








Anthropology (ANTH) 384

The Family in World Perspective (Revision 2)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the course listing  for the current revision 
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
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 and Social Sciences 

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

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

- Unit 1 – Kinship
- Unit 2 – The Family
- Unit 3 – Gender and Sex
- Unit 4 – Marriage
- Unit 5 – Reproduction
- Unit 6 – Childhood and Parenting
- Unit 7 – The Elderly
- Unit 8 – Family Policy

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for ANTH 384 you must complete four 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 per cent or greater on the final examination. The weight for each assignment and the final exam are as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Oral Quiz	5%
Assignment 2: Essay	20%
Assignment 3: Research Paper	30%
Assignment 4: Essay	20%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#) section of the Calendar.

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


Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a **Course Administration and Technology Fee**, but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

All course materials are available online.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#)

- > [Program planning](#) 
- > [Request assistance](#) 
- > [Support services](#) 

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