



**DEPARTMENT OF Arts and education**

**COURSE OUTLINE - WINTER 2015**

**AN2070 (A3): INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY – 3 (3-0-0) 45 HOURS**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:**

None. Second year standing and an introductory course in anthropology are recommended.

**REQUIRED TEXT / RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Fedorak, Shirley (2006). *Windows on the world: Case studies in anthropology*. Canada: Thomson Nelson.

O'Neill, Dennis (1997-2014). *Cultural anthropology tutorials*. Retrieved from <http://anthro.palomar.edu/tutorials/cultural.htm>

Other readings will be assigned during the term.

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

The comparative study of human society and culture, particularly non-western communities, with special attention to the family, social structures, economic and political institutions, religion and processes of change.

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 credits / 3 hours per week**

**DELIVERY MODE(S):**     Lecture

**TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC**

**\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

**GRADING CRITERIA:****FOR IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS ONLY**

ALPHA GRADE	4-POINT EQUIVALENT	PERCENTAGE
A+	4.3	80-100
A	4.0	76-79
A-	3.7	73-75
B+	3.3	70-72
B	3.0	67-69
B-	2.7	64-66
C+	2.3	60-63
C	2.0	55-59
C-	1.7	50-54
D+	1.3	45-49
D	1.0	40-44
F	0.0	<40

All other assignments are marked using the following scale. Percentages are used for ethnographic assignments; the alpha scale is used for research methods and ethnologies.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A <sup>+</sup>	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A <sup>-</sup>	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B <sup>+</sup>	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B <sup>-</sup>	2.7	70 – 72	
C <sup>+</sup>	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C <sup>-</sup>	1.7	60 – 62	
D <sup>+</sup>	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

## EVALUATIONS:

Students will often be called upon to report on their learning activities (comments on readings, discussion of assignments and/or reflections of course content in life outside the classroom) and there will also be in-class assignments timed at the instructor's discretion; some of these may require work prior to class. These reports and assignments will be worth 25% percent of the final course grade. Ample opportunity to earn points will be provided, so there will be no make-ups for in-class work.

For the ethnography section of the course, students are required to submit brief reports on the case study assigned to them for four of five specific topics: economic, political, social, ideological, or modernization. These reports will include a comparison with case studies presented by peers. A fifth may replace a lower grade.

Two more substantial assignments are required, one on a cross-cultural topic (ethnology) and one on research methods.

Assignments must be submitted at the instructor's office by 2 p.m. Friday of the week they are due.

In compliance with the Examination Policy, students must sign in for the Final Examination scheduled by the Registrar's Office. At that time, one assignment will be submitted for 30% of the course mark. (This assignment may have been submitted and graded previously, when originally due. To improve your grade, you may correct the assignment as suggested in comments on your work; the original must accompany the corrected version.) Only paper copies of assignments are accepted. Double-space all work. The instructor will store students' assignments until the second week of the following academic term, when they will be recycled.

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| • Ethnography Assignments     | 22.5 or 30% | Weeks 2-6           |
| • Ethnology Assignment        | 22.5 or 30% | Week 10             |
| • Presentations Weeks 7-10    |             |                     |
| • Research Methods Assignment | 22.5 or 30% | Week 13             |
| • Presentations Weeks 11-13   |             |                     |
| • In-Class assignments        | 25%         | Throughout the term |
| • (Final examination          | 30%)        | Registrar-scheduled |

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

### STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Links to all Academic and Administrative policies can be found at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

### COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Week 1: Introduction and Ethnography

Week 2: Ethnography: Economic systems  
Assignments due Friday at 2 p.m.

Week 3: Ethnography: Political systems.  
Assignment due Friday at 2 p.m.

Week 4: Ethnography: Social systems.  
Assignment due Friday at 2 p.m.

Week 5: Ethnography: Ideological systems.  
Assignment due Friday at 2 p.m.

Week 6: Ethnography: The effects of modernization  
Assignment due Friday at 2 p.m.

Weeks 7-10: Ethnology

Students and the instructor will collaborate in organizing and presenting these topics to the class, assigning readings as appropriate. Presentations Weeks 7-10.

**ETHNOLOGY ASSIGNMENT DUE ON FRIDAY OF WEEK 9.**

Weeks 11-13: Research methods

We will deal with several research methods. Students will develop a research project using one, and present their experience to the class. Presentations Weeks 11-13

**RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT DUE ON FRIDAY OF WEEK 13.**