



# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

## Introduction to Anthropology - Section Syllabus

ANT 2000 – S1048

Fall 2025, Session A

**Instructor:** Dr. Shepherd Bernhart Iverson

**Office:** 1461

**Phone:** 850-484-1425

**Email:** [siverson@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:siverson@pensacolastate.edu)

**Office Hours:** by appointment

**Department Head:** Mr. Scott Schackmann

**Department Head Phone:** (850) 484 - 1118

**Department Head Email:** [sschackmann@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:sschackmann@pensacolastate.edu)

**Final Exam Date:** TBA

**Last Date of Drop/Add:** 8/22/2025

**Last Date for Student to Withdraw:** 11/4/2025

**Course Description:** In this course, students will learn the foundations of anthropology as the study of human variation in its biological, social, and cultural dimensions. Students will learn about anthropological concepts, principles, and methodologies to understand and explore past and present human behavior. They will apply the anthropological approach to analyze issues pertaining to past and contemporary cultures, and develop intellectual skills and habits to understand behavioral, social, and cultural issues from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

**Class Meeting Time:** T/TH 9:30-10:45am

**Class Location:** South Santa Rosa Bldg 5100 Rm 5132

**Semester Hours:** 3 credit hours

**Prerequisite(s):** Placement at the college level or completion of the appropriate exit-level developmental course(s) with a grade of C or better.

**Semester Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Course Designations:** College Transfer. Meets AA General Education Core, Social Sciences requirement.

**Required Textbooks and Instructional Materials:** The Essence of Anthropology; Haviland, William, Prins, Herald E. L., Walrath, Dana, and McBride, Bunny; 9781305258983; 4th; Cengage Learning; 2016

**Methods of Evaluation:**

At minimum, the instructor will cover content which aligns with statewide and institutional learning outcomes for the course. The instructor will measure student performance using the following:

Grading Scale:	
90% - 100%	A
87% - 89%	B+
80% - 86%	B
77% - 79%	C+
70% - 76%	C
67% - 69%	D+
60% - 66%	D
0% - 59%	F

Grading Calculation	
Class Participation/Small Assignments	30%
Midterm	30%
Final	40%
Totals	100%

Evaluations of student progress towards achieving the stated learning outcomes and performance objectives is the responsibility of the instructor, within the policies of the College and the department. Detailed explanations are included in the course supplementals developed by the instructor for each section being taught.

**Student Expectations:** Students enrolled in this course can expect the following:

1. clearly identified course objectives;
2. productive class meetings;
3. a positive learning environment;
4. opportunities for appropriate student participation;
5. effective instruction;
6. positive and appropriate interactions;
7. assistance with meeting course objectives during and beyond class hours;
8. evaluation of student performance and appropriate and timely feedback; and
9. clear and well-organized instruction.

**General Education Core Course Standard: Per Florida Statue 1007.25,** "Social science courses must afford students an understanding of the basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and past and present social, political, and economic issues."

**General Education Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. **Critical Thinking:** The student analyzes, evaluates, and, if necessary, challenges the validity of ideas, principles, or data in order to develop informed opinions, probable predictions, or defensible conclusions.
2. **Communication:** The student effectively communicates knowledge and ideas.
3. **Cultural Literacy:** Demonstrate an understanding of human culture.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Distinguish between the content and methodology of anthropology's sub-disciplines.
2. Trace the evolutionary course of the genus Homo and its geographical dispersion across the planet.
3. Explain that anthropology is the study of human biological and cultural adaptations.
4. Compare and contrast past and present cultures as integrated and dynamic systems.
5. Evaluate solutions that anthropology can offer on current global problems.

**Academic Dishonesty Statement:** Pensacola State College is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic conduct. All forms of academic dishonesty, to include plagiarism and cheating, are prohibited. Penalties for academic dishonesty include but are not limited to one or more of the following: the awarding of no credit on the assignment, a reduction in the course grade, or the assignment of a final course grade of F and removal from the course. See the College Catalog for more details:

<https://catalog.pensacolastate.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=47#academic-honesty>

**Student Email Accounts:** Pensacola State College provides an institutional email account to all students enrolled in courses for credit. This institutional email account is the official method of communication, and students must use this account when communicating with the College. In cases where companion software is used for a particular class, email may be exchanged between instructor and student using the companion software.

**Flexibility:** It is the intention of the instructor to accomplish the objectives specified in the course syllabus. However, circumstances may arise which prohibit the fulfilling of this endeavor. Therefore, this syllabus is subject to change. When possible, students will be notified of any change in advance of its occurrence.

**ADA Statement:** Students with a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) must self-identify with the Student Resource Center for ADA Services (SRC/ADA). Disabilities covered by the ADAAA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can contact SRC/ADA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies. SRC/ADA is located on the Pensacola campus in building 6, room 603, [ADA-services@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:ADA-services@pensacolastate.edu), 850-484-1637. Students may also complete the online intake form in the ADA Services app within the PSC apps dashboard.

**Equity Statement:** Pensacola State College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information in its educational programs, activities, or employment. For inquiries regarding Title IX and the College's nondiscrimination policies, contact the Dean of Students at (850) 484-1759, Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, Florida 32504.

**Security Statement:** Pensacola State College is committed to encouraging all members of the College community to be proactive in personal safety measures. In case of emergency, students should ensure that

they are aware of the building exit closest to each of their classrooms, as well as all alternative building exits in case circumstances require using a different route.

**Emergency Statement:** In the case of severe weather or other emergency, the College administration maintains communication with appropriate state and local agencies and makes a determination regarding the cancellation of classes. Notices of cancellation will be made through the College's PSC Alert system and on the College's website.