



Department of Anthropology

ANTHRO 1025G

BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE

Summer 2025

Distance Studies

Date: March 11, 2025

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Kelly Linton

Method of delivery: Online – Asynchronous.

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: Anthropology 1020 (formerly Anthropology 1020E), Anthropology 1021A/B.

Prerequisites: None.

Please ensure you have the correct requisites by checking the Academic Calendar:

<https://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/Courses.cfm?Subject=ANTHRO&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#top>

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.

The structure of the course consists of online instruction, and as such, includes content that will be shared virtually on OWL Brightspace on a weekly basis. Content for each week will be released on Sundays.

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:

Required readings will be available through the Course Readings tool on the course site.

Required textbook: Monaghan, John and Peter Just. 2000. Social & Cultural Anthropology: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press.

The course text is available online via [Western's Library](#).

In some weeks, and this is especially true for the linguistic anthropology section of the course (Weeks 3-6), short article readings, blog posts and videos will be assigned. These additional materials will be made available for download through the Course Readings tool on the course's OWL site.

Public Anthropology Project: Students pay a \$15 USD registration fee to participate in the project. This project will run from June 23rd - July 9th. This window is firm. Once registered, students have a free copy of "Why a Public Anthropology?", auto-biographies of many key figures in cultural anthropology, and full access to the website and its support.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following: 6 quizzes on readings, 6 discussion activities, the Public Anthropology project, and a research paper, as follows:

- Quizzes – 25%
- Discussion Activities – 25%
- Public Anthropology Project – 25%
- Linguistic Anthropology Research Paper – 25%

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