



Anthropology (ANTH) 354

Language and Culture (Revision 8)

Delivery mode: [Individualized study online](#)

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites: None. [ANTH 275](#) is recommended.

Precluded: None

Challenge: ANTH 354 is not available for challenge.

Faculty: [Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) for the current revision

Notes: **Téluq equivalency:** [LIN 1001](#)

Overview

Anthropology 354: Language and Culture is a three-credit course that investigates topics found in the field of linguistic anthropology and linguistics—one of four subfields of anthropology. (The other three subfields are cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and archaeology.) Culture cannot be studied without language, but linguistic anthropology provides much more to anthropology than the means to study culture. It covers the entire scope of humans and languages, from the biological basis of language to the role of language in culture, and describes the major techniques and methods used by linguistic anthropologists to study languages in cultures all over the world.

Learning outcomes

- 1.** Describe the various levels of linguistic analysis and apply these levels to such topics as language classification, language history, language change, and sociolinguistics.
- 2.** Critically discuss the relationship between language and worldview, and how languages vary in the ways they categorize cultural experience.
- 3.** Understand and describe the complexities in the relationship between speech and the social context in which it is generated.
- 4.** Discern the role of language in forming social identity and expressing group membership.
- 5.** Discuss and evaluate the various theories for language acquisition

Outline

ANTH 354 is divided into the following 13 units:

- Unit 1: Linguistic Anthropology and Linguistics, and Methods of Both

- Unit 2: Nature of Communication
- Unit 3: Origins of Human Language
- Unit 4: Language, Culture, and Thought
- Unit 5: Phonetics
- Unit 6: Phonology
- Unit 7: Words and Sentences
- Unit 8: Nonverbal Communication
- Unit 9: Writing and Signing
- Unit 10: Semantics and Pragmatics, and Discourse Analysis
- Unit 11: Sociolinguistics
- Unit 12: Language Acquisition
- Unit 13: Language Change, Language Disappearance


Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for ANTH 354, you must achieve a minimum of 50 percent on the final examination and a minimum composite course grade of 50 percent.

The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Quiz 1	10%
Essay 2	25%
Quiz 2	10%
Quiz 3	10%

Activity	Weight
Essay 2	25%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the [Exam Invigilation Network](#) .

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .





Materials

Rowe, Bruce M., and Diane P. Levine. *A Concise Introduction to Linguistics*. 5th edition. New York, NY: Routledge, 2020  (Print)

Other Materials

The course materials also include a course manual and a study guide.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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