged** citizens within an interconnected and diverse world.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

Instructional methods are primarily lecture and online class discussion. Students will be assessed through, short written assignments, and weekly exams throughout the semester. Exams will be non-comprehensive and worth 50 points each. They will be due by 5pm each Thursday. Weekly discussions will be worth 10 points and will be due at 5pm each Friday.

**You are responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with the course requirements.** This course introduces concepts and methods with which most students are unfamiliar, therefore it is critical that you log on each day prepared to discuss and write critically about the assigned questions. Each of these will be worth ten points, however if you miss a substantial number or receive poor grades on them

they will negatively impact your final grade. Because these assignments are meant to motivate you to stay up to date with reading assignments in the text and online lectures you must commit a substantial amount of time to reading and analyzing. **Late assignments will not be accepted without documentation of absence**, and I do not make extra credit assignments. If you decide to drop the course it is up to you to do so. You have only a short time to do so. The drop date for non-payment is July 28th.

**Exams:** There will be five exams during the semester, each worth 50 points. The exams will cover all assigned readings, and lectures. Each exam may consist of some combination of multiple choice, short answer, and fill-in-the-blank questions. **Students who miss an exam due to documented illness, emergency, or a university-sanctioned activity must have official documentation in order to make up the exam. Only one exam can be made up. Students who miss more than one exam, should drop the course.**

### **Grading Criteria**

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
65-79%	C
56-64%	D
< 56%	F

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## **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

Please feel free to drop by during my office hours. You can also email me or phone me through the contact information at the top of the first page. Because my hours will be somewhat erratic during the summer it is probably best to email me at [Linda.Matthei@tamuc.edu](mailto:Linda.Matthei@tamuc.edu)

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

**Academic Honesty:** Students in this class and in all classes at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty. Cheating in any form is a serious matter. Anyone found guilty of cheating will receive an “F” in the course and may be subject to further disciplinary action by the University. Cheating can also affect your permanent record. Plagiarism (using the words and/or ideas of another without acknowledgment) is also cheating and is subject to the same penalties. **All work submitted for this class is to be done individually unless otherwise specified.** Do your own work on assignments, and exams, and do not provide unauthorized assistance to others, and you will not only uphold the ethical standards demanded at A&M-Commerce, you’ll learn more.

### **Student Conduct:**

“All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.” (See Student’s Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct). Entering class late, walking in and out of class, talking during lecture, and the use of cell phones (including text messaging) are all disruptive behaviors. If you must engage in them, **do so outside the classroom.** If you feel you must leave the room for whatever reason please do so quietly, and do not return.

### **ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

**Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

**Texas A&M University-Commerce**

**Gee Library 132**

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**Fax (903) 468-8148**

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<b>COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR</b>
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#### **Reading Schedule:**

Week One: July 7-10

Kottak: Chapter 1: What is anthropology?

Chapter 2: Culture

Chapter 3: Method and Theory in Cultural Anthropology, pps. 50-61 only

**Discussion: Due each Wednesday at 5 pm**

**Exam: July 10. Exam will be open from Midnight to 5 pm**

Week Two: July 14-17

Kottak: Chapter 3: Method and Theory in Cultural Anthropology, pps. 50-61 only

Chapter 5: Language and Communication

**Exam: July 17. Exam will be open until 5 pm**

Week Three: July 21-24

Kottak: Chapter 7: Making a Living

Chapter 8: Political Systems

**Exam: July 24 Exam will be open until 5 pm.**

Week Four: July 28-31

Kottak: Chapter 9: Gender

Chapter 11: Marriage

**Exam: July 31. Exam will be open until 5 pm.**

Week Five: Chapter 14: The World System and Colonialism

Chapter 15: Anthropology's Role in a Globalizing World

**Exam: August 7. Final Exam will be open until 5 pm.**