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Greetings!

1.0 What's Happening?
Interest in World Cultures

5.0 Other Assignments

9.0 (optional) For Fun Trivia

(optional) **Live Chat**
Tuesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

2.0 **Video Explorations**

6.0 *Exams

10.0 (optional) Extra Credit

(optional) **Questions / Comments**

3.0 **Slides**

7.0 Project

11.0 (optional) Other

The Canvas Course Management System

"Simple Syllabus"

4.0 **Textbook**

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Canvas Modules

Items DUE this week:
*enter on-line
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Happy Boxing Day!
a very important holiday in England and the rest of the UK

Welcome to Anthropology 1080

Global Cultures

**This will be a great course, and a great experience.
You will see. . . .**

1.0 What's Happening?

Please read this to the end. *Reading it will save you a lot of time and trouble* in the long run.

About the Global Cultures course . . .

Some people like to procrastinate. Others like to arrive early to a party, and in some ways those folks are “pre-crastinators”.

Classes officially start on Wednesday, the 10th of January 2024.

I am sending this note out early to make it more convenient for you pre-crastinators **to order the textbook on-line** (if that is an attractive option for you), and / or to let you get started reading **some of the interesting materials that we have for the class** (if you are the kind of person who likes to do that sort of thing).

Or you might want to start watching one or other of the international-**award-winning films and videos** that we have lined up for the class.

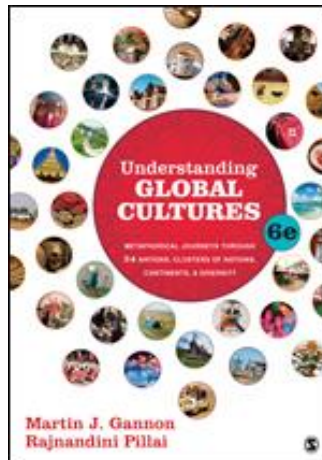
If neither of these options applies to you, and you just feel like a little more late-autumn procrastination is in order, just relax and enjoy the early winter weather—wherever you happen to be, and enjoy the rest of your break.

Either way, with all of the goings-on this fall, you might want to get a head start in at least **ordering your textbook**—a textbook that is actually interesting and fun to read (well, at least it is after you get past the first chapter). . . .

4.0 TEXTBOOK . . .

[Readings for the Semester](#)

[Textbook Information](#)



[Detailed Information on the Textbook is Here . . .](#)

<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1095/fstext.html#title>

[click ↑ here]

(It's expensive, so consider renting one, or buy a used copy; **exams are open-book**, so you should have a copy. We'll be using this text again the Spring in ANTH 1080 Global Cultures, and in the Spring in ANTH 3635 Anthropology of Europe, so there should be a local market for used copies.)

Other Things that You Might be Curious about . . .

click on the items for more information . . .

links may or may not work on your cell phone

Interest in World Cultures has Never Been Greater

You can see that in the news and editorial pages of the weekly papers and the other news media, even apart from COVID having taken hold in virtually every country of the world, and the wars in Ukraine and Gaza affecting much of what we do.


And people in countries from around the globe focus on what's happening in America.



We'll have a look at Global Cultures, as well as at the folks in Global Cultures looking at us.

Lots of things are happening on the various Global Cultures fronts . . . virtually every day.

Some of the best sources for up-to-date news on world news include *The New York Times*, *BBC World News*, *The Guardian* [UK], *National Geographic*, and *MPRNews*. They all regularly carry interesting and important articles on happenings around the world. And we'll be looking at some of those sources in class.

The canvas Course Management System

I am looking forward to “meeting you” in class as we begin our anthropological journey into Cultures around the world. In the meantime, at your leisure, you might want to peruse the information in **your**  canvas **folder** at [<http://canvas.umn.edu/>](http://canvas.umn.edu/).

If you are new to the  canvas course management system don't worry too much about that.  canvas and the University of Minnesota have good orientation tutorials.

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Having said that, *it may take a week or two for you to get used to individual course layouts.* Paying attention to the first four memos in this class will help a lot.

The Canvas Student Guide / Overview / Tour can be very helpful.

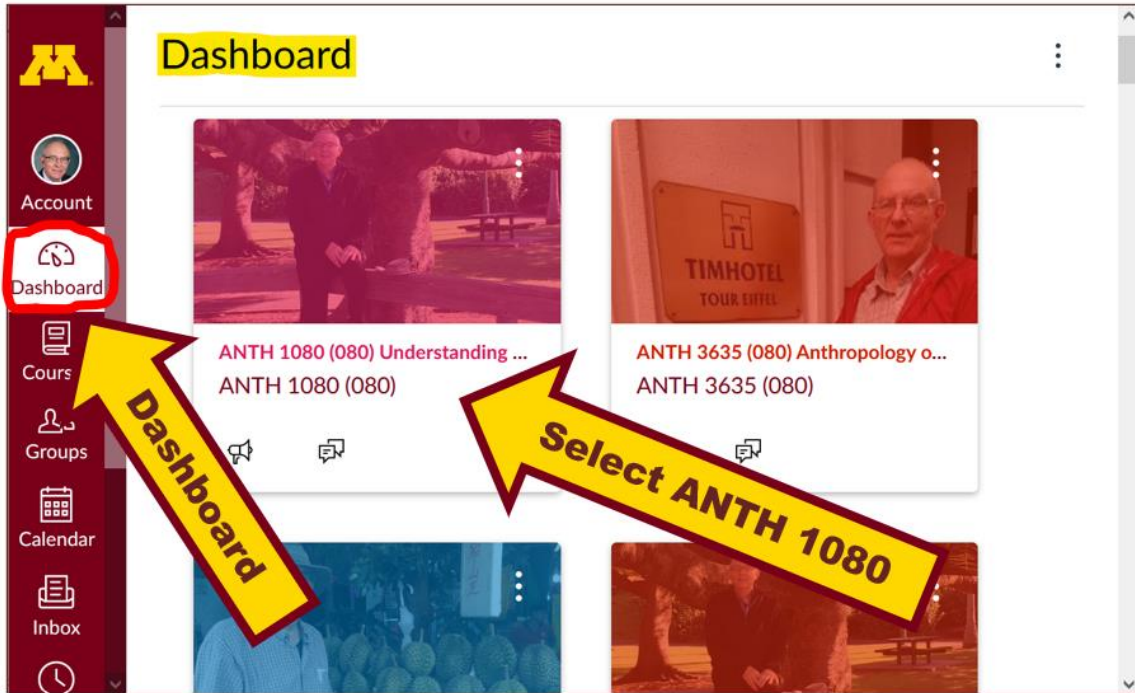
[Student Guide](#) -- written guides with step-by-step instructions for Canvas tools

[Canvas Student Overview](#) (6:47 min)

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Open your  canvas folder at <https://canvas.umn.edu/> and select ANTH 1080 Global Cultures from the **Dashboard** . . .

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Try the  canvas “Simple Syllabus” to see if you like that approach . . .

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Use the  **Canvas Modules** feature to start out . . .

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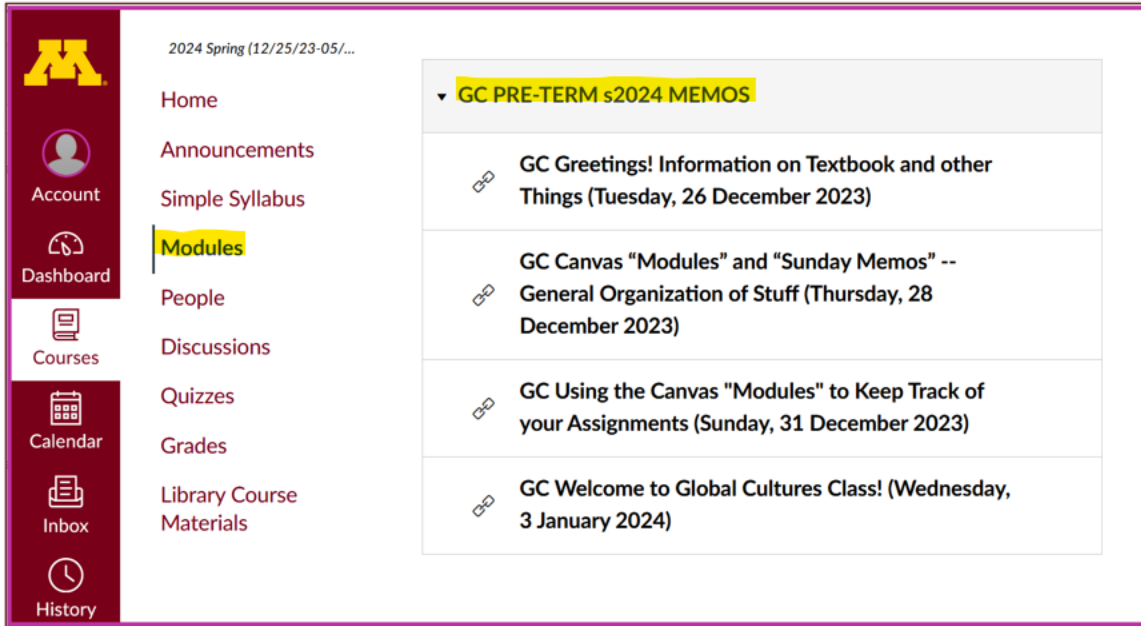
Direct links to **the**  **Canvas Modules** are also on each “Sunday Memo” . . .

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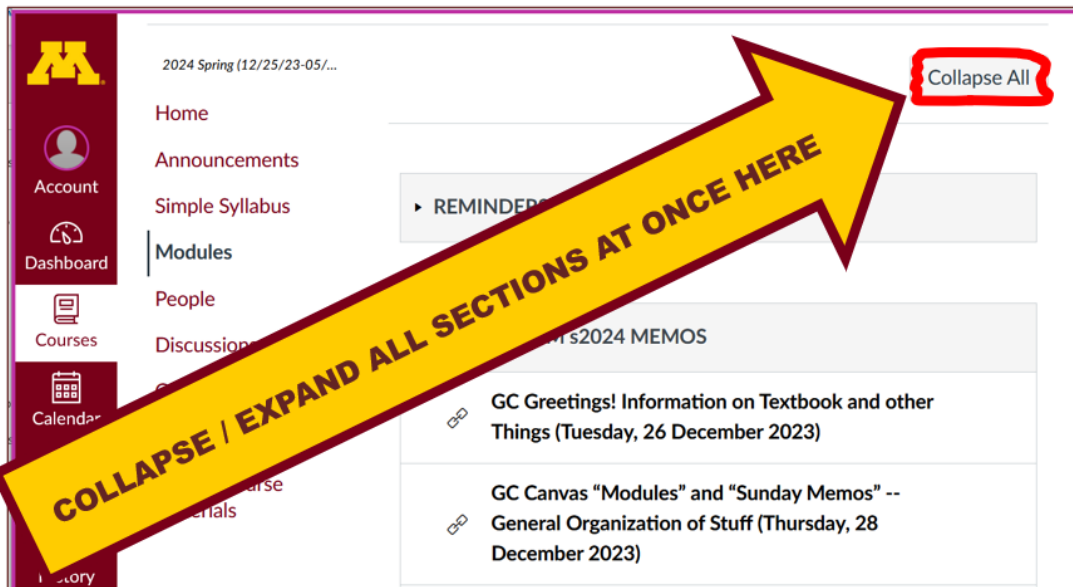
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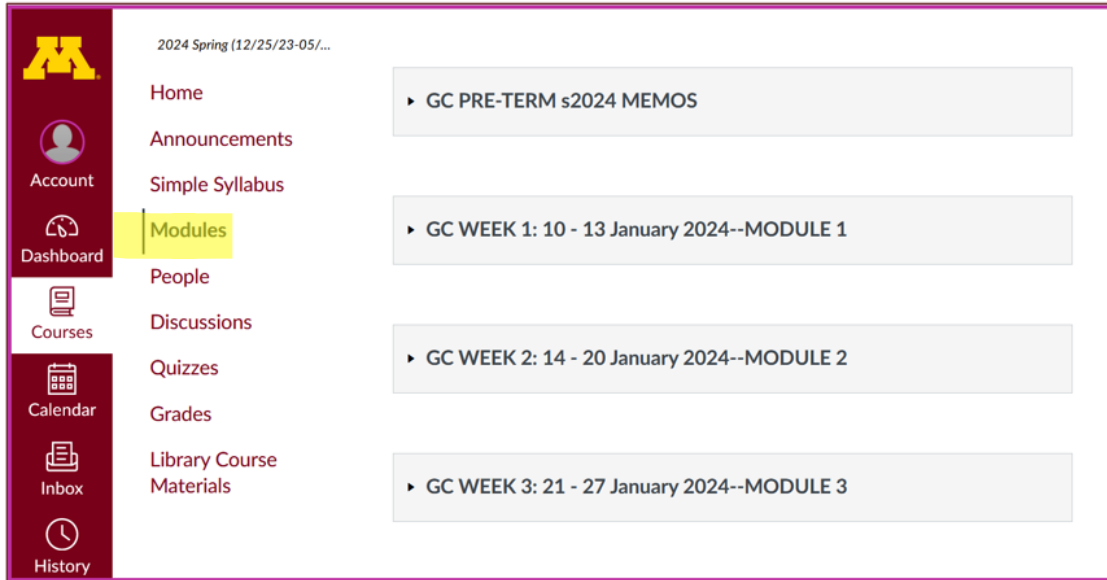
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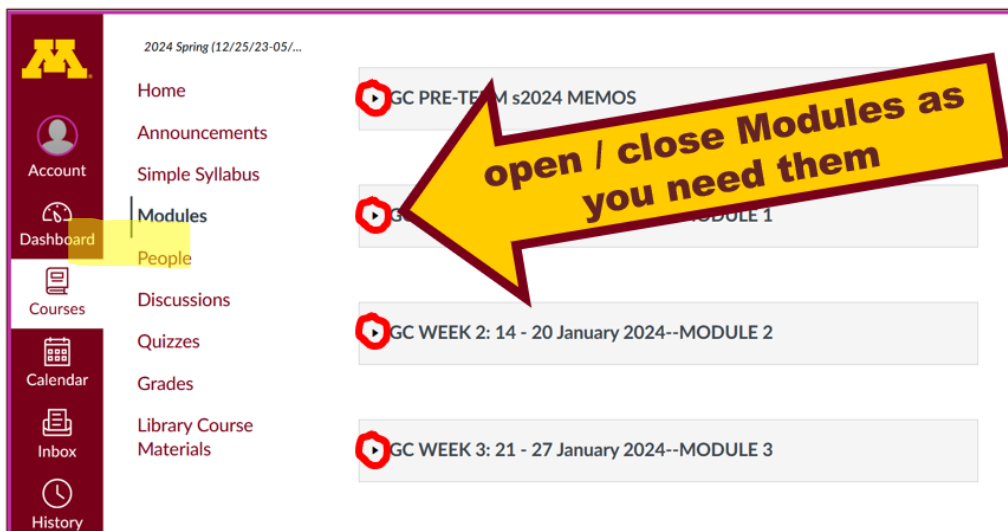
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Suggestion: **Then open each Module one-by-one as you need it/them . . .**

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Thanks / Questions / Comments?

So once again, welcome to ANTH 1080 Global Cultures. This will be a great course, and a great experience. You will see. . . .

Thanks for signing on for Global Cultures.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu.

Best Wishes for the rest of your summer break,

Tim Roufs

<http://www.d.umn.edu/~troufs/>

<https://umn.zoom.us/my/troufs>

[other contact information](#)

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