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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

ANTH 317.01
ETHNOGRAPHIC SURVEY SOUTH OF THE SAHARA
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Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 - 10:45 A.M.
ST 131

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Anthropology 317 is one of the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's ethnographic survey courses, which have the aim of providing an introduction to the peoples and social institutions of the various ethnographic provinces of the world. The department intends for these courses to have two principal audiences: (1) undergraduate majors in social and cultural anthropology, for whom these courses should provide substantive knowledge to complement the various theoretical and methodological courses the department offers, and (2) students coming from outside of social and cultural anthropology, who for any reason wish to learn about the peoples and cultures of selected parts of the world.

By the end of the course students should be able to:

1. Identify and briefly describe the major vegetation zones, climate areas, and physiographic provinces of the continent
2. Discuss culture history, language families, and origins and spread of food production
3. Describe and provide ethnographic examples of independent and symbiotic foraging societies
4. Describe and provide ethnographic examples of stateless societies
5. Describe and provide ethnographic examples of traditional African states

COURSE CONTENT

This course surveys sub-Saharan African cultures from a broad anthropological perspective. The first part of the course will briefly review the culture history of the continent covering the last 25000 years or so, and introduce geography, history, and linguistic and ethnic groups. The second and larger part of the course will concentrate on a sample of societies that represent ethnographically important and widespread traditional institutions (e.g., lineages, age-sets, military regiments, the "cattle complex", chiefly authority). Traditionally, many anthropologists slotted these societies into 3 categories:

foragers, stateless societies, and African states. As an anthropological course focused on the ethnographic record, we are concerned with traditional social institutions and cultural practices as described in the ethnographic literature of the 20th century (i.e., we will not be directly addressing issues related to contemporary social change, urbanization, and national development).

REQUIRED TEXT

Students can locate readings for Anthropology 317 on the D2L space for this course.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

The final grade will be based upon marks received on two mid-term examinations, and a final examination. Values for each of the above appear below. Questions for the exams will come from the text for the course, the films students will see, and the lectures they will hear. Exams will include a variety of question types: short answers, multiple choice, matching, identification, definition, and labeling of maps, intended to test comprehension of reading and lecture materials.

1 st mid-term	33%	February 13
2 nd mid-term	33%	March 24
Final exam	34%	to be scheduled by registrar

The grading system will use the following equivalencies:

A+ 94.9 -100	B+ 79.9-84.8	C+ 66.9-70.8	D+ 54.9-58.8
A 89.9-94.8	B 74.9-79.8	C 62.9-66.8	D 49.9-54.8
A- 84.9-89.8	B- 70.9-74.8	C- 58.9-62.8	F 49.8 and below

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- Students are encouraged to make notes of classroom discussions, lectures, demonstrations etc.

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Non-course-specific related information can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

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- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Safewalk