

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

ANTH 341
MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
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TR 18:00 – 20:45
ES 162

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the broad field of medical anthropology. The course provides an overview and introduction to the anthropological study of human health, wellness, illness, and disease. Particular case studies, drawn from the course text, will serve as examples for the diversity of methods and theories found within medical anthropology. We will follow the text and explore medical anthropology via three varied approaches: biocultural, social-cultural, and applied.

Cell phones and all other electronic devices **MUST** be turned off and stowed during class. Class attendance is essential for success in this class.

COURSE OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES

- To introduce students to the anthropological perspective and its application to the study of human health, wellness, illness, and disease (i.e. medical anthropology);
- To develop critical thinking and analytical skills;
- To provide opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge to “real life” situations
- To encourage the development of written communication skills
- By the end of the course, students will be able to: identify the various biosocial and cultural approaches to the study of medical anthropology;
- Identify the differences between health and wellness, and disease and illness;
- Identify and critically analyze social and cultural determinants of health;

REQUIRED TEXT

Brown, Peter J. and Svea Closser.

2016. *Understanding and Applying Medical Anthropology*. Third Edition. London: Routledge.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

The final grade will be based upon marks attained in two mid-term examinations, two written assignments, and a final in-class examination. The exams will be made up of multiple choice questions, mix-and-match questions, short answer questions, and essay questions. Values for the exams and assignments are as follows:

1st mid-term exam, May 30 (TUESDAY)	30%
1st assignment, June 6 (TUESDAY)	15%
2nd mid-term exam, June 15 (THURSDAY)	30%
2nd assignment, June 20 (TUESDAY)	15%
Final exam (in-class!), June 27 (TUESDAY)	10%

If there are any conflicts with the schedule and your personal schedule you need to let me know promptly – to make the appropriate arrangements if feasible and reasonable.

Correspondences between letter grades and percentages are as follows:

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

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the instructor of this course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Calgary is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievements. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. Non-academic integrity also constitutes an important component of this program.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic and non-academic misconduct, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

All suspected cases of academic and non-academic misconduct will be investigated following procedures outlined in the University Calendar. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behavior or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources.

Where there is a criminal act involved in plagiarism, cheating or other academic misconduct, e.g., theft (taking another student's paper from their possession, or from the possession of a faculty member without permission), breaking and entering (forcibly entering an office to gain access to

papers, grades or records), forgery, personation and conspiracy (impersonating another student by agreement and writing their paper) and other such offences under the Criminal Code of Canada, the University may take legal advice on the appropriate response and, where appropriate, refer the matter to the police, in addition to or in substitution for any action taken under these regulations by the University

DEFERRED EXAMS/ASSIGNMENTS:

The format of a deferred examination/assignment will likely vary from the original format on the scheduled exam.

TEACHING EVALUATIONS / USRI (Universal Student Ratings of Instruction)

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. **Your responses make a difference, please participate!** Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri/>

Writing Across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support, part of the Student Success Centre, can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points: In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please refer to the following link for detailed information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip>

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology and Archaeology Office (ES620) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternative arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.

Safewalk Information: Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources: Have a question, but

not sure where to start? Arts Students' Centre

The Faculty of Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance that they require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs and the Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- program advising
- the Faculty's Co-operative Education Program
- the Arts and Science Honours Academy
- the Faculty's Interdisciplinary Programs
- a Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403.220.3580

Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca

Website: arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contacts for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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