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GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

INTRODUCTORY ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTHROPOLOGY 201

Fall 1990

Time: W 1630-2120

Location: F138

Office hours: Fridays 1000-1200 or by appointment.

Drop-ins welcome.

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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: first 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 ethnology. 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 analyzing 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. At least one week before each test/exam, students will be given a list of study questions from which test questions will be chosen.

Students will also write three short papers, up to ten pages in length. 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. Unauthorized tardiness may result in the loss of 2 out of 5 points. Excessive grammatical or spelling errors may have the same result. Decisions regarding make-up tests will be at the instructor's discretion.

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Short Paper #1	10	October 3
Short Paper #2	20	October 31
Short Paper #3	20	November 25
Mid-term test	20	October 14
Final Examination	30	

Grading System

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>
9	
8	Excellent
7	
6	Good
5	
4	Pass
3	
2	
1	Fail

REQUIRED TEXT

Harris, Marvin. CULTURE, PEOPLE, NATURE: AN INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL ANTHROPOLOGY. Harper and Row, 1966.

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SHORT PAPERS (3)

Value and Due Dates:

Paper #1: 10%, October 3.

Paper #2: 20%, October 31.

Paper #3: 20%, November 28.

The purpose of these short essays (not more than ten, not less than five pages, double-spaced; i.e. less than 2500 words) is to relate and apply concepts presented in the course to yourself: your life, your community, your experience, 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; criticize it, if appropriate;

b) explain why you agree with a point of view, and how you can apply it;

c) pose a question, describe the kind of research you might carry out to answer it, and the results you might expect to find;

d) etc.

Above all, if in doubt, talk to me!