

ANTH 203.3 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology

Winter 2013

Mondays 6:00pm-8:50pm

Location: ST 135

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Office Hours: Mondays 4:30pm-5:30pm or by appointment

Course Description:

Cultural anthropology is the study of the diversity of human behavior in the present and the recent past. It is also the study of particular and local forms of human life and organization, even when those local forms are integrated into wider (regional, national, international, and global) systems. This course will examine the fundamental building blocks of culture (language, gender, personality, race, etc.) and the major domains and institutions of social organization (economics, kinship, non-kin groups, politics, and religion), as well as their connections and interactions. Contemporary cultural circumstances and forces such as colonialism, nationalism, ethnicity and ethnic conflict, development and globalization, and movements of cultural survival and revival will be also be discussed.

Required Text:

Eller, Jack David. 2009. *Cultural Anthropology: Global Forces, Local Lives*. London: Routledge.

Evaluation:

Test 1 (25%) February 11

Test 2 (35%) March 25

Final Exam (40%) TBA - Registrar's Scheduled

Tests will be multiple choice and true/false. Tests 1 and 2 will be at the beginning of the class specified. Rewrites will only be offered in the case of documented family or medical emergencies – reasons such as vacation plans, heavy workload etc. will not be considered.

Grading

Final grades are based on the following:

A+ 100- 94.9%

A 94.8 - 89.9%

A- 89.8 - 84.9%

B+ 84.8 – 79.9%

B 79.8 - 74.9%

B- 74.8 – 70.9%

C+ 70.8– 66.9%

C 66.8 – 62.9%

C- 62.8 – 58.9%

D+ 58.8 – 54.9%

D 54.8 – 49.9%

F 49.8% and below

Course Policies:

Email/ Correspondence: Please write ANT203 in the subject line of your email so I can prioritize and make sure your questions are answered as soon as possible. Allow 24 hrs for a response during the week, and 48 hrs on weekends. I will do my best to answer all email as quickly as possible, however, please try to limit your emails to brief yes/no questions. Detailed questions and concerns about course material and assignments are best addressed during office hours or immediately after class. Please check the syllabus and Blackboard for information before emailing.

Cell Phones and Lap Tops: There is a **zero tolerance** policy for cell/smart phone use during the lecture. Failing to turn off your ringer, answering calls or texting during class will result in you being asked to leave the room.

Lap tops are welcome for taking notes, but if they become a distraction to those around you (watching videos, internet surfing etc.) you will be asked to leave the lecture.

Attendance: You are expected to attend lectures. Power Point presentations will be posted on Blackboard, but the full lecture will not be available. You will be tested on material covered in readings, lectures and films on tests.

Academic Accommodation: It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403.220.8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen days after the start of this course.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses that will be dealt with seriously in this course and by this university. Students must not submit the words or ideas of another person as their own for any assignment in this course. Students are reminded to review the University's and the Department of Anthropology's policies on Intellectual Honesty and Plagiarism.

<http://anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

EMERGENCY EVACUATION:

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency situation please note that the primary assembly point shall be at Professional Faculties Food Court and the Education Block Food Court shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

Course Schedule

January 14	Course Introduction What is Anthropology and How do we Study Culture	Eller ch.1 and Eller ch.2 Film: Cannibal Tours
January 21	Origin of Anthropology Language and Culture	Eller ch. 3 Eller ch. 4 Film: Tales from the jungle: Malinowski
January 28	Personality and Gender	Eller ch. 5
February 4	Race and Ethnicity	Eller ch. 6 Film: TBA
February 11	TEST #1 Religion: Humans and the Non-Human World	Eller ch.10
February 18	READING WEEK	NO CLASS
February 25	Kinship: Building Corporate Groups	Eller ch. 8 Film: Saheri's Choice: Arranged Marriages in India
March 4	Economics #1: The Base of Culture	Eller ch.7
March 11	Politics #1: Social Control	Eller ch.9
March 18	Colonialism and its Legacy	Eller ch. 12 Film: Africa—"The Magnificent African Cake"
March 25	TEST #2 Cultural Dynamics	Eller ch.11 Film: Trobriand Cricket (select clips)
April 1	Politics #2: Nationalism and Identity	Eller ch.13
April 8	Economics #2: Development and Humanitarian Aid	Eller ch. 14 Film: Darwin's Nightmare
April 15	Cultural Survival and the Future of Culture Exam Review	Eller ch.15

(Films subject to change)