

Department of Anthropology

ANTHRO 1025F-650:

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOCULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE Winter 2025

Date: August 16, 2024

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Jeremy Trombley

Method of delivery: Online

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: Anthropology 1021A/B.

Prerequisites: None.

Course Description:

This introductory course offers an examination of an anthropological approach to the study of humanity. Taking into account the diversity of human experience across time and space, this course will emphasize two subfields of anthropology: sociocultural anthropology, which focuses on variation in social and cultural systems including kinship, politics, identity, economics, and belief systems; and linguistic anthropology which explores the role of language use, transmission, and symbolism in culture and social life. This course is intended to provide students with a comparative and critical framework with which to understand contemporary social issues such as race, gender, communication, and economic inequality and will include discussions of the historical legacy of anthropology as a discipline.

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.

Course Materials:

No textbook. Required readings will be available through the Course Readings tool on the course site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

- Discussion Activities (30%)
- Quizzes (20%)
- Biological Anthropology Research Paper (20%)
- Archaeology Research Paper (20%)
- Final Exam (10%)