

Department of Anthropology

ANTHRO 2246A-001: Anthropology of Reading and Writing

BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE

Fall 2025

Date: June 09, 2025

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Tania Granadillo

Method of delivery: In person

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: None.

Please ensure you have the correct requisites by checking [the Academic Calendar](#).

Course Description:

This course examines reading and writing from an anthropological perspective. It looks at how writing originated based on archeological evidence and at the sociocultural consequences of this invention. Then it explores various writing systems around the world as well as the effects of the introduction of literacy in societies.

Please keep this: 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:

Robinson, Andrew. 2007. The story of writing. 2nd edition. London: Thames and Hudson.

The textbook costs \$35.

Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.

Other required readings will be available through the Course Readings tool on the course site

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Reading Quizzes	25%
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%

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