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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

ANTH 471.01
POLITICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
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Tuesday and Thursday 14:00-15:15
ES 054

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to political anthropology. Particular attention will be paid to the relationship between politics, the economy, and ideas as they interact in a variety of different social and cultural contexts. We will consider and compare a variety of different approaches to these relationships that have been developed over the years in anthropology.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The following required texts have been ordered at the Campus Bookstore:

Eric R. Wolf *Envisioning Power: Ideologies of Dominance and Crisis*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999.

Joan Vincent *The Anthropology of Politics: A Reader in Ethnography, Theory, and Critique*. Malden, MA: Blackwell 2002.

A limited number of additional required readings may be assigned, at least five days in advance, and will be posted on Blackboard. Preparation by doing the readings in advance of classes is important, as the class will involve considerable in-class discussions of the readings.

EVALUATIONS

Comparative exercise (due March 1)	25%
Midterm-test (March 22)	20%
Term paper proposal (due Feb. 14)	15%
Term paper (due April 12)	40%

Grading scheme:

A+	100 - 94.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%
A-	89.8 - 84.9%
B+	84.8 – 79.9%
B	79.8 - 74.9%
B-	74.8 – 70.9%
C+	70.8– 66.9%
C	66.8 – 62.9%
C-	62.8 – 58.9%
D+	58.8 – 54.9%
D	54.8 – 49.9%
F	49.8% and below

Test re-writes will not be offered except for documented medical and family emergencies. Vacation plans, heavy workload, etc. will not be considered. Course appeals (grades, missed exams) have to be made in writing. While the instructor will attempt to respond to emails in a timely fashion, that is, within two working days, volume may mean that delays will extend beyond this period. In other words, don't send an email about the test an hour before and expect a response.

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 accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

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>

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. The secondary assembly point shall be the Social Sciences Food Court.