Understanding Global Cultures Week 1

1. Getting Started

Introduce Yourself

Weekly Memos

2. Live Chat: Open Forum / Office Hours

Tuesday @ 7:00-8:00 p.m. (CDT)
Contact Information

3. Video Explorations

Real People . . . Real Places . . .

Videos for the Semester

(A) Many Ways to See the World (30 min.)

(B) Very Short Selective Attention Tests

Selective Attention Test (1:21 min.)
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“The Monkey Business Illusion” (1:41 min.)

4. Slides

Class Slides for the Semester

Introduction to Anthropology and Orientation to the Course (.pptx)

Main Characteristics of Anthropology (.pptx)

5. Readings

Readings for the Semester

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Main Due Dates

Calendar

In-the-News

“What’s Happening?” Memos

Class Slides for the Semester

For Fun Trivia

Questions? / Comments?

Old Business

“Welcome Memo of 20 May 2020”

“What's Happening Week 1--Next Week?” Memo
1. Getting Started

This week we’re going to have a look at different ways of seeing the world, as well as how we see and don’t see the world.

And we’ll have a more comprehensive Orientation to the course, and we’ll see some of the Major Features of American Anthropology.

If you haven’t read my “Welcome Memo of 20 May 2020”, and the “What's Happening Week 1--Next Week?“ memo please do that as they contain useful and important information about the course. Some of that information, but not all of it, is repeated here.

As I mentioned earlier, for the first part of the course much of the material for the week will be presented in the form of text materials, video materials, and on-line slide materials. Please note that many of the slide sets go hand-in-hand with the materials in the text. If your learning style is visual, focus first/more on the slides and videos.

In the second section of the semester, once you have mastered the basic information relating to Global Cultures, we will continue to look (generally comparatively, cf., Main Characteristics of Anthropology in Week 1) at a series of “Real Places . . . Real Places” video materials from around the world. The final section will focus on your research projects.
2. Live Chat:
Open Forum / Office Hours
Tuesday, 9 June 2020, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (CDT)

Contact Information

Usually on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. we’ll have an optional “Live Chat” / Office Hour to discuss your questions and whatever you want talk about. Live Chat is optional. If you cannot make them live, transcripts of the discussions will be available in your canvas folder.

Stop by on Tuesday and see what you think.

“What’s Happening this Week Memos?”

Every week—usually on Sunday—you will also receive memo like this which outlines what’s happening for the week.
Each week you will get the memo in your UM e-mail account and it will be available in your canvas folder in three places . . .

These weekly memos contain lots of valuable and timely information, so pay careful attention to them . . .

- The Weeks’ Assignments and Activities Schedule
- **Due Dates** [🔗] for the Week
- **Reminders** for the Week
- Suggestions and Hints for **Exams** [🔗]
- **Interesting tidbits** of the week, including **For-Fun Trivia** . . .
- **Optional links** that might be generally interesting and/or useful, for example, with the **Extra Credit Opportunities** [🔗]
- Information on **In-Class Films and Videos** [🔗]
  (of which there will be many, starting next week)
- **Breaking News Items** . . .
3. Video Explorations

Real People . . . Real Places . . .

Videos for the Semester

This week we’ll have a look at . . .

Many Ways to See the World:
A Thirty-minute Tour of World Map Images


On-line access

course viewing guide

"Presents a fascinating exploration into the minds of twelve mapmakers. Discover how their unique backgrounds, philosophies, values, and politics led each to select a particular mathematical formula to create their maps. Learn about the impact those world images have had on us, consciously and unconsciously."

"Special features: Includes over 70 PowerPoint images with links to map resources; preview: Arno Peters: Radical map, remarkable man; radio interviews; book excerpts; and more."


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Selective Attention Tests

Anthropological analytical skills include careful observation of behavior. We will be visiting many parts of the globe as we go along in the course—so you will have lots of opportunities to practice your observational skills.

So this week take the two short minute-and-a-half tests of your observational skills before you continue your intensive look at the wide variety of Global Cultures video materials that we will be viewing and re-viewing virtually every week of the semester. You should take those short tests this week.

Take the Two (Very Short)
Selective Attention Tests in Preparation for Watching the many Videos throughout the semester.

(Be sure to take both tests. Read the instructions carefully.)

First, take the . . .

Selective Attention Test
(It’s short: 1:21 min.)

[click here]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo>

Read and follow the directions carefully.

(Be sure to also count the bounce passes.)
When you are finished with the Selective Attention Test, watch . . .

The Monkey Business Illusion
(It too is short: 1:42 min.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK_ZfY> [click here]

Again, read and follow the directions carefully.
(And as with The Selective Attention Test, be sure to also count the bounce passes.)

4. Slides
Class Slides for the Semester [p]

(A) Introduction to Anthropology / Orientation to the Course (.pptx) [p]

on-line at <https://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1095/PowerPoint/gc-orientation.pptx>
(B) Main Characteristics of Anthropology (pptx.)


5. Readings

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Have a look at . . .

6. Assignments and Events

. . . this week which are listed on your ”Calendar”.

They are also listed on the “Syllabus” section of your canvas folder, if you prefer to have the assignments and reminders in a notebook format (see below).
REM: Links on screenshots are not “hot” (active)

AND REM: Clicking on “Agenda” will give you a notebook listings view

NOTE: Many things are (optional)
If you prefer, you can also access of the class materials in the standard Canvas “Syllabus” file, and that will look something like this . . .

Live Chat
Tuesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The links to the on-line movies are on your Canvas calendar

NOTE: Many things are optional

Canvas “Syllabus” file without the notations . . .
Go to the Canvas “Syllabus” file from your course navigation . . .
HINT: You can synchronize your canvas calendar with your UMD Google calendar, if you want.

**In-the-News . . .**

**In-the-News Report Information**

Starting Next Week (Week 2) . . .

Scotland – Halle K.
Spain – Sam T.
North/South Korea – Matt S.

Sign up for 2 countries in “Collaborations” . . .
Then select your 2 countries from this Signup Sheet . . .

- Sign up for 2 countries to report on the News-of-the-Week Summaries
- Reports can be very short (basically like a “news brief” like you might see or hear on TV or other legitimate news sources)
For Fun Trivia . . .

This week our trivia questions for fun relates to maps . . .

The citizens of what country complain that their country keeps getting left off of maps?

Check it out.

We’ll be exploring many aspects of global cultures—cultural, spiritual, social, political, psychological, historical, prehistorical, recreational, economic, technological, ethical, and the like—so stay tuned.

So once again, welcome to ANTH 1080 Understanding Global Cultures. This will be a great course, and a great experience.

You will see . . .

I’m looking forward to “meeting” you on-line.

If you have any questions or comments right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the canvas “Discussions”, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or Google Meet (which has better closed
captions than ZOOM (UM Information Technology)

Best Wishes,

Tim Roufs
<href>http://www.d.umn.edu/~troufs/</href>

P.S. If you are new to the world of "technology" don't worry too much about that. Things may not "work" for you at first, but hang in there and we'll help you along. If you have not used canvas course management system before, you might find it helpful to view the Canvas Student Guide.