Overview of the course

Anthropology is about people in the broadest sense, what makes them different and what makes them the same. This course will focus on cultural and social anthropology (or "socio-cultural" anthropology): the different ways people organize themselves into societies and find meaning in their lives. We will have three main objectives: 1. to understand the history of the discipline of anthropology and the main fissures of debate within it, 2. to expose ourselves to some variety of the different societies of the world, and 3. to understand different anthropological perspectives, that is, to grasp something of social theory.

Reading List: Books


Also, you will read a selection of essays from Applying Cultural Anthropology, 8th edition (hereafter “ACA”) by Podolefsky, Brown, and Lacy (McGraw Hill 2010)

Reading List: Articles

Grades

You will be evaluated on the basis of two exams, twelve quizzes, a short book report, and a paper. The exams are each worth 25% of your grade. If you miss either of them you may substitute the other exam score minus 20%. There are no makeup exams; please do not ask. The quizzes will each be worth 2%. I will give twelve, but only count the top ten scores (for a total of 20%). They will not be announced in advance, but I will often suggest likely quiz questions prior to the assigned reading. There will be no makeup quizzes whatsoever. The short book report is worth 10% of the grade. It will survey four chapters in “Applying Cultural Anthropology” and comment on their theoretical underpinnings. The longer paper will comprise the final 20% of the grade, with 5% credited for a first draft and 15% for the final draft. It will be due on the last day of class and more details will be provided before you begin to write. You may not turn in your papers late for any reason. Please do not ask. You must be in class the day of the first draft to receive credit for doing it, so do check your schedule ahead of time.

There is no attendance policy, so you need not explain when or why you are absent. Students who consistently miss class do poorly. A grading scale is posted at the bottom of this page.

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

September 3: Introduction, no reading assignment
September 7: Hatch and Crawford “How Berber Matters”
September 10: Malinowski, Miner (Chap 1 in ACA)
September 14: Sosis (Chap. 29 in ACA); Herdt, Gibbs (Chap. 25 in ACA)
September 17: Geertz (Introduction)
September 21: Geertz (Balinese cockfight), Bohannan (Chap. 4 in ACA), Cooper (Chap. 9 in ACA)
September 24: Roseberry
September 28: No reading assignment. We will begin preparation of our exam questions.
October 1: Wolf, Farmer (Chap. 35 in ACA), Lacy (Chap. 32 in ACA)
October 8: Review – click HERE for potential exam questions.
(October12: MONDAY CLASSES)
October 15: Exam 1
October 19: Chagnon and Lee (Social Organization)
    *** Optional: Download the Powerpoint kinship lecture here
    *** Optional: See this link for some useful terms and definitions
October 22: Small (Chap. 16 in ACA), Weismantel
October 26: Levine, Goldstein (Chap 14 in ACA)
October 29: Abu Lughod (Chap. 19 in ACA), Urla and Swedlund (Chap. 20 in ACA)
November 2: PBS website “Race: Power of an Illusion” and "Race: Are We So Different?"; also Diamond (Chap. 11 in ACA) and McIntosh (Chap. 12 in ACA)
November 5: Shostak (Chapter 3) and Gordon and Sholto Douglas Chapter 1 and Chapter 3 & 4);
    *** Book report DUE at the beginning of class.
November 9: Newcomb
November 12: Newcomb
November 16: Throop
November 19: Class cancelled – I will be in New Orleans at a conference.
November 23: We will be evaluating the papers submitted, so please download the rubric linked here:
http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/dcrawford/guide.htm
Thanksgiving
November 30: Lansing, Diamond (Chap. 7 in ACA)
December 3: Ibarra, Haldane
December 7: Review

***Paper due.

Final Exam: Thursday, December 16th at 11:30 a.m.
*** Click here for potential final exam questions. Be able to locate all the societies we have studied on a map.

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Resources such as the library (x2178) and the writing center are available on campus to assist you in your academic endeavors. You are encouraged to take advantage of these resources. If you have a disability that may require special accommodation in this course, contact Student Support Services (x2614) to make arrangements.