



# Anthropology (ANTH) 384

## The Family in World Perspective (Revision 1)

**Delivery Mode:** [Individualized Study Online](#)  with [Video Component](#)   
(Overseas students, please contact the University Library before registering in a course that has an audio/visual component)

**Credits:** 3



**Areas of Study:** Arts, or Social Science (Non-Business)

**Prerequisites:** [ANTH 275](#) is recommended but not required. (Bachelor of Nursing students exempted).

**Precluded:** SOAN 384 (ANTH 384 may not be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for SOAN 384).

**Challenge:** ANTH 384 is not available for Challenge.

**Faculty:** [Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences](#) 

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

## Overview

*Anthropology 384* introduces you to topics such as the variability in family patterns, changes to family structures, the diverse cultural patterns for shaping identity, and the range of bonding relationships that occur within North American cultures and in cultures around the world. It also examines, from a world perspective, issues related to the dissolution and re-establishment of relationships, reproduction and new reproductive technologies, and public policy and government action as they pertain to families.

### ➤ Outline

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*Anthropology 384* comprises six units, each of which examines an important aspect of the study of the family around the world

- Unit 1: The Family in Perspective
- Unit 2: Gender and Sex, Gender Roles and Identity, Love
- Unit 3: Marriage
- Unit 4: Reproduction, New Technologies of Reproduction, and the Family
- Unit 5: Childhood and Parenthood
- Unit 6: Family Change and Family Policy


### ➤ Evaluation


## Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for ANTH 384 you must complete five assignments and write a final examination. Your final grade is determined by a weighted average of the grades you receive on these activities. You must achieve a minimum grade of **D (50 percent)** [↗](#) or better on each assignment and a grade of 50% or greater on the final examination. A failing grade of F will be assigned when the weighted composite grade is 49% or lower. The weightings for each assignment and the final exam are as follows:



Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Short Essay	15%
Assignment 2: Oral Quiz	5%
Assignment 3: Essay	15%
Assignment 4: Research Paper Proposal	20%
Assignment 5: Research Paper	25%
Final Exam	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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Stockard, J. E. (2002). *Marriage in culture: Practice and meaning across diverse societies*.

Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.  (Print)

Kelman, S. (1998). *All in the family: A cultural history of family life*. Toronto: Penguin Books.

 (PDF)





Sacred Flamingoes of Lake Bhamke (India)  (Audio/Video)

Why Thee Wed? Montreal: National Film Board of Canada  (Audio/Video)

Access to the video recordings are available within the course.

## Important Links

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- › [Academic Advising](#) 
- › [Program Planning](#) 
- › [Request Assistance](#) 
- › [Student Services](#) 

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