

# ANTH 100

## INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

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### Course Description and Objectives

This course is an introductory survey of the sub-fields of anthropology: archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Two broad principles underlie our understanding of human complexity: First, all individuals and groups possess certain commonalities - in particular, genetic and other biological traits, sociality, language, and a powerful symbolising capability; and second, human culture is incredibly diverse and ever-changing. We will explore the sub-fields of anthropology through a range of themes including, but not limited to: evolution, early humans and human ancestors, culture, food-getting strategies, political organisation, families, race, and gender.

By the end of the course students should be able to:

1. identify and explain the sub-fields and specializations of anthropology;
2. critically discuss a range of key themes relevant to the study of anthropology;
3. identify and evaluate factors that influence our interpretation and understanding of anthropology;
4. exhibit research and writing skills required in anthropology and in many other disciplines and employment situations

### Skills Development

Skills introduced/developed in this course include: critical reading, writing, citation practices, anthropological terminology and concepts, ethical issues, and cultural adeptness. This course actively uses technology, so students will become familiar with CourseSpaces, Summon, i>clickers, internet searches, Youtube, etc.

### Mode of Delivery

You should register for one lecture section (ANTH100 A01 or A02) and one tutorial section (ANTH100 T01-18).

Lecture sections meet on Tues/Weds for 50 minutes each day. There will be an additional 50 minutes of asynchronous learning activities hosted on the course Brightspace page. This includes things like videos and interactive assignments.

Tutorial sections meet for 50 minutes, time dependant on which section you register in. Tutorials are face-to-face and are held in COR B143. They are a required component of the course.