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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course, which is a pre-requisite for most senior level courses in social-cultural anthropology, aims to give the student a solid foundation in anthropological theory. We will be considering in detail the key debates within anthropology and examining how these have been addressed by anthropologists and other social scientists. We will look at the social and historical contexts in which different theoretical perspectives emerged, how they relate to each other, and the implications these perspectives have for research and ethnographic writing.

PREREQUISITE(S): Anth 203 or consent of the Department. Note: Credit for both Anth 391 and Anth 365 will not be allowed.

COURSE FORMAT:

The course will include lectures, discussion of assigned readings, films, and guest speakers, all of which may be included on the examinations.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Sears, Alan and James Cairns
2010 *A Good Book, In Theory: Making Sense Through Inquiry*, 2nd edition. Toronto:
University of Toronto Press.

Rapport, Nigel and Joanna Overing
2007 *Social and Cultural Anthropology: The Key Concepts*, 2nd edition. Oxford: Routledge.

Additional readings (e.g. journal articles or book chapters) may be required and will be posted on the class Blackboard in PDF. A detailed reading list with dates will be available by 2nd week of class.



COURSE WORK: The course grade will be based on the following items of course work, weighted as follows:

Requirement	Value	Date	Length	Comments
In-class quiz	60 marks	Sept 27 Oct 11 Oct 25 Nov 08 Nov 22 Dec 06	N/A	<p>In-class, open book, open notes quiz. Essay format, limited to 30-minutes. Each quiz is worth 10 marks.</p> <p>If you miss a quiz, a make-up quiz will be available if the reason for deferment is deemed justifiable, e.g. illness, accident, death in the family (all supported by the necessary documents).</p>
Term paper	40 marks	Nov 22 nd <u>or</u> Dec 9 th	2,500 words	<p>See instructions on Blackboard under "Course documents" for term paper topic and guidelines.</p> <p>If you hand in your term paper on Nov 22nd, it will be returned to you no later than Dec 2nd, marked with comments. Late papers will <u>not</u> be accepted for this early due date. If you are not satisfied with your performance on the paper, you may rewrite and re-submit on the next due date of Dec 9th, along with the previously submitted and marked term paper. If you are satisfied with your mark, you need do nothing more, and your mark will be recorded toward your final grade.</p> <p>If you choose to submit your paper on 9th Dec., you will not have the benefit of any feedback, and you will not be permitted to rewrite your paper for resubmission. Late papers after Dec. 9 (Friday) will be penalized at 10% (or 4 points) per day, including each weekend day as one day.</p> <p>Please hand in your term paper in paper form, not electronic form.</p>

HANDING IN ESSAYS

There are only two ways to submit term papers in this class. Essays may be handed to me on the due date in class or in my office. Alternatively, you may place your assignments in the yellow assignment drop box next to the elevators on the 8th floor of Social Sciences before 16:00 on the due date. My name (Prof. J. Smart) must be printed on the upper right corner of the title page. The course number/name, title of the assignment, your name, your UCID number, and date of submission must be printed clearly on the title page of the assignment. Department administrative staff will stamp the date of receipt on the front page of the assignment. Under no circumstances are you to slide papers under my office door (the cleaning staff may get to it before I do) or to hand it in to the office staff. Electronic submission of papers is not permitted. Please keep a computer copy of your paper for reference. Do not use folders of any sort; simply staple your essay securely in the upper left corner.

GRADING SYSTEM

A+	94.9–100	A	89.9–94.8%	A-	84.9–89.8 %
B+	79.9–84.8 %	B	74.9–79.8 %	B-	70.9–74.8 %
C+	66.9–70.8 %	C	62.9–66.8 %	C-	68.9–62.8 %
D+	54.9 %– 58.8%	D	49.9–54.8 %	F	49.8 and below

BLACKBOARD

This course will be managed through the University of Calgary’s on-line course management system *Blackboard*. This system will be used to post grades, course announcements, copies of handouts, and helpful links. All students must register for Blackboard by logging on to “my U of C” (<https://my.ucalgary.ca>) and following the instructions. The Blackboard connection should be up and running by the end of the second week of classes or earlier. Students are advised to check for announcements on a regular basis.

EMAIL

Please email me to make appointments to see me outside of class or office hours. Please do not email me to ask for clarification about assignments or examinations; these questions must be asked in front of the entire class so that everyone has the same information. Please include the course number in the subject heading of your email message. I do not necessarily answer my emails immediately, and I don't check my emails on weekends. Please make sure that your email address is professional and not one that my spam filter is likely to screen out.

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

You are required to make yourself familiar with the Department of Anthropology's statement on intellectual honesty, which can be accessed at: <http://anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines> and to follow the citation style guidelines set out on the Department's website (<http://anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/citation-style-guidelines>).

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who will require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Education Block Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the Social Sciences Food Court.