

Anthropology 341.20 Medical Anthropology

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Course Information:

1. The purpose of this course is to provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge of the aims, research methods, analytical approaches, factual information, and conclusions made within the subfield of medical anthropology.
2. Material covered in this course will include lecture, film, discussion, and required readings. Grades and evaluation will be based on the student's (i) breadth of factual and theoretical knowledge, (ii) comprehension of concepts and descriptive materials, and (iii) clarity and structure of presentation both in class and in written materials.

Required Texts:

Brown, Peter J. & R. Barrett 2010 *Understanding and Applying Medical Anthropology*, 2nd Ed.

Course Outline: (Sequence of lectures subject to some change)

***Reading Assignments to be distributed at the first class meeting and via Blackboard.**

Date	Topics
10 May	Introduction to Medical Anthropology Anthropological Perspectives on Health, Disease and Illness
15 May	Evolutionary/Ecological Perspectives on Health and Disease
17 May	Disease Etiology/Transmission & Human Behaviour
22 May	(a) Changing Perspectives of Diseases in Human Populations (b) Infectious Diseases
24 May	(a) The role of Diet and Nutrition in Health and Disease (b) Origin and Evolution of Healing and Illness Behaviour
29 May	(a) Illness Behaviour (b) Meaning and Expression of Illness Behaviour



- 31 May **Mid-term Examination @ 1800 hrs**
 (a) Illness Behaviour and Explanatory Models
 (b) Origin and Evolution of Health Care Systems
- 05 Jun (a) Healers and Healing in Cross-Cultural Perspective
 (b) Total Drug/Treatment Effect -Culture and Pharmacology
- 07 Jun (a) Stress and Disease
 (b) The Placebo/Nocebo Effect
- 12 Jun (a) Culture, Illness and Mental Health
- 14 Jun Applied Medical Anthropology
 (a) Cultural Contact and Change between Health Care Systems
 (b) Pluralism
- Term Paper Due**
- 19 Jun Applied Medical Anthropology cont.
 (a) Structural factors affecting disease, illness and health
 (b) Syndemic Perspectives
- 21 Jun (a) Anthropological Approaches to Health, Illness and Disease
 (b) Conclusions
- Final Examination – Date to be announced**

Grading and Examinations

Final course grades will be based on an in-class midterm and a final examination, and on an analytical discussion paper (details to be distributed in class). Examinations will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions.

Midterm Examination	30%	31 May (at 1800 hrs)
Term Paper	35%	due on 14 Jun
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam	35%	date to be announced (Jun 27-29)

*Late papers will be marked down 10% per day for each day late prior to marking the paper

Final Course Grades are based on the following:

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

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 the Education Block Food Court and the Scurfield Hall Atrium shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (Webster’s). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing may also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at:

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

Academic Accommodations – It is the students’ responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact them at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are also required to discuss your need with your instructor no more than 14 days after the start of the course.

The Department of Anthropology’s FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructors office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology Office (SS 854) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternate arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.