

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

14 May

Topics

(a) Introduction to Medical Anthropology

(b) Anthropological Perspectives on Health, Disease and Illness

Anthropology of Disease

16 May

(a) Evolutionary/Ecological Perspectives on Health and Disease

(b) Disease Etiology

21 May

Human Behaviour and Disease Transmission

23 May

Historical Perspectives of Disease in Human Populations

Anthropology of Illness

28 May

(a) Changing Relationships with Illness and Disease

(b) Origin and Evolution of Healing and Illness Behaviour

- 30 May **Mid-term Examination @ 1800 hrs**
Illness Behaviour – meaning and expression
- 04 Jun Explanatory Models of Illness and the development of
Health Care Systems
- 06Jun The Art of Healing
(a) Healers and Healing in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- 11 Jun (a) Total Drug/Treatment Effect -Culture and Pharmacology
(b) Stress and Illness – the placebo and nacebo effects
- 13 Jun (a) Culture, Illness and Mental Health
- Term/Discussion Paper due.*
- 18 Jun (a) Culture, Illness and Mental Health cont.
(b) Cultural/Context Bound Syndromes

Applied Medical Anthropology

- 20 Jun Sociopolitical and Economic aspects of Disease and Illness
Syndemic Perspectives
- 25 Jun What is Applied Medical Anthropology?
(a) Cultural Contact and Change between Health Care Systems
(b) Anthropological Approaches to Health, Illness and Disease
(c) Conclusions

**Final Examination – Registrar's Scheduled
Date to be announced between 27-29 June**

Grading and Examinations

Final course grades will be based on an in-class midterm, a discussion/term paper, and a final examination. Examinations will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions.

Midterm Examination	30%	30 May (at 1800 hrs)
Discussion/Term Paper	35%	18 June
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam	35%	Registrar's Scheduled date to be announced (Jun 27-29)

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.