





Anthropology (ANTH) 434

The History of Anthropological Thought (Revision 4)

Status:

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

Delivery mode:

Individualized study online 

Credits:

3

Areas of study:

Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites:

ANTH 275 and 3 other credits in anthropology at the 300 or 400 level.


Precluded:

None

Challenge:

ANTH 434 is not available for challenge.

Faculty:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences




Overview



Anthropology 434: The History of Anthropological Thought is a senior-level course that examines the range of responses to the fact of human diversity through the ages, with emphasis on modern and postmodern anthropology.

Outline

The course consists of the following eleven units:

- Unit 1: Anthropological Thought to the Nineteenth Century
- Unit 2: Nineteenth-Century Evolutionary Thought
- Unit 3: Race
- Unit 4: The Formation of General Theories
- Unit 5: Boas and His Students
- Unit 6: Functionalism/Structural Functionalism
- Unit 7: Structuralism
- Unit 8: Change and Conflict
- Unit 9: Materialist Explanations of Culture Change
- Unit 10: The Individual and Society
- Unit 11: Postmodernism, Feminist Theory

Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for ANTH 434, you must achieve a composite course grade of at least **D (50 percent)** , and a grade of at least 50 percent on the examination. The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Telephone quiz	6%




Activity	Weight
Essay 1	22%
Research Paper	25%
Essay 2	22%
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

Barnard, Alan. *History and Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.  (Print)





Moberg, Mark. *Engaging Anthropological Theory: A Social and Political History*. New York: Routledge, 2013.  (Print)

Other Materials

All other course materials can be found online.

Important links



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

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