

Anthropology coursework assessment criteria:

Grade	% Value	Dept. of Anthropology: Coursework Descriptors
A+	90–100	Work of high to exceptionally high quality in the following measures will distinguish an A+.
A	85–89	Work in the 'A' grade range will show most of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grasp of the core theoretical and substantive literature relating to the topic. Ability to integrate that literature with the argument. • Strong evidence of creative, critical or original thought. • Excellent knowledge and understanding of subject matter and appreciation of issues. • Well formulated arguments based on strong relevant evidence. • Well structured writing and coherent prose. • Acknowledgement of secondary sources in the approved house style. • Understands and applies the most effective research methods. • Where appropriate, illustrations, maps, diagrams and tables are well integrated with the text.
A-	80–84	Work that demonstrates nearly all of the above, but to a lesser degree, will distinguish an A.
B+	75–79	A B+ should be a very competent piece of work with several of the features that distinguish an 'A'.
B	70–74	Work in the B grade range will show most of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to strong grasp of subject matter and understanding of major issues though not necessarily of the finer points. • Arguments clearly developed and based on convincing evidence. • Literature and arguments relevant to the topic. • Some evidence of creative, critical or original thought. • Structured argument and coherent prose. • Acknowledgement of secondary sources in the approved house style. • Ability to demonstrate competence in understanding research methods and applying them, where appropriate. • Where appropriate, effective use of illustrations, maps, diagrams and tables.
B-	65–69	Work that demonstrates nearly all of the above, but to a lesser degree, will distinguish a B-.
C+	60–64	A C+ should be a satisfactory piece of work with some of the features that distinguish an 'B'.
C	55–59	Work in the C grade range will show most of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some grasp of the subject matter, but limited understanding or use of the literature. • Some grasp of theory and methods, but not necessarily well integrated. • Arguments not always coherent and well structured or relevant to the topic. • C grade work may be too descriptive, or draw on a limited range of evidence in responding to the issue. It indicates some grasp of factual matter but does not always apply this coherently or thoughtfully to the questions addressed.
C-	50–54	A C- is a bare pass.
D+	45–49	A 'D' grade is an unsatisfactory piece of work. This may be as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of breadth and depth. • Gaps in the argument or literature.
D	40–44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplistic, incoherent or absent argument. Lack of evidence to substantiate claims.
D-	0–397	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor prose. Patchy referencing. • May contain material irrelevant to the topic and/or be too short.