

Anthropology in Tanzania

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Course Description

This course is designed for students who are interested in learning more about Tanzania, especially those who are considering participating in the Summer B 2026 UF in Tanzania study abroad. The course will meet one time per week, in person. Content will include an overview the social and economic structure of Tanzania, cultural norms and customs, and some basic Swahili words and phrases.

Course Objectives

1. Explore the social and economic structure of Tanzania
2. Learn about cultural norms and customs
3. Explore the patient-professional relationship
4. Reflect on the concept of humanism in relation to healthcare

Required Textbooks and Software

A New History of Tanzania by Isaria N. Kimbambo, Gregory H. Maddox, Salvatory S. Nyanto

ISBN9789987753994

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

Attendance is mandatory at each class. If you are absent from class due to quarantine/isolation/illness, I will work with you to come up with a plan to make up the work. A doctor's note may be required in some circumstances. Unexcused absences will result in a reduction in overall grade. Please be in attendance on time and ready to work each week. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. [Click here to read the university attendance policies.](#)

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
Weekly Participation	50%
Assignments	50%
Total	100%

Grading Policy

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
93-100	A	4.00
90-92	A-	3.67
86-89	B+	3.33
83-85	B	3.00

80-82	B-	2.67
76-79	C+	2.33
73-75	C	2.00
70-72	C-	1.67
66-69	D+	1.33
63-65	D	1.00
60-62	D-	0.67
0-59	E	0.00

Tentative Schedule

Week 1	Intros
Week 2	Intro to Tanzania and medical anthropology
Week 3	Health part 1- how vaccinations and meds are handled
Week 4	Swahili language session
Week 5	Student perspectives
Week 6	History presentations pt. 1
Week 7	History presentations pt. 2
Week 8	Health part 2- what to do and not to do
Week 9	Safety & Clothing
Week 10	Background on Iringa group presentations
Week 11	Money, visas, phone and internet
Week 12	Background on Zanzibar, Dar
Week 13	Wrap up, additional Q&A

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