



GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

INTRODUCTORY ANTHROPOLOGY 1010

Fall: 1999
Time: Tuesdays, 9 am - 12 noon
Office Hours: Before or after class by appointment

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Anthropology seeks to understand all aspects of what it means to be a human being. In the attempt to define and comprehend the human experience, anthropologists constantly seek differences and similarities: through time, between species, between social groups. This course will look into various branches of anthropology that approach the study of humanity from different perspectives. We will study physical anthropology (including human evolution and primatology), anthropological linguistics, archaeology and social-cultural anthropology. Our immediate goal is to learn of the theoretical questions posed by anthropologists, the methods by which they seek answers, the insights they can provide and the practical implications of their findings. Our ultimate aim is to learn new ways of examining and analysing our own experience.

REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

There will be a mid-term test and a final examination. Each will consist of essay questions, and will be based on all course materials: lectures, class discussions, readings and/or films. There will be no make-up tests.

Students will also write two or three short papers, 1000 words in length. (The best two out of three essay marks will each contribute 25% of the final course grade.) On the basis of class lectures, readings and their own thinking, they will discuss topics they consider worthy of further investigation. (For further detail, see description of assignments.)

Assignments must be handed in to the instructor in class on the day they are due. Tardiness will result in grade reduction. Excessive grammatical or spelling errors may have the same result.

ANTHROPOLOGY 1010 - DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENTS

PAPERS:

The best two out of the three marks will be used to calculate the final course grade. At least two papers must be submitted.

The purpose of these short essays (1000 words) is to relate and apply concepts presented in the course to yourself: your life, your community, your experience and your understanding.

Select an idea or issue mentioned in our readings, class discussions, or films. State it in your own words, and explain its significance to you, as well as its significance to anthropology. Using examples to support your argument, you may then pursue your discussion in one (or more) of a variety of ways, such as:

- a) explain why you are disturbed by or why you disagree with a certain point of view; criticise it, if appropriate.
OR
- b) explain why you agree with a point of view, and how you can apply it. OR
- c) pose a question describe the kind of research you might carry out to answer it; and the results you might expect to find.
OR
- d) analyse an issue of concern to you, or an experience you or others have undergone.

Above all, if in doubt, talk to me!

COURSE MARKINGS

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Short paper #1	25%*	October 12
Short paper #2	25%*	November 2
Short paper #3	25%*	November 30
Mid-term Test	20%	October 26
Final Exam	30%	December 14

- * The best two of these three marks will be used in the calculation of course mark.

GRADING SYSTEM

<u>GRADE POINT</u>	<u>INTERPRETATION</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
9	Excellent	90 - 100
8		80 - 89
7	Good	72 - 79
6		65 - 71
5	Pass	57 - 64
4		50 - 56
3	Fail	45 - 49
2		26- 44
1		0 - 25

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READING ASSIGNMENTS

CPN: Marvin Harris, Culture, People, Nature, Addison-Wesley, 1997

PPP: Jean-Luc Chodkiewicz (ed.), Peoples of the Past and Present, Harcourt Brace, 1996

Readings are for the dates indicated. Class lecture will be on the topics covered in the readings.

1. September 7: INTRODUCTION: CPN ch. 1; PPP General Introduction (pp. 1-5)
2. September 14: PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: CPN chs. 2, 3, 4; PPP pp. 8-13, chs. 1, 4
3. September 21: PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (cont.): CPN chs. 5, 6; PPP chs. 5, 6, 8, 9, 12
4. September 28: CULTURE AND LANGUAGE: CPN chs. 7, 8; PPP pp. 188-190, pp. 154-157, chs. 26, 27, 29, 30
5. October 5: ARCHAEOLOGY AND PREHISTORY: CPN chs. 9, 10; PPP chs. 13, 14, 16
6. October 12: ARCHAEOLOGY AND PREHISTORY (cont.): CPN ch. 11; PPP chs. 17, 18, 19, 20
First Paper Due
7. October 19: INFRASTRUCTURE: CPN chs. 12, 13; PPP chs. 33, 35, 37, 38
8. October 26: MID-TERM EXAM
INFRASTRUCTURE (cont.): CPN ch. 14; PPP ch. 36
9. November 2: STRUCTURE: CPN chs. 15, 16, 17; PPP chs. 34, 39,
Second Paper Due
10. November 9: STRUCTURE (cont.): CPN chs. 18, 19; PPP chs. 40, 41, 43
11. November 16: STRUCTURE (cont.): CPN chs. 20, 21, 22; PPP chs. 45, 47, 48
12. November 23: SUPERSTRUCTURE: CPN chs. 23, 24; PPP chs. 50, 51, 52
13. November 30: SUPERSTRUCTURE (cont.): CPN ch. 25; PPP chs. 14, 15
Third Paper Due
14. December 7: ANTHROPOLOGY AND MODERN LIFE: CPN ch. 26; PPP chs. 10, 11, 57, 58
15. December 14: FINAL EXAM