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ANTY 101H.80: Anthropology and the Human Experience

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ANTHROPOLOGY 101H Sec 80

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Required Text: ANTHROPOLOGY 14th Ed. by Ember & Ember. Also required is the Community Action Period on Mar. 9th.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Jan.  
13  Introduction
15  Video
17  Ch. 1 What is Anthropology?
20  NOCLASS
22  Ch. 2 Research Methods in Anthropology
24  Video
27  Jane Goodall
27  Log in for Action Period@ www.publicanthropology.net $15 fee

Feb.  
3  Ch. 4 Human Variation and Adaptation
5  Ch. 4 Human Variation and Adaptation
7  Video
10  Ch. 5 Primates: Past and Present
12  Ch. 5 Primates: Past and Present
14  Ch. 6 The First Hominins
17  NO CLASS HOLIDAY
19  Ch. 7 The Origins of Culture and the Emergence of Homo
24  Ch. 7 The Origins of Culture....
26  1st MIDTERM
28  Ch. 8 The Emergence of Homo sapiens

Mar.  
2  Ch. 9 The Upper Paleolithic World
4  Ch. 10 Origins of Food Production and Settled Life
6  Ch. 10 Origins of Food Production ...
9  BEGIN ACTION PERIOD
11  Video
13  Ch. 11 Origins of Cities and States
16-20 NO CLASS SPRING BREAK
23  Ch. 12 Culture and Culture Change
25  Rites of Passage
27  Rites of Passage
30  Ch. 13 Culture and the Individual

April  
1  Ch. 14 Communication and Language
3  Ch. 14 Communication and Language
6  Ch. 15 Getting Food
8  Video
10  2nd MIDTERM
13  Ch. 16 Economic Systems
Mon May 4th FINAL EXAM 10:10-12:10

Your grade is based upon the following:

1st Midterm 100 points
2nd Midterm 80 points
Community Action Period 20 points
Final Exam 200 points
Total Possible points 400

A 360 points and above
B 320 - 359 points
C 280 - 319 points
D 240 - 279 points
Below 239 points
P/NP cutoff 260

Course Objectives

1. Students will gain an appreciation of the diversity and richness of the human experience.
2. Students will acquire an understanding of the history, subject matter, and methods of study in anthropology.
3. Students will increase their knowledge of the history of human biological and cultural evolution.
4. Students will learn basic anthropological concepts and terms.

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by The University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code which is available for review online: www.umt.edu/SANPSAlindex.cfm/page/2585

Any student registered with DSS please check their website or your coordinator for accommodations.

Course Description

This class will provide an in-depth introduction to anthropology surveying the 4 subfields of biological anthropology, archaeology, social/cultural, and linguistic anthropology. We will cover prehistory to modern times. Primates, language, marriage, family, religion, and food production will be covered.

This course is required for all anthropology majors and minors and fulfills the general education social science distribution requirement.