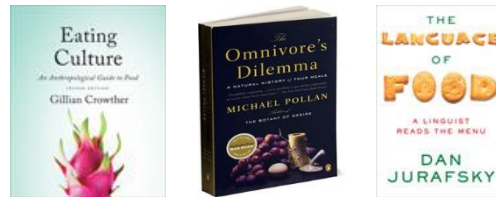


Anthropology of Food



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Tim Roufs Inspecting Durians in Singapore Market, 2017

Welcome to Anthropology 3888 **Anthropology of Food**

Textbook Information

This will be a great course, and a great experience.

You will see. . . .

It's the time of year we start thinking about the great Minnesota State Fair, and State Fair food. Minnesota State Fair food is legendary, each year featuring about two-dozen new foods and a half-dozen new vendors, in addition to their already expansive menu of nearly 500 food options! And this year it's back after a break for COVID (although last year, for \$59.95, you could still get a "State Fair to Go" fair food box on-line).



★ StarTribune

The "State Fair to Go" COVID fair food box included two dozen cookies from Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar, sweet corn from Axdahl's, corn dogs from Elliott's Up North, Rosie's French Fries, Ellsworth Creamery cheese curds and State Fair Mini Donuts.” <https://bringmethenews.com/minnesota-lifestyle/more-fair-food-options-company-now-offering-state-fair-to-go-box>.

Of course the other perennial Minnesota State Fair food favorites will be back next week, along with the featured new foods. Here are the new foods for 2021: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/new-this-year/food/>. **And there will be "56 brand-new beverages premiering or found only at the 2021 fair to wash all of that food down" in addition to their 29 classics** <https://www.mnstatefair.org/general-info/specialty-brews-and-beverages/>.

The Minnesota State Fair normally offers at least 450 different kinds of food—typically more than 60 of them on sticks—from about 300 vendors. My favorite, of course, are the “Tiny Tim” doughnuts. . . . (How do you spell “doughnuts”?)

About the Anthropology of Food course . . .

Some people like to procrastinate. Others like to arrive early to a party, and in some ways those folks are “pre-crastinators”.

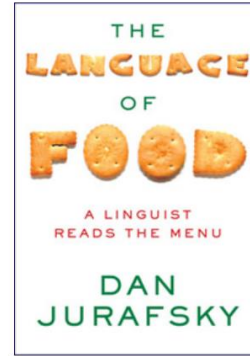
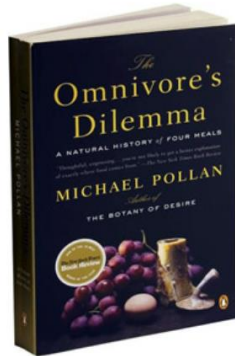
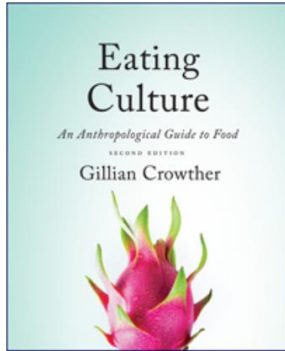
I am sending this note out early to make it more convenient for you pre-crastinators **to order the textbooks on-line** (if that is an attractive option for you), and / or to let you get started reading **some of the interesting materials that we have for the class** (if you are the kind of person who likes to do that sort of thing).

Or you might want to start watching one or other of the international-**award-winning films and videos** that we have lined up for the class.

If neither of these options applies to you, and you just feel like a little more summertime procrastination is in order, just relax and enjoy the great summer weather—wherever you happen to be, and enjoy the rest of your break.

Classes officially start on my birthday, the 30th of August 2021.

Textbooks



Detailed Information on the Textbooks is Here . . .

<https://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/aftexts.html#title>

[click ↑ here]

(Consider renting the Crowther, or buy used copies; exams are open-book, so you should have a copy of each one. And on-line the Pollan and Jurafsky books are cheap. We'll be using these texts again in the Spring (in ANTH 3888 Anthropology of Food), so if the UMD bookstore is still back in operation then there should be a local market for used copies.)

Other Things that You Might be Curious about . . .

click on the items for more information . . .
links may or may not work on your cell phone

Food in the News

The  canvas Course Management System


Thanks / Questions



Food in the News

Interest in food and culture has never been greater. You can see that in the news and editorial pages of the weekly papers and the other news media. Whether or not you agree with the various commentators, and there are many these days, representing all sides of the food industry and all food interest groups, food is IN the news. **And some weeks food IS the news.** And that's true year 'round. **And who knows what tomorrow may bring. . . .**

Lots of things are happening on the various cultural food fronts . . . virtually every day featuring food news for everyone. Some of the best sources for up-to-date news on food include [What FoodAnthro is Reading Now](#). . . . and Marion [no-relation-to-the-company] Nestle's [Food Politics Blog](#). [The New York Times Food Section](#), [BBC Food](#), the [StarTribune](#), and MPRNews > [The Splendid Table](#) regularly carry interesting and important articles on food around the world.

The canvas Course Management System

I am looking forward to “meeting you” in class as we begin our anthropological journey into the world of food. In the meantime, at your leisure, you might want to peruse the information in **your**  **folder** at <http://canvas.umn.edu/>.

If you are new to the  canvas course management system don't worry too much about that.  canvas has a very good orientation tutorials.

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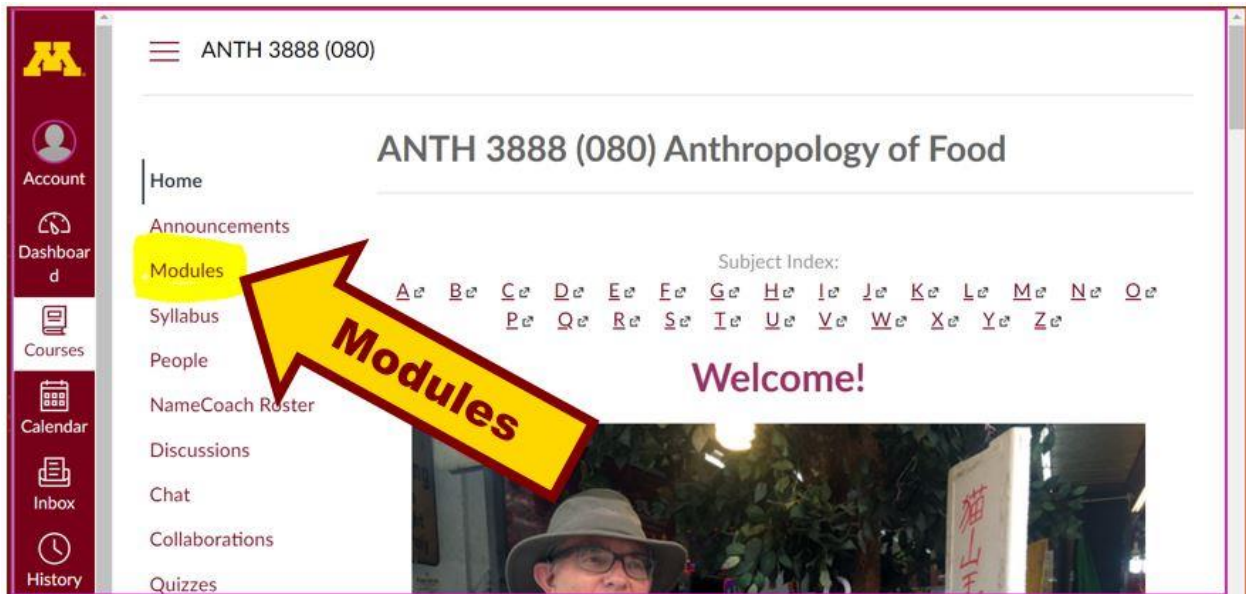
The Canvas Student Guide / Overview / Tour can be very helpful.

Student Guide -- written guides with step-by-step instructions for Canvas tools

Canvas Student Overview (6:47 min)

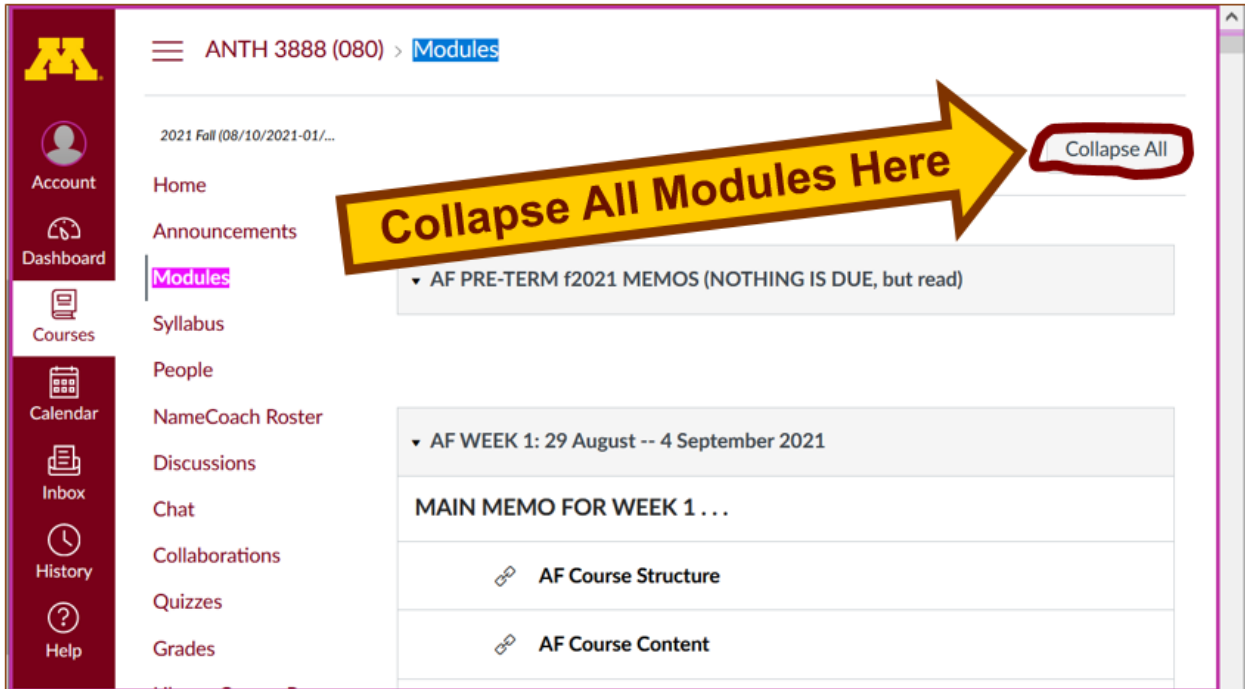
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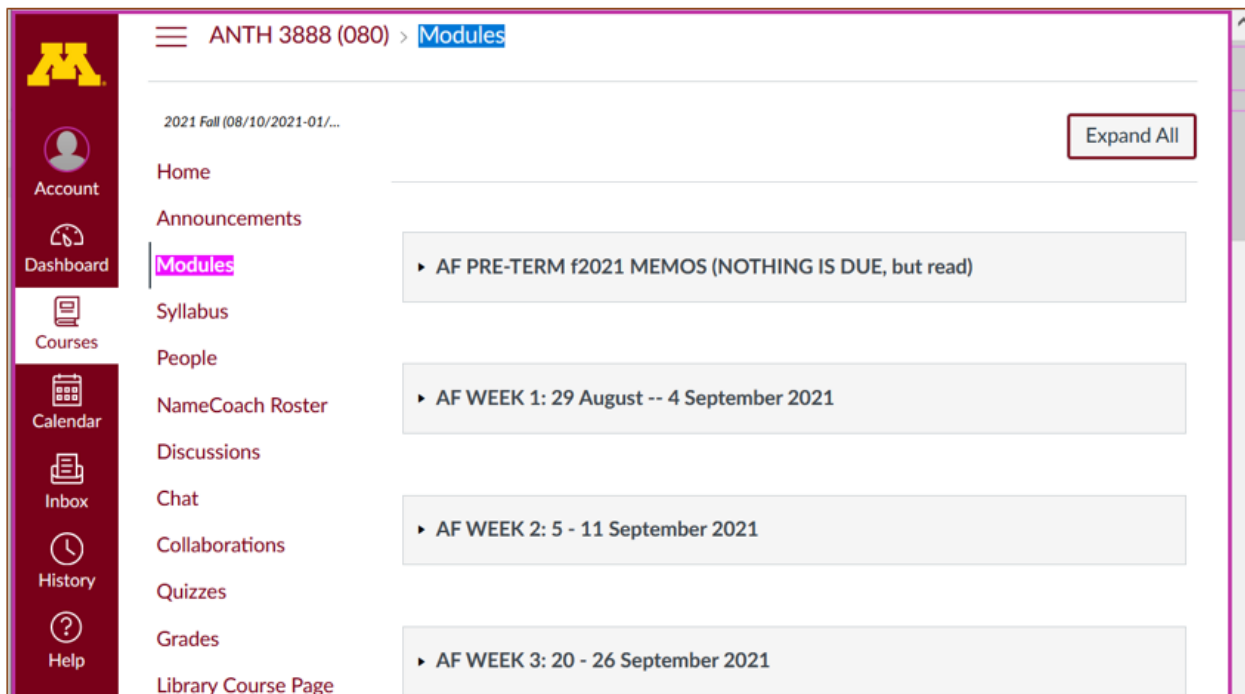
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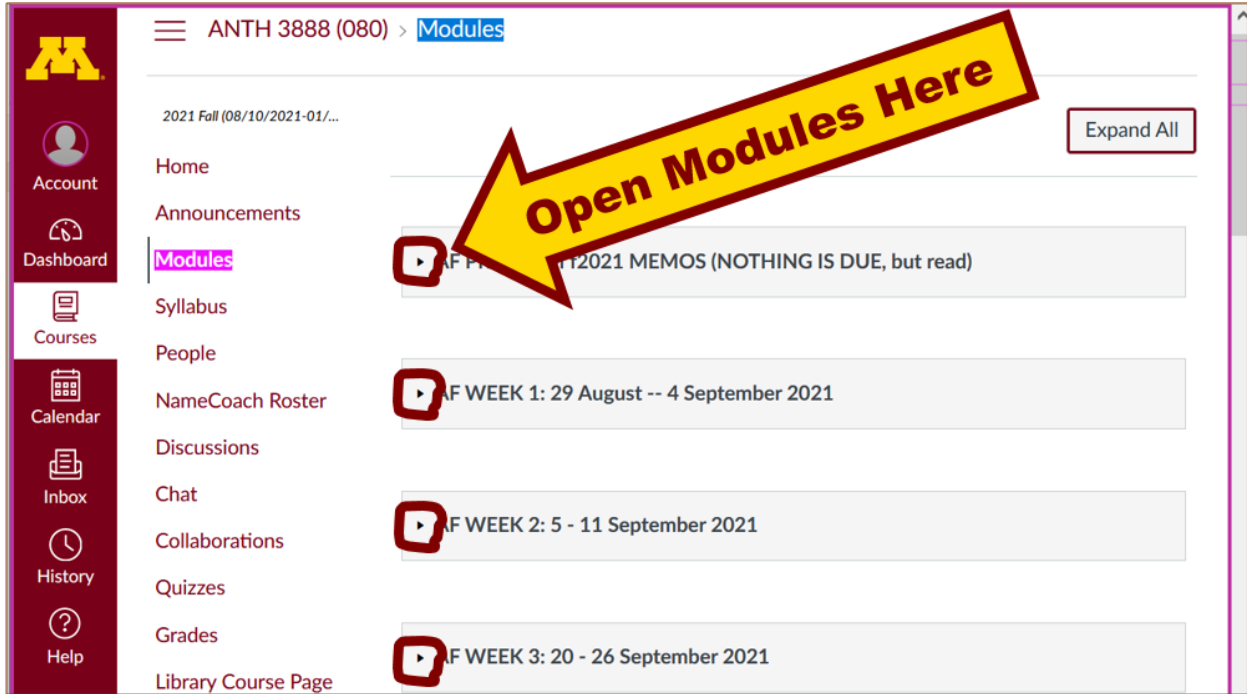
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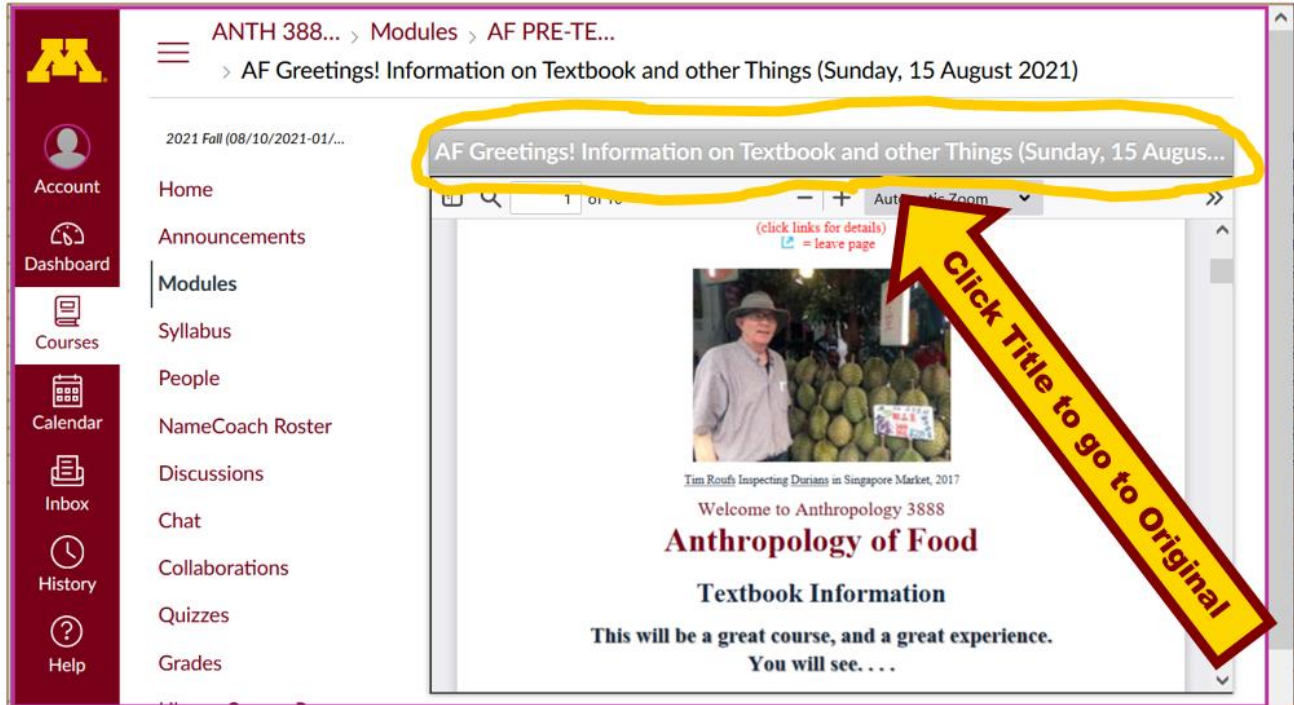
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Thanks / Questions?

So once again, welcome to Anth 3888 Anthropology of Food. This will be a great course, and a great experience. You will see. . . .

Thanks for signing on for Anthropology of Food.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu.

Best Warm Wishes for the late spring,

Tim Roufs
15 August 2021