

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
University of Calgary

ANTHROPOLOGY 435.01: Evolutionary Anthropology
Winter 2015

Class Time: Tues/Thurs 11:00am – 12:15pm

Class Location: AD 142

Instructor: Mackenzie Bergstrom

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Social and cultural anthropology is well known for the insights provided by our cross-cultural perspective on human behavior and social organization. In this class, we explore the insights to be gained by recognizing our evolutionary relationship to other primates and adding a cross-species evolutionary perspective to the study of human behavior and social organization. We are interested not just in similarities and differences between humans and other primates, but in how the combination of cross-cultural and cross-species comparative perspectives can enhance our understanding of what it means to be human.

REQUIRED READINGS

PDFs and links to readings will be available on Desire2Learn (D2L)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (more detail to be provided in class)

Midterm 30%

Summary and four group work reports 10%

Group Assignment 30%

Final Exam 30%



The midterm and final exams will be essay format with some choice of questions.

Group Assignment: 2500 word *group work* paper carefully synthesizing and summarizing 2 original articles written by Barbara Smuts. The final paper should be 2/3 synthesis & summary, and 1/3 determined by your group – some suggestions will be discussed in class. Students will be assigned to groups of 3-4 to work on this paper. Clearly identify the basic outline of the papers and their related message(s). Your group is expected to meet and discuss the papers at length to ensure that the essential information and position is understood and agreed upon by all group members. You are also expected to circulate drafts of the paper among the members to ensure that the final draft is complete, articulate, well organized, and professionally polished.

A brief two paragraph summary that will be handed in at the onset of the group projects will comprise 2% of the 10% Summary and Group Report mark. Four full class periods will be dedicated to group work, and attendance for these classes is mandatory. **At the end** of each class dedicated to group work, a 1 – 2 page Group Work Report including a **statement of attendance, the progress made since last meeting, and a detailed plan for what each member will do between now and your next meeting**

will be submitted via email to Angela Crotty (no later than 4 pm that day) – you must copy your group members to ensure that everyone knows it has been submitted, and what has been submitted. These Group Work Reports are worth 2% each – individual group members may not receive the same mark on each report - it will depend on what contributions individuals have and are making to the group and the assignment. Individuals will receive a score of zero if not present at these classes. You are expected to spend at least an additional 12 hours meeting and/or working on the assignment outside of class. The final assignment will be graded and then adjusted based on individual contribution, determined by peer evaluations of yourself and your group members.

Grade Breakdown

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

Classroom Expectations

• Attendance and punctuality

It is in your own best interest to attend all classes. Please arrive on time so not to disrupt other students. If you arrive late, please sit at the back or along an aisle. If you need to leave early, please notify the instructor before class and sit in a location where you will not disturb other students when you leave.

• Use of technology: laptops and cell phones

The most important thing is to be respectful and supportive to other students. Please turn off your cell phones and any other electronic devices. You may use a laptop to take notes, but please sit at the back or along the sides so as to not disturb other students. Please only use your laptops to take notes, and remember that instructors can often tell when you're watching videos, looking at Facebook, etc. If there are problems with the misuse of technology during the term I reserve the right to change this policy and disallow the use of laptops.

• Questions and participation

Engaging with your instructors is an important part of university and can be challenging in a large class. Please try your best to actively participate in class and remember – if you are wondering about something, there is a very good chance many other students are as well.

If at any time during the course you do not understand the material, I encourage you to ask either myself or the TA: a) during class (please raise your hand), b) during lecture breaks, c) before or after class, d) via email (allow 2 business days, 48 hrs response time), or e) during office hours. We would like to help you succeed!

• Exam attendance and conduct

Use the washroom beforehand. Arrive on time. Bring a pencil, pen, eraser and your student ID. Turn off and put away all electronic devices upon arrival. Turn all hats backwards and remove ear phones. You are allowed to have writing utensils, your student ID, tissue and a drink on the table – everything else must be stowed out of sight.

FORMAL ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's 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 Student Accessibility Services (SAS), please contact them at 403-220-8237 or access@ucalgary.ca. Students who have not registered with SAS 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.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Missed Exams – Missed tests automatically receive a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, you **MUST** notify the instructor, Mackenzie Bergstrom (mbergstr@ucalgary.ca), or the Anthropology main office (403-220-6516) **BEFORE** the exam, and documentation (e.g., a doctor's note) may be requested before or at the time of the scheduled make-up test. The make-up test, which may not be offered in all cases, will be scheduled no later than 1 week after the exam.

Returned Exams – Exam marks will be posted on D2L but exams will not be handed back. Students will be allowed to view both their own exam and the answer key during scheduled office hours, or by appointment. After reviewing the key and your notes, if you feel that you were marked unfairly or that marks were missed on your exam, you can address the concern with the instructor. You may be asked to prepare a short statement explaining the concern. The entire question will then be re-graded and marks adjusted (up or down, as is warranted) at the instructor's discretion.

No accommodation will be made for poor performance on exams. For instance, additional items cannot be submitted in lieu of exams and grades will not be curved. Please be sure that you are well-prepared for exams so that you perform well when you have the opportunity!

COMMUNICATION ETIQUETTE (e.g., email)

- Please use your university account when possible. Otherwise, use an account with an appropriate name (Example of an unacceptable email: sexy mama@gmail.com).
- Use a clear subject line that includes the course name/section and the topic of the email such as "ANTH 201.03 Question about my schedule"
- Please be respectful (i.e., not too casual) when addressing either myself or your TA in an email. Use an appropriate greeting (acceptable: "Dear Ms. Bergstrom"; unacceptable: "Hey there"). Please proof-read, spell check and use complete sentences.
- Keep the question(s) short and to the point. Show that you have made an effort to find the answer first in the text and lecture material (or even an outside source). State what you know in relation to what you are having a difficult time understanding.
- Include your full name and student ID in the signature of your email.
- Allow 48 hours for a response, excluding weekends and holidays.

***Please note: We may choose not to respond to emails that do not follow the format outlined above so please be thorough and respectful when addressing us with a concern and in return, we will try our very best to get back to you as soon as possible to accommodate your needs.**

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Any single occurrence of cheating, plagiarism, or other variant of academic misconduct upon any single assignment, essay, or examination, can result in disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion by the faculty dean. All university-level policies apply to this course. Details of this policy can be found in the University Calendar: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar>, under "Academic Regulations."

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 Social Sciences Food Court and the ICT Food Court shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE U OF C

Wellness Centre

370, MacEwan Student Centre,

Phone: 403.210.9355

Open: Monday to Friday 0900-1630 hrs. (Walk-ins stop at 15:30, but subject to demand)

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/uhs/>

“University Health Services provides quality health care and education in a reassuring friendly manner. Its primary focus is centered on students.”

Safewalk

Phone: 403.220.4750

Email: safewalk@ucalgary.ca

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

Available 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days per year

“Safewalk volunteers walk people safely to their destination on campus. This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors. Safewalks are done in male/female pairs. The volunteers walk anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station).”

Campus Security

Phone: 403.220.5333

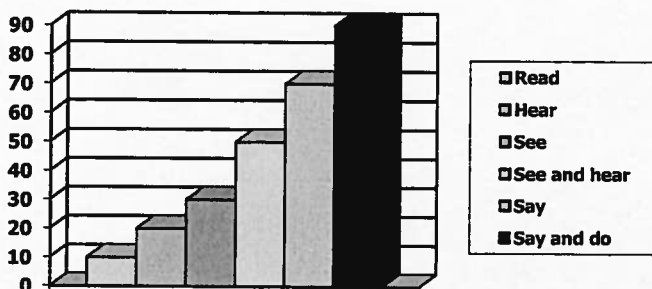
Email: Campuse.security@ucalgary.ca

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/>

“Campus Security works closely with the university community, Calgary Police Service and other agencies to maintain the University of Calgary as a pleasant place to live, work and study. If you have a safety concern or a question about the services Campus Security offers please contact us.” Not only does Campus Security provide for on campus emergency service, but also routinely posts campus-wide security alerts/bulletins. Campus Security also offers a Working Alone Program that enhances student safety while working alone on campus outside of regular work hours, such as evenings and weekends.

FINAL NOTES FOR SUCCESS

I encourage you to get to know some of your fellow students and study together. Studies show that the average person only retains 10% of the material they READ versus 90% of the material they READ, then RECITE, EXPLAIN OR DEMONSTRATE! (See graph from the U of C Teaching and Learning Centre below):



Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to a great semester! ☺