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ANTH 101.03: Introduction to Anthropology

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ANTHROPOLOGY 101.03:  
INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY  
Fall 2008  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an in-depth introduction to anthropology surveying the four subfields of biological anthropology, archaeology, social/cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Topics covered include human evolution and biological variation; world prehistory from Paleolithic to Bronze Age; language and expressive culture; marriage, family, and kinship; subsistence and economic systems; and other cultural subsystems. There are no prerequisites. This course is required for anthropology majors and minors and fulfills the general education social science distribution requirement. The course is lecture based with opportunities for discussion of lecture and films.

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.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Examinations: There will be five 100-point exams consisting of 50 True-False, Matching, and Multiple-Choice questions covering lectures, films, classroom presentations, and readings. None of the exams is comprehensive and the lowest grade will be dropped. All students must take the last exam. Students will need to bring a narrow red scantron sheet and a number 2 pencil to class on the day of each exam.

Grading Scale: 
- Course: 400-360=A, 359-320=B, 319-280=C, 279-240=D, 239-0=F.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes and are personally responsible for all material covered in class. Tests cover both readings and classroom presentations equally. There may be pop quizzes.

Make-Ups: Students are expected to do all work on the scheduled date listed in the syllabus. Make-ups will only be given in the case of unavoidable absences. It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor as soon as possible (within 1 week of return to classes) in such cases and to arrange for a make-up.

Extra Credit: Students may earn extra credit by writing a 2-4 page critical review of a book selected from the approved list available on ERes. Guidelines for the reviews are also available there. This review is worth up to 10 points. All extra credit papers are due on Thursday Dec 4, 2008. Other extra credit opportunities may be available during the semester as well and will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard.

Academic Honesty: The University of Montana expects students to be academically honest. Cheating and plagiarism are serious offenses carrying serious penalties under the student code. Consult the “Academic Policies and Procedures” section of the current University catalog for details regarding penalties.

Access: This syllabus, along with study guides, overheads, announcements, etc., will be available on-line through the university’s Blackboard system.

Required Readings:
ANTH 101: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

PROVISIONAL COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1  INTRODUCTION & UNCOVERING THE PAST
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 1-2.
Aug 26 (Tue) - VIDEO: The Nature of Anthropology (30)

WEEK 2  EVOLUTION & VARIATION
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 3, 12.
Sep 2 (Tue) - VIDEO: Race: The Power of an Illusion (57)

WEEK 3  PRIMATE EVOLUTION & HUMANITY
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 4-5.
Sep 11 (Thu)

WEEK 4  HUMAN BEGINNINGS
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 6.
Sep 16 (Tue) - VIDEO: Mysteries of Mankind (57)

WEEK 5  HOMO HABILIS & HOMO ERECTUS
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 7.

WEEK 6  HOMO SAPIENS
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 8-9.
Oct 2 (Thu)
FIRST EXAM

WEEK 7  THE NEOLITHIC & THE RISE OF CIVILIZATION
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 10-11.
Oct 7 (Tue) - VIDEO: Settling Down (55)

WEEK 8  CULTURE & EXPRESSION
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 13, 16, 27.
Oct 14 (Tue) - VIDEO: Studying Culture (40)

WEEK 9  SUBSISTENCE & ECONOMY
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 17-18.
Oct 23 (Thu)
SECOND EXAM

WEEK 10  POLITICAL SYSTEMS
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 24.
Oct 28 (Tue) - VIDEO: Kawelka: Ongka's Big Moka (52)

WEEK 11  KINSHIP, DESCENT, & RESIDENCE
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 22.
Nov 4 (Tue)
ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY

WEEK 12  MARRIAGE & FAMILY
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 21
Nov 11 (Tue)
VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

WEEK 13  AGE, SEX, COMMON INTEREST, & CLASS
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 19-20, 23.
Nov 20 (Tue)
FOURTH EXAM

WEEK 14  
Nov 25 (Tue) - VIDEO: Masai Women (52)

WEEK 15  RELIGION & CULTURE CHANGE
READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 26, 28
Dec 2 (Tue) - VIDEO: Zulu Zion (52)

FINALS WEEK
Dec 10 (Wed) 3:20 pm  FIFTH EXAM