

# Course Expectations Letter

**Subject:** Anthropology 102

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**Catalog Course Description:**

The emphasis of this general education course is the investigation of human culture. By learning about the diversity of cultural practices around the world, students will be able to evaluate their identities within their own societies. In addition to discovering the theories and methods important to cultural anthropology, the course will include an extensive examination of cross-cultural diversity. Students will learn about how people in different cultures obtain their food, exchange goods, organize themselves in groups, engage in politics, raise children, and worship supernatural beings. Also addressed will be the issue of how cultural anthropology can contribute to addressing problems important in the modern world. This course is designed for anthropology majors, those with an interest in anthropology, or anyone with a desire to further their understanding of human culture.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Given a cultural practice, students will be able to apply the concepts of cultural relativism and ethnocentrism.
- Students will understand the components of culture and the process of cultural change.
- Students will identify and understand the major theoretical perspectives in the field of cultural anthropology.
- Students will identify and understand the different types of social organization including marriage and kinship systems.
- Students will identify the basic types of economic, political, and religious systems found throughout the world.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the holistic perspective in anthropology.
- Students will be able to describe the four major sub-fields of anthropology (Anthropology Program SLO)

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

**Textbook:** The textbook is offered in an online format only and can be purchased within 5 minutes of logging into the class.

**Over the course of the semester there will be regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:**

Email, homework assignments, audio-video lectures, announcements on Canvas, multiple-choice tests, discussion boards

***The instructor may drop you for non-participation.***

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

*Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.*