Department of Anthropology

ANTHRO 1021B-001 & 002: Introduction to Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology

BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE

Winter 2025-2026

Date: July 4, 2025

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Kelly Linton (Sociocultural) & Dr. Tania Granadillo (LingAnth)

Method of delivery: In person

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: Anthropology 1020 (previously Anthropology 1020E), Anthropology 1025F/G

Prerequisites: None.

Course Description:

This course offers an introduction to anthropological approaches 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* focuses on variation in social and cultural systems including kinship, politics, identity, economics, and belief systems. *Linguistic anthropology* explores the role of language in forming identities and participating in social life, and the various ways language organizes cultural beliefs and understandings of the world. This course is intended to provide students with a comparative and critical framework with which to understand contemporary social issues.

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:

The text for Sociocultural Anthropology is: John Monaghan and Peter Just, <u>Social and Cultural Anthropology: A Very Short Introduction</u> (Oxford University Press, 2000). This course textbook can be accessed free of charge through Western Libraries, or you can purchase it at the Campus Bookstore.

Readings for Linguistic Anthropology, supplementary readings for Sociocultural Anthropology, as well as any other assigned materials such as blogposts, films, or audio, will be made available on the course OWL site.Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Sociocultural assignments (3x10%)	30%
LingAnth assignments (3x10%)	30%
Midterm exam (Sociocultural)	20%
Final Exam (LingAnth)	20%

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