

ANT 105: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

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Introduction:

This course examines human life ways. Examples will be drawn cross-culturally to illustrate universal aspects of cultural life such as marriage and family, art and religion, ecology and economy, power and politics. Explanations for the existence of various kinds of human societies such as bands, tribes, and modern states will addressed with a humanistic concern on how people view and experience life within them. Contemporary problems of cultural contact and change will be discussed with the objective of discovering ways and means of promoting intercultural understanding.

Conduct:

Some simple rules to live by (if you want a good grade):

1. Arrive on time and stay for the entire class.
2. No late assignments (see below).
3. Be respectful of your classmates and the professor.
4. Use the writing center.
5. Actively engage in your readings and class discussions.
6. Read and abide the college's academic honesty policy.
7. Do not wait until the last minute to read the assignments.
8. Do not wait until the last minute to submit assignments.
9. Study!
- 10. Ask for help!**

Academic Dishonesty:

Any form of cheating, including plagiarism, will result in the immediate failure of the assignment and an official report to academic officials. Any additional acts of dishonesty will probably lead to failure of the course. Please see me if you are unsure what constitutes plagiarism.

College Withdrawal Policy:

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course MUST complete a withdrawal form obtained from the Registrar's Office. Students may withdraw from class anytime during the first ten weeks of the semester without being in good standing or obtaining permission of the instructor. After that period, a student wishing to withdraw must obtain written authorization of the instructor to receive a "W" grade for the course. Students who fail to properly withdraw, and discontinue coming to class, will be assigned an "F" grade. Eligibility for refund of tuition is based upon date of withdrawal through the registrar's office. Verbal withdrawals will not be accepted.

Learning Disabilities:

If you have a disability that may require classroom or test-taking modifications, please see me as soon as possible.

E-Mail Communication:

All correspondence and announcements will be done through the Blackboard course shell.

Required Texts:

Cultural Anthro by Richard Robbins

Monique and the Mango Rains, by Kris Holloway.

Weekly Assignments:

In addition to your textbook reading, each week there will be a quiz and/or short response paper to complete. These will be found on Blackboard and will be posted one week before they are due (usually on Weds). All responses will be submitted via the course shell. Anything submitted within one day of the deadline will be counted as late and graded on a pass/fail basis. Anything submitted more than one day late will be counted as missing and given a score of zero.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Papers and Exams</u>
Week 1:	Text: 1	quiz or exercise
Week 2:	Text: 2	quiz or exercise
Week 3:	Text: 3	quiz or exercise
Week 4:	Text: 4	quiz or exercise
Week 5:	Text: 5	quiz or exercise
Week 6:	Text: 6	Mid-term Exam
Week 7:	<i>Spring Break</i>	
Week 8:	Text: 7	Participant Observation Exercise Due
Week 9:	Text: 8	quiz or exercise
Week 10:	Reserve Reading	quiz or exercise
Week 13;	Reserve Reading	Response Paper Due (Holloway Book)
Week 14 (5/3):	Reserve Reading	
Week 15 (5/10):		Review/Final Exam

Grades:

Your final grade will be determined as follow:

Mid-term Exam:	200 points
Final Exam:	200 points
Response Paper:	200 points
Part/Obs Ex.:	100 points
Quizzes, Etc.:	20-100 points each

You will be able to calculate your current grade by determining the percentage of points you have earned from the total points given at that time in the semester. You should also be able to calculate your potential grade as well.

Exams

The mid-term exam will consist of 2-3 essay questions. A study guide will be provided one week prior to the examination. The last exam will be a take home essay that will challenge you to think conceptually about the entire semester's work. Guidelines for this exam will be explained in class and posted on Blackboard.

Critical Response Paper

Your response paper will be 3-4 pages long and will follow the guidelines to be posted on Blackboard.

Participant-Observation Exercise

Guidelines will be discussed in class and posted on Blackboard.

Note: The syllabus is subject to change as needed.