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GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
COURSE OUTLINE

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INTRODUCTORY ANTHROPOLOGY 202

Fall Session

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CLASS HOURS: Wednesday evening, 6:30-9:30, unless notified
otherwise

OFFICE HOURS: After regular class or by appointment

REQUIRED READING: C. Jolly and F. Plog, Physical Anthropology and Archaeology,
4th Edition, A. Knopf Pub. (referred to as J & P).
Additional reserve readings or handouts

This session will cover the first half of an introductory course in Anthropology. The discipline of Anthropology may be succinctly defined as the scientific study of the human species and of its variations through time and space. It focuses on the systematic and distributional (time, space) investigation of human groups in terms of their biological and behavioral characteristics. The purpose of anthropological research is to obtain generalizations and conclusions which may have practical consequences and are valid for all mankind, regardless of differences in physical characteristics, languages, customs or beliefs. Because of this vast scope for research, anthropology is commonly divided into four sub-disciplines:

- (a) biological or physical anthropology - the study of biological variations among present and past human groups, their relationship with other animal species, especially other primates (apes, monkeys, prosimians), and their origin and evolution.
- (b) archaeology and culture history - the reconstruction of past societies and interpretation of socio-cultural development, primarily from material remains of past human activities.
- (c) socio-cultural anthropology or ethnology - the study of social life, customs, beliefs, subsistence within and between human groups as they can be observed at present or in recent times.
- (d) anthropological linguistics - the study of the origins and development of human language and symbolism.

The purpose of this course is to provide a holistic, inter-disciplinary approach to anthropology. The first half of this course will concentrate on Physical Anthropology and Archaeology. Assessment of students will be based on a mid-term exam, a term paper and a Christmas exam. Work will be evaluated as follows:

Mid-term Exam	10%
Term Paper	20%
Christmas Exam	10%

Examinations will emphasize materials from both lectures and readings. Consequently, any student who wishes to do well in the course should make every effort to attend all lectures and complete all readings. The mid-term exam will include both reading and lecture materials covered up to the time of the exam. The Christmas examination will cover the remainder of the reading and lecture materials, as well as information pertinent to the term paper assignment.

In the new year you will receive a syllabus for the 2nd term listing the new texts and readings pertaining to Linguistics and Socio-cultural Anthropology. The remainder of the course work will be evaluated using a similar scheme with a mid-term exam, term paper and final exam.

DATE	WEEK	ASSIGNED READING	LECTURE TOPIC
Sept. 14	-	Chapt. 1, J&P + handouts, filmstrip/ tape lecture "What is Anthropology" ON RESERVE GN31W45	Introduction, the discipline of Anthropology, goals and methods
Sept. 21	2	Chapters 2, 3 & Appendix J&P	Evolutionary biology, organic evolution and mechanisms, biological inheritance, genetics, synthetic theory of evolution
Sept. 28	3	Chapters 15 & 16, J&P ASSIGN TERM PAPER	Interaction between biological factors and culture, concept of race

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Oct. 5	4	Chapters 4 & 5, J&P	Biological diversity in mankind within and between human groups
Oct. 12	5	Chapters 5 & 6, J&P	Primates and hominids, adaptive characteristics
Oct. 19	6	Films	Mid-term exam
Oct. 26	7	Chapters 7 & 9, J&P	Archaeology, human origins, evidence, chronology and prehistoric environments, early Pleistocene
Nov. 2	8	Chapter 8, J&P	Proto-hominids, Australopithecus, Africa
Nov. 9	9	Chapters 9 & 10, J&P	Middle Pleistocene hominids, Africa, Eurasia, <u>H. habilis</u> , <u>H. erectus</u>
Nov. 16	10	Chapter 11, J&P TERM PAPER DUE	Upper Pleistocene hominids - Neanderthals, <u>H. sapiens</u>
Nov. 23	11	Chapter 12, J&P	Post-glacial environments and adaptations, hunting and gathering
Nov. 30	12	Chapter 13, J&P	Origins of agriculture, animal/plant husbandry, primary centres of food production, S.W. Asia, Africa, Indo-Pacific, N. America
Dec. 7	13	Chapter 14, J&P	Emergence of urban centres and state societies, Review
Dec. 14	14		Christmas Exam