

**ARKY 603: The Development of Complex Societies**  
**ES822, Mondays 9:00-11:50, Fall 2011**

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**Course Description:**

This is a graduate level seminar focusing on the rise and development of complex societies throughout the world.

<b>Grading:</b>	Research Paper	40%
	Presentation	25%
	Weekly Critiques	25%
	Class Participation	10%

**Readings:**

Each week, you will be given a list of readings that you will be expected to read for discussion the following week. Each of you will be asked to lead the discussion on individual articles; however, you will be expected to be prepared for and contribute to the discussion of all articles. All readings will be posted on Blackboard.

**Critiques:**

Five times during the semester, you are required to submit a critique of the weekly readings. This critique should highlight the common thread among the articles by comparing and contrasting the readings. It should also note the strengths of the arguments presented, as well as the weaknesses. These critiques should be approximately 1200-1500 words in length.

**Presentations:**

The final presentation is topical and should be 30 minutes in length. The presentation should be a thorough study of some aspect of complexity discussed in class. You will be assigned a culture area to address.

**Final Research Paper:**

Your final paper should be approximately 20-25 pages in length and address the same topic as your presentation. Your paper is due on the last day of class.

Your paper should be thoroughly researched, well organized, and well written. The sooner you start the better. You may find that you will need to order some sources through Interlibrary Loans, but consult with me first as I may have the reference you are seeking in my library.

**Grading Scale:**

A+	4.0-3.9	B+	3.2-2.9	C+	2.2-1.9	D+	1.2-0.9
A	3.8-3.6	B	2.8-2.6	C	1.8-1.6	D	0.8-0.5
A-	3.5-3.3	B-	2.5-2.3	C-	1.5-1.3	F	<0.5