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ANTH 203
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
ANTHROPOLOGY
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ST140

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to social and cultural anthropology. Drawing from case studies in the course text and from other sources, we will explore the fundamental issues and approaches within social and cultural anthropology. Topics of interest include the structure and function of society, and essential institutions (e.g., marriage, religion, economy, politics, and gender) within societies. Emphasis will be placed on both the diversity of human culture and the commonalities that are found across human cultures. The course will largely follow a lecture format, though films will supplement lecture materials.

REQUIRED TEXT

Jack David Eller, 2013, *Culture Anthropology: Global Forces/Local Lives*. London: Routledge ,2nd Edition.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

Your final grade will be based upon your marks on two mid-term examinations and a final examination. I give the values for each of the above below. I will draw questions for the exams from the text for the course, the films you will see, and the lectures you will hear.

1 st Mid-term exam	33%	February 8th
2 nd Mid-term exam	33%	March 14th
Final exam	34%	to be scheduled by registrar

The grading system will use the following equivalencies:

A+ 98-100	B+ 80-84	C+ 65-69	D+ 54-56
A 90-97	B 75-79	C 60-64	D 50-53
A- 85-89	B- 70-74	C- 57-59	F 0-49

Exam re-writes will not be offered (except for cases with highly unusual circumstances).

Course appeals (grades, missed exams) have to be made in writing.

The exams

The 1st mid-term will cover the material from the first 5 chapters of the text and its associated lectures and films. The 2nd mid-term will cover the material from Chapters 6-10 and its associated lectures and films. The final will cover material from Chapters 11-15 in the text and its associated lectures. Note that the registrar will schedule the time and place for the final exam. As to format, the exams will consist of multiple choice questions, mix and match questions, and true or false questions.