



Tim Roufs Inspecting Durians in Singapore Market, 2017

Greetings!

1.0 What's Happening?

Food in the News

5.0 Other Assignments

9.0 (optional) For Fun Trivia

(optional) **Live Chat**
Tuesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

2.0 Video Explorations

6.0 *Exams

10.0 (optional) Extra Credit

(optional) **Questions / Comments**

3.0 Slides

7.0 Project

11.0 (optional) Other

The Canvas Course Management System

“Simple Syllabus”

4.0 Textbooks

8.0 Discussion

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Canvas Modules

Items DUE this week:
*enter on-line
**upload file

Happy Boxing Day!
a very important holiday in England and the rest of the UK

Welcome to Anthropology 3888
Anthropology of Food

**This will be a great course, and a great experience.
You will see. . . .**

1.0 What's Happening?

Please read this to the end. *Reading it will save you a lot of time and trouble in the long run.*

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”.

Class officially starts on Wednesday, 10 January 2024.

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).

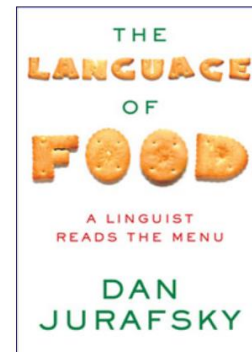
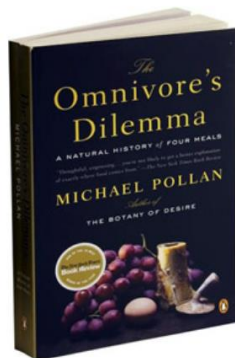
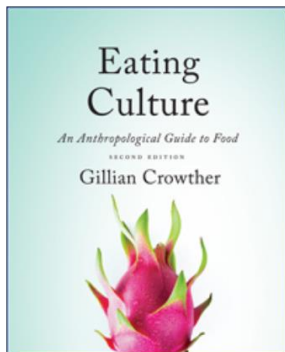
Or you might want to start watching one or other of the international-**award-winning films and videos** that we have lined up for the class.

If neither of these options applies to you, and you just feel like a little more

holiday procrastination is in order, just relax and enjoy the early winter weather—wherever you happen to be, and enjoy the rest of your break.

Either way, with all of the goings-on this fall, you might want to get a head start in at least **ordering your textbooks**—textbooks that are actually fun to read (well, at least it is after you get past the first chapter) of the anchor text

4.0 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 of the texts; **exams are open-book**, so you should have a copy of each one, but you can share texts with a friend as you can take the exams at different times. And on-line the Pollan and Jurafsky books are cheap.

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

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's Taste](#), 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 and the University of Minnesota have good orientation tutorials.

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Having said that, it may take a week or two for you to get used to individual course layouts. Paying attention to the first four memos in this class will help a lot.

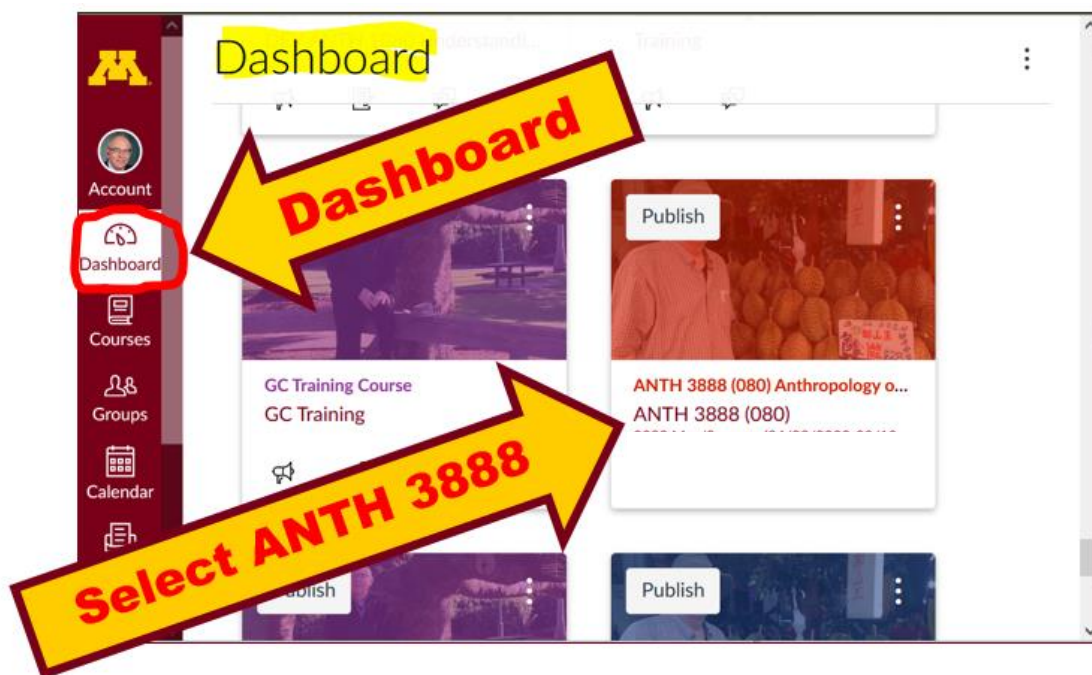
The Canvas Student Guide / Overview / Tour can be very helpful.

[Student Guide](#) -- written guides with step-by-step instructions for Canvas tools

[Canvas Student Overview](#) (6:47 min)

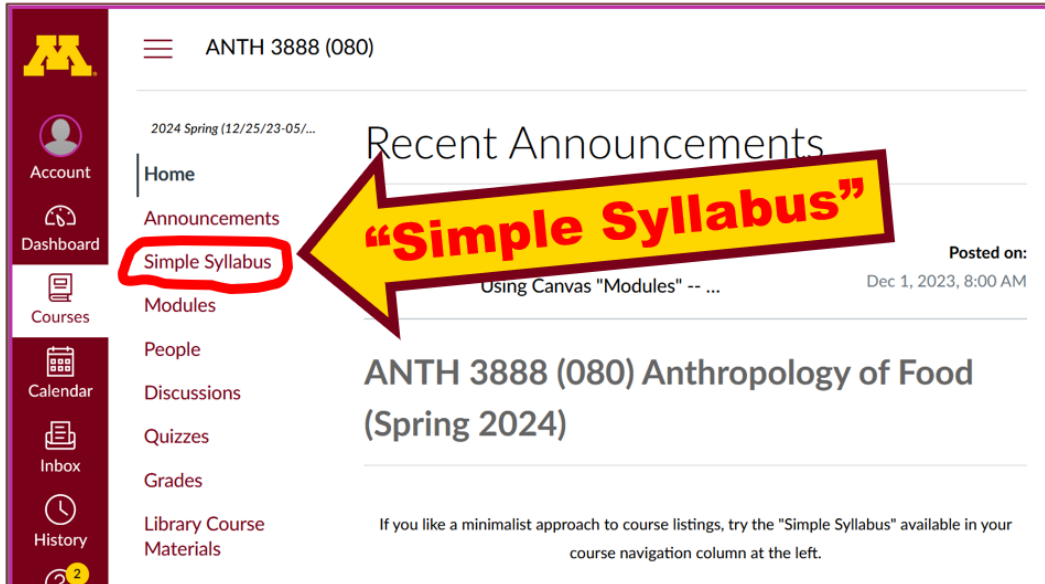
Open your  canvas folder at <https://canvas.umn.edu/> and select ANTH 3888 Anthropology of food from the **Dashboard** . . .

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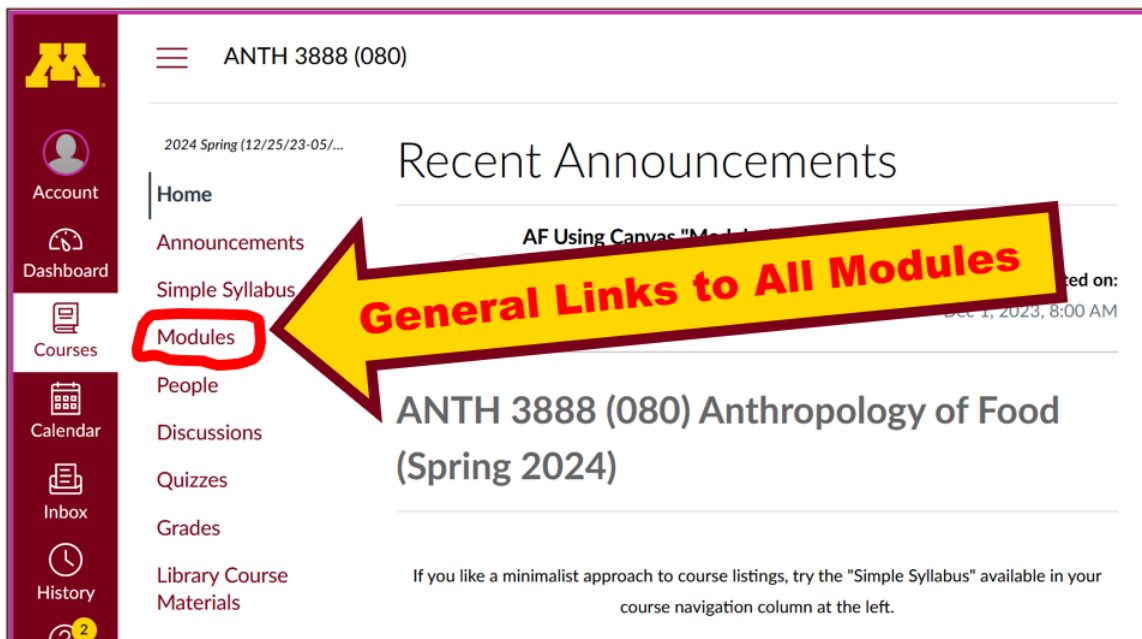
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s2024 [AF Simple Syllabus](#) .pdf

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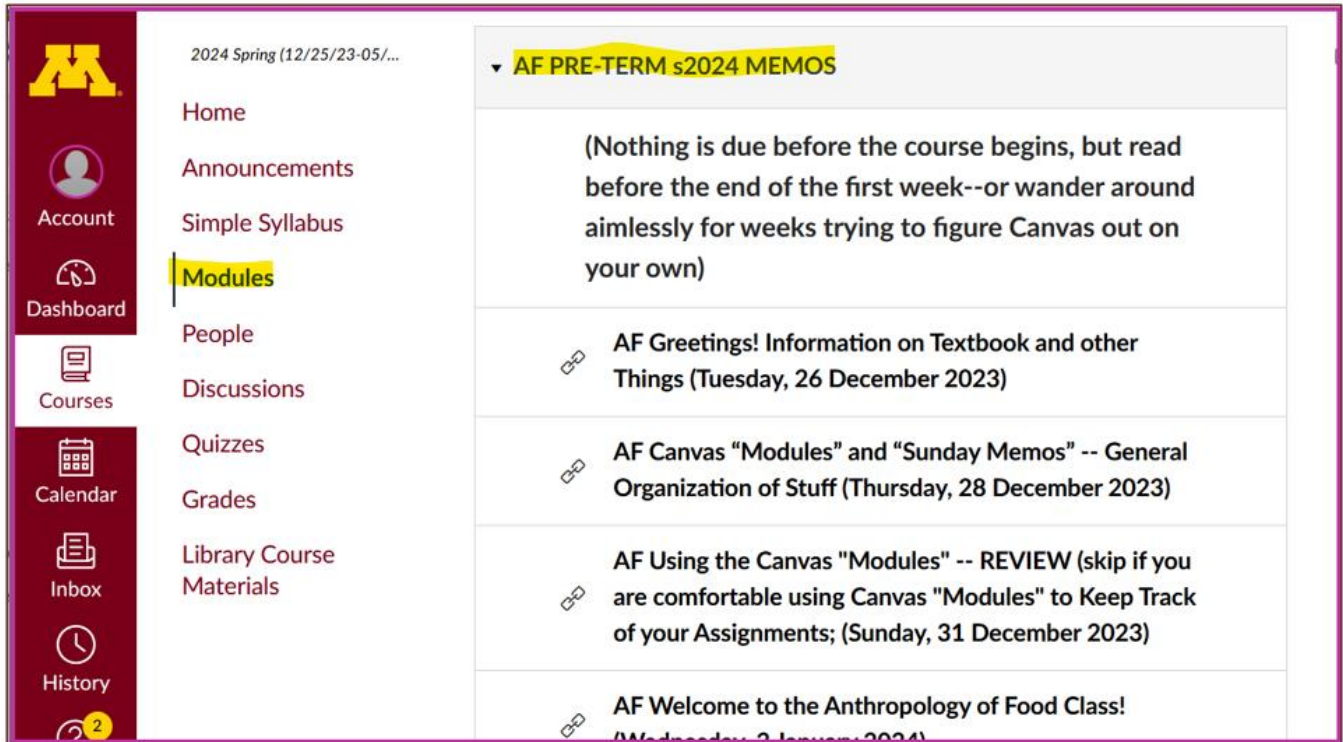
Direct links to **the**  **Canvas Modules** are also on each “Sunday Memo” . . .

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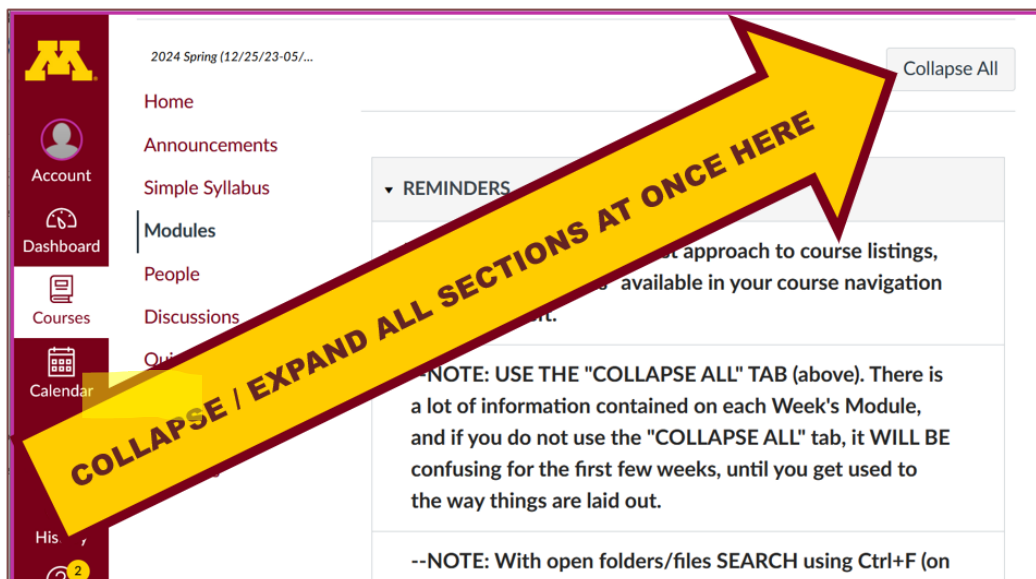
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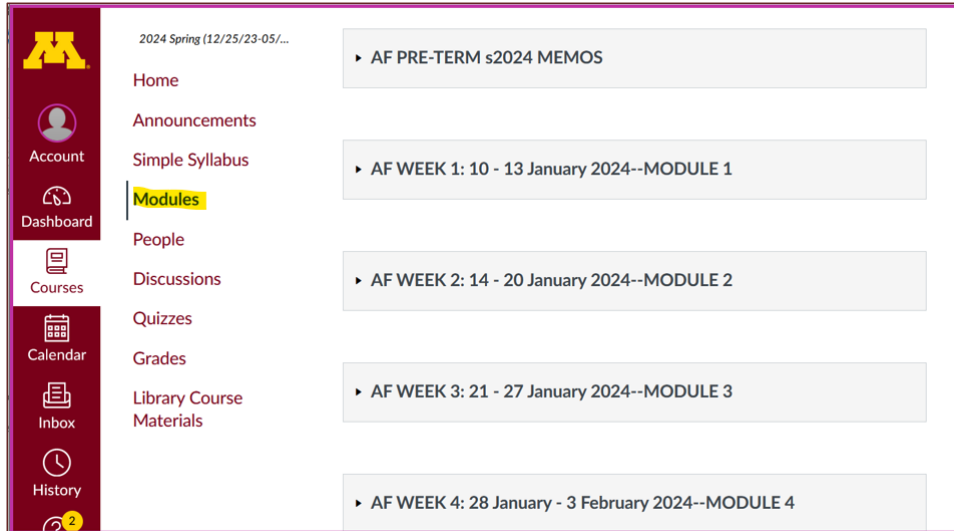
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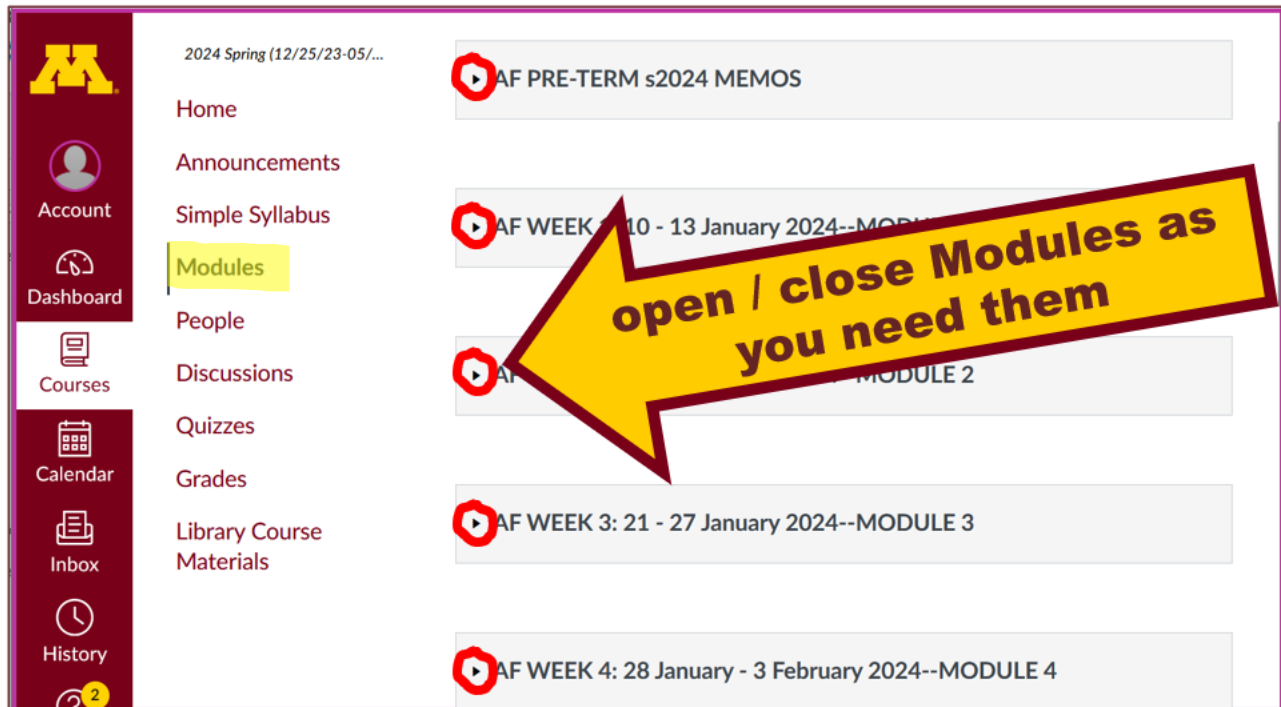
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Suggestion: **Then open each Module one-by-one as you need it/them . . .**

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Thanks / Questions / Comments?

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 the Anthropology of Food.

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



Best Wishes for the rest of your break,

Tim Roufs

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<https://umn.zoom.us/my/troufs>

[other contact information](#)

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