

ANTHROPOLOGY 405

ECOLOGY OF TROPICAL FOREST SOCIETIES

Fall 2011

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This course focuses on the adaptations of indigenous societies to their tropical forest habitat. It will begin with a discussion of the nature and variation of tropical forests and move on to examine the impacts that historical contact with western society and modern industrial society has had on tropical forest peoples. The course will be run as a seminar with students working in groups leading discussions of assigned readings. Discussion leaders are expected to facilitate discussion by providing a series of questions from the readings for the class to consider. They should also add one or two sources of information from their own research into the assigned topic. These additional sources of information should be submitted to the instructor one week before the presentation so that they may be made available to the rest of the class. PowerPoint presentations and other devices can be used to stimulate discussion but should not be simply a summary of the readings. Students will also prepare an annotated bibliography and related research paper. The paper should not be more than 20 pages including the references. Topics can be from a wide range of issues dealing with tropical forest societies and how they are coping with increased encroachment on their environment by outsiders. Research paper topics should be discussed with the instructor to ensure that they are appropriate for the course. The paper is due on the last day of classes, December 9th by 4:00. By the end of the course students should have a good knowledge of some of the ecological systems that the societies are a part of and the consequences for these people when the ecological systems are modified or degraded due to over exploitation. Late assignments will be penalized by 10%.

The schedule of topics will be posted on blackboard.

Grading:

Due Date

Discussion Leaders	20%	Students will sign up for a topic and date
Annotated Bibliography	15%	November 14 th
Film Critiques	10%	One week after film
Paper	40%	4:00 PM December 9 th
Participation	15%	N/A



Grade Scale:

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-	58.9–62.8 %
D+	54.9–58.8%
D	49.9–54.8 %
F	49.8% and below

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who July 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 ICT Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the Social Science 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>