ANTH 152: Culture and Humanity

Meets: Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00-1:15 in KUY 301

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Course Content
This course will introduce students to the history, theories, and methods of social and cultural anthropology. Employing ethnographic examples from around the world, we will explore topics such as language, kinship, economics, power, health, gender, globalization, and religion. Students will gain an appreciation of the ways in which the diversity of human behavior, knowledge and experience can be understood.

Course Objectives
• Students will explore the ways in which the diversity of human behavior, knowledge and experience can be understood.
• Anthropological methods, participant observation and the importance of qualitative data will be reviewed.
• Using ethnographic examples from around the world, students will examine topics such as language, kinship, economics, power, health, gender, globalization and religion.
• Through this course, students will develop the ability to think analytically and anthropologically.

Student Learning Outcomes
At the conclusion of this course, the student will be able to:
• Understand the ways in which human behavior is socially and culturally constructed.
• Formulate a scholarly argument within the context of cultural anthropology.
• Gain a knowledge and experience of social science research methodology.
• Think critically about the role of language, kinship, economics, power, health, gender and religion within human society.
• Recognize the value of anthropological understandings in our own life experience as well as contemporary global society.
**Required Texts**


**Grading and Student Evaluation**

**Tests (100 points)**

Two non-cumulative tests consisting of multiple choice and short answer questions will be given on February 17 and March 19. Each test will be worth fifty points. Any student missing a test will not be allowed to make it up.

**Quizzes (80 points)**

Based on the assigned readings for that day, five quizzes consisting of multiple choice and/or short answer questions will be given. Specific dates for quizzes will not be announced ahead of time. The purpose of these quizzes is to ensure that students reflect upon the readings prior to class. Each quiz will be worth twenty points. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Any student missing a quiz will not be allowed to make it up.

**Attendance and Participation (40 points)**

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class and any student arriving more than fifteen minutes late will be marked absent. Starting at the beginning of Week 2, students will be awarded one point for each class that they attend for a possible total of 29 points. Up to eleven additional points can be awarded for class participation.

**Final Exam (80 points)**

The exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer. The exam will cover all material in the course including both readings and lectures. All students must take the final exam on Tuesday May 12 from 12:00 to 2:00.

**Grading Scale**

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**Classroom Policies**

- Be on time for class.
- Cell phones must be turned off.
- All course handouts, readings, and assignments can be found on Laulima.
- Students are responsible for all course content, whether or not they are in class.
- If you miss class, you must get lecture notes from another student. I do not let students copy my notes.
- You are responsible for knowing about, and avoiding, academic dishonesty.
- For more information about writing resources on campus and online, go to http://www.mwp.hawaii.edu/writer_help.htm.
# Class Schedule

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<th><strong>Introduction to the Class</strong></th>
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<th>Week 2</th>
<th><strong>Fieldwork and Participant Observation</strong></th>
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| **January 20 and 22** | Conformity and Conflict Chapter 2: *Eating Christmas in the Kalahari* – Richard Borshay Lee  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 3: *Shakespeare in the Bush* – Laura Bohannan  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 4: *Fieldwork on Prostitution in the Era of AIDS* – Claire Sterk  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 5: *Nice Girls Don’t Talk to Rastas* – George Gmelch |

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<th>Week 3</th>
<th><strong>Reciprocity and Exchange</strong></th>
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| **January 27 and 29** | On Laulima: *The Essentials of the Kula* – Bronislaw Malinowski  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 14: *Reciprocity and the Power of Giving* – Lee Cronk  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 15: *Global Women in the New Economy* – Barbara Ehrenreich and Arlie Russell Hochschild |

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<th>Week 4</th>
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| **February 3 and 5** | Conformity and Conflict Chapter 16: *Cocaine and the Economic Deterioration of Bolivia* – Jack Weatherford  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 23: *Poverty at Work* – Philippe Bourgois  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 17: *Malawi versus the World Bank* – Sonia Patten  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 37: *The Kayapo Resistance* – Terence Turner |

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<th>Week 5</th>
<th><strong>Law and Politics</strong></th>
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| **February 10 and 12** | Conformity and Conflict Chapter 26: *Cross-Cultural Law* – Anne Sutherland  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 28: *The Founding Indian Fathers* – Jack Weatherford  
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 29: *The Kindness of Strangers* – Robin Fox |
February 17 and 19

**Week 6** **Kinship**
Tuesday  TEST ONE
Thursday  Conformity and Conflict Chapter 19: *Family and Kinship in Village India* – David McCurdy
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 20: *When Brothers Share a Wife* – Melvyn Goldstein

February 24 and 26

**Week 7** **Women’s Roles and Experiences**
Tuesday  Conformity and Conflict Chapter 18: *Mother’s Love* – Nancy Scheper-Hughes
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 22: *Heading Home* – Dianna Shandy
Thursday  Conformity and Conflict Chapter 24: *Symbolizing Roles* – Elizabeth Fernea and Robert Fernea

March 3 and 5

**Week 8** **Reconsidering Gender**
Tuesday  On Laulima: *The Hijras of India* – Serena Nanda
Thursday  On Laulima: *Becoming a Travesti* – Don Kulick

March 10 and 12

**Week 9** **Language and Signs**
Tuesday  Conformity and Conflict Chapter 6: *Manipulating Meaning*– Sarah Boxer
Conformity and Conflict Chapter 8: *Kinds of Talk* – Jennifer Boehlke
Thursday  On Laulima: *Slayer Slang* – Michael Adams

March 17 and 19

**Week 10** **Media**
Tuesday  On Laulima: *The Tongan Tradition of Going to the Movie* – Elizabeth Hahn
On Laulima: *Mediating Culture* – Faye Ginsburg
Thursday  TEST TWO

March 24 and 26 – *Spring Recess*

March 31 and April 2

**Week 11** **Constructing Ethnicity and Tradition**
Tuesday  On Laulima: *Abafazi baThonga bafihlakala* – David Webster
Thursday  On Laulima: *UFOs, Otherness, and Belonging* – Eirik Saethre

April 7 and 9

**Week 12** **Magic**
Tuesday  On Laulima: Rational Mastery by Man of His Surroundings – Bronislaw Malinowski
Thursday  Conformity and Conflict Chapter 31: *Baseball Magic* – George Gmelch
On Laulima: *Malinowski in Orbit* – Deana Weibel and Glen Swanson
April 14 and 16

**Week 13**  **Persuasions of the Witch’s Craft**
Tuesday  Chapters 1-6
Thursday  Chapters 7-12

April 21 and 23

**Week 14**  **Persuasions of the Witch’s Craft**
Tuesday  Chapters 13-17
Thursday  Chapters 18-23

April 28 and 30

**Week 15**  **Health, Illness and the Body**
Tuesday  On Laulima: *The Hot-Cold Theory of Disease* – Alan Harwood
          On Laulima: *Nurturing and Negligence* – Anne Becker

May 5

**Week 16**  **Globalization**
Tuesday  Conformity and Conflict Chapter 35: *Why Tourism Matters* – Sharon Bohn Gmelch