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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT of ANTHROPOLOGY & ARCHAEOLOGY

ANTH 391.01
ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORY
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Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-10:45 Room: ST 130

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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 implications these perspectives have for research and ethnographic writing.

COURSE FORMAT:

The course delivery includes lectures, discussion of assigned readings, films, and guest speakers, all of which are relevant material for the in-class quizzes.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Bernard, Alan. 2000. *History and Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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

One additional required reading (book chapter) by Sears & Cairns (2010) is posted in D2L.

EVALUATIONS

Your final grade will be based upon your marks on four in-class quizzes (4 x 15% = 60%) and one term paper (40%). There is no registrar-scheduled final exam. All in-class quizzes are open-book exams and 45 minutes in length. The exam question will reflect material covered in the assigned readings, textbooks, lectures, audio-visual material shown in class and class discussions. Answers must be in essay format and clearly written within the space provided. Lecture outlines will be posted in D2L when possible. Term paper guidelines will be available by early October 2015 at the latest. The term paper (40%) is due on 8th December 2014

(Monday) by 4:00 pm. It should be dropped into the big yellow box outside the Dept. office on the 6th floor in Earth Sciences Bldg. **Please note that a 10% penalty is in effect for everyday the term paper is overdue. After 5 days overdue, the assignment will automatically receive an F grade.**

Quiz #1	15%	24-Sept-2015
Quiz #2	15%	15-Oct-2015
Quiz #3	15%	03-Nov-2015
Quiz #4	15%	24-Nov-2015
Term paper	40%	08-Dec-2015

Grading scheme:

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 less

Quiz re-writes will not be offered except for documented medical and other emergencies. Vacation plans, heavy workload, etc. are no acceptable excuses. Course appeals (grades, missed exams) have to be made in writing. The instructor will attempt to respond to emails in a timely fashion within 48 hours.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodation and has not registered with the Student Accessibility Service (SAS), please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the SAS 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 Social Science Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the ICT Food Court.

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 July 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>

USRI:

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 (www.ucalgary.ca/usri).

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