



EAST TENNESSEE STATE  
UNIVERSITY

College of Arts & Science

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

**ANTH 1240 - CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is an overview of the field of cultural anthropology in which we will explore the varied roles, relationships and structures that construct cultural meanings and identities. We will focus on cultural meanings and identities as they intersect with gender and sexual ideals; ritual and religion; kinship; folkhealing; popular culture; and globalization. Ethnographic examples will be diverse.

**REQUIRED MATERIAL**

*Asking Questions about Cultural Anthropology: A Concise Introduction—ebook required*

**EVALUATION**

**Exams—70% Film reviews—30%**

**GRADING SCALE**

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	59 and below

**MODULE 1—CULTURE & ETHNOGRAPHY**

**Readings**

**Ch. 1, Intro - Ch. 2, Culture - Ch. 3, Ethnography**

Film: *Varanasi*—review due 5/22

Module 1 Quiz—due Sun 5/23 (open 5/21)

**MODULE 2—LANGUAGE & ENVIRONMENT**

**Readings**

**Ch. 4, Language - Ch. 6, Environment**

Film: *American Tongues*—review due 5/27

Module 2 Quiz—due Fri 5/28 (open 5/26)

**MODULE 3—RACE, GENDER & SEXUALITY**

**Readings**

**Ch. 9, Race & Ethnicity - Ch. 10, Gender & Sexuality - Ch. 11, Marriage & Kinship**

Film: *The Fall of Womenland*—review due 6/1

Module 3 Quiz—due Wed 6/2 (open 5/31)

**MODULE 4—RELIGION & HEALING**

**Readings**

**Ch. 12, Religion - Ch. 13, The Body**

Film: *The Buddha Mummies of North Japan*—review due 6/4

Module 4 Quiz—due Sun 6/6 (open 6/4)

