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Introduction to Anthropology
ANTY 101 -01C, Fall 2013
MWF 12:10-1:00
HB 18

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SYLLABUS

Course Description

Anthropology is a discipline that investigates the origin and nature of the human species. Anthropologists use a holistic approach to understand and compare humans in all aspects, places, and times. In this course, we will look at the four major fields of anthropological inquiry which includes physical/biological anthropology, archaeology, linguistic anthropology and cultural anthropology/ethnology. Throughout the course, we will also discuss the issue of ethics in anthropology and the notion of applied anthropology.

Required Texts

Ember, Carol, Melvin Ember, and Peter Peregrine (2010). Anthropology, 13th Edition.
A web-based supplement for this class is available on Moodle: <http://umonline.umt.edu>

Course Requirements

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| 1 st Midterm | 100 points |
| 2 nd Midterm | 100 points |
| Final Exam | 200 points |
| Essay + Question | 50 points |
| Total Possible Points | 450 points |

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| A | 417 points & above | C+ | 345-359 points |
| A- | 405-416 points | C | 327-344 points |
| B+ | 390-404 points | C- | 315-326 points |
| B | 372-389 points | D+ | 300-314 points |
| B- | 360-371 points | D | 270-299 points |
| | | F | below 269 points |

Exams:

Exams will consist of objective, multiple choice questions and will cover material from lectures, readings, and videos. The last exam will be comprehensive.

Essay:

Write a **500 word** essay based on your reading of one of the specified articles (please refer to Moodle). In the essay, you should provide a clear statement describing your stance on the anthropological issue covered in the article and then provide justification for your particular perspective. Please spell and grammar check your document before submitting online by **Monday, November 25th**

As part of this assignment, you will also be required to post one analytical question on Moodle about your chosen article. **DUE DATE: Friday, November 22nd**

Academic Honesty and Student Conduct

All students are expected to perform in accordance with the Student Conduct Code. The code is available at http://life.umt.edu/vpsa/student_conduct.php.

Course Topics, Schedule, and Assignments

Week 1: August 26-30

Chapter 1: What is Anthropology

Chapter 2: History of Anthropological Theory

Chapter 3: Research Methods in Anthropology

Week 2: September 4-6 **Labor Day September 2nd (No Class)**

Chapter 4: Genetics and Evolution

Chapter 5: Human Variation and Adaptation

Week 3: September 9-13

Chapter 6: The Living Primates

Week 4: September 16-20

Chapter 7: Primate Evolution: From Early Primates to Hominoids

Chapter 8: The First Hominids

Week 5: September 23-27

Chapter 9: The Origins of Culture and the Emergence of *Homo*

Chapter 10: The Emergence of *Homo sapiens*

1st Midterm September 25th

Week 6: September 30-October 4

Chapter 11: The Upper Paleolithic World

Chapter 12: Origins of Food Production and Settled Life

Week 7: October 7-11

Chapter 13: Origins of Cities and States

Chapter 14: Culture and Culture Change

Week 8: October 14-18

Chapter 15: Communication and Language

Week 9: October 21-25

Chapter 16: Getting Food

Chapter 17: Economic Systems

Week 10: October 28-November 1

Chapter 24: Political Life: Social Order and Disorder

Chapter 18: Social Stratification: Class, Ethnicity and Racism

Week 11: November 4-8

2nd MIDTERM November 6th

Chapter 19: Culture and the Individual

Week 12: November 11-15 **Veterans Day November 11th (No class)**

Chapter 21: Marriage and the Family

Chapter 22: Marital Residence and Kinship

Week 13: November 18-22 **AAA Conference November 20-22 (No class)**

QUESTION POSTED Friday, November 22nd

Chapter 20: Sex, Gender, and Culture

Chapter 23: Associations and Interest Groups

Week 14: November 25-29 **Thanksgiving Holiday November 27-29th (No class)**

ESSAY DUE Monday, November 25th

Chapter 25: Religion and Magic

Chapter 26: The Arts

Week 15: December 2-6

Chapter 27: Applied, Practicing, and Medical Anthropology

Chapter 28: Global Problems

Week 16: Final: Tuesday, December 10th 8:00-10:00