

ANTHRO2B TA Section

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Wednesday 12-12:50 and 1-1:50 PM

About Me

- 2nd Year PhD Student in Anthropology
- Studying political social media influencers in Taiwan
 - Previous work: Qanon conspiracy theorists, Eastern Orthodox converts, shamans on the Chinese-North Korean border
- Hobbies: Cooking, mushroom foraging, TTRPGs (DnD)
- Recently playing: friendslop??



Ice-breakers yayy

- Pair with person next to you (ideally someone you don't already know) and then introduce each other
- Name
- Year
- Major
- Favorite animal
- MOST HATED animal

TA Sections

- Overview of tricky terms from this week
- Answer questions, mock quizzes (jeopardy)
- Other logistical assistance
- No attendance
 - If I suck you can go to a different one; you can also go to multiple or switch around; but important for homework
- Office hours (**email 3+ days before**)
- www.ecgu.github.io
 - Slides from these TA sections will be uploaded here

Office hours

- One-on-one questions about the course
- And more!
 - Study tips
 - Note-taking, test taking, essay writing, etc
 - Advice on navigating college
 - Financial, logistical, housing, academic issues etc
 - But keep in mind: I am a mandated reporter
 - Grad school/professional tips
 - Resume building
 - Advice when interacting with professors
 - You are a student at a large, successful public university: take advantage of the resources you have!

Quizzes

- 1 midterm, 1 final
- 60 multiple choice questions (no essay)
- ONLY topics listed in the study guide on Canvas
- Scantron Form F 288 Par L, 2B Pencil
 - Do not fill out form with pen!!! Fill out form correctly!
 - Get one for free from the SOAR Center

Quiz Questions Example

- Which of the following is one of the four subfields of anthropology?
 - Genetic Anthropology
 - Archaeology
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Quiz Questions Common Mistakes

- Read the question carefully: is or is NOT?
- Remember **exact** terms (biological versus genetic anthropology)
- Remember how terms fit with each other (economic anthropology is a sub-field, but not of the big four)
- Be wary of “all/none of the above”
- Don't waste too much time: you have 80 minutes total
 - Eliminate answers through common sense

Homework Assignments

- Two of them on Canvas
- Attending teaching section required to receive full instructions
- Print them out beforehand



Textbook and materials

- Paying?? for books?? in 2026???
- Learning to use the library and other ways

My advice

- It's OK to not know things
 - If you knew things why are you paying tuition
 - College is also about learning to be confident
 - Without being cocky; don't think this class will be easy just cuz ur a bio major
- Essay questions are often based on anecdotes Egan says in lecture
 - Create a rubric with the terms on Canvas and fill in the blanks the moment Egan touches on them
 - Don't think you already know what the important parts are to remember! Write it down as much as possible
 - Share with friends to help each other, talk it out with classmates
 - TA sections cannot save you but they can bring you from a B to an A (but probably not a D to a C)