

Department of Anthropology
ANTHRO 4401F-001
Anthropological Thinking and Practice
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
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Instructor and course information:

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In person.

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: the former Anthropology 4400E.

Prerequisites: Anthropology 3350F (or the former Anthropology 3301E) and registration in Year 4 in any anthropology module.

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

Course Description:

This course is intended to serve as a “capstone” course – meaning that it is intended to (1) encourage students to reflect on and draw from what they have learned through several years of studying anthropology while (2) giving them the opportunity to engage in original “anthropological practice” at an advanced level and in ways that are directed toward a variety of possible futures.

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.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- reflect critically on the learning outcomes of the anthropology modules in which they are enrolled and demonstrate how they have achieved these outcomes.
- communicate the importance of anthropology and the value of their own anthropological training to various audiences.
- evaluate the possibilities and limitations of “group work”, and plan and carry out effective collaborations.
- effectively communicate their own anthropological passions to various audiences.
- better apply anthropological approaches and insights to a range of topics and experiences.

Course Materials:

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

Course Specific Conditions to Pass:

To pass this course, students must complete the Learning Outcomes Assignment and the Final Project.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Learning Outcomes Assignment	15%
Flex Assignments	20%
Final Project	50%
Class Engagement/Participation	15%