

Department of Anthropology
Anthropology 2222G: Debates in Sociocultural Anthropology
Brief Course Outline
Winter 2025

Date: 15 January 2025

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dan Jorgensen
Mode of delivery: In person
Credit value: 0.5
Antirequisites: None
Prerequisites: None

Course description:

This is an introduction to the foundations of sociocultural anthropology offering an overview of key concepts and methods in the discipline. The course focuses especially on certain key debates – an approach that allows us to consider different perspectives on topics of common concern, and that demonstrates how the "foundations" of anthropology are continually being revisited, questioned and renegotiated in ways that are essential to maintaining the discipline's vitality and relevance.

Course materials:

The required text (Eriksen's *What is Anthropology?*) and weekly topics with readings are available from the library's course readings site [and](#) OWL Brightspace.

Evaluation:

In-class quizzes (10 quizzes @ 2% each) = 20%

Midterm exam (in-class) = 20%

Research essay = 25%

Final exam = 35%

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