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**ANTHROPOLOGY 101.03:
INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY
Fall 2008**

T/R * 2:10-3:30pm * Gallagher Business Building 106

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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 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: Exams - 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F.

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 offences 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:

Ember, Carol, Melvin Ember, & Peter N.Peregrine. *Anthropology*. 11th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2005.

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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)

FIRST EXAM

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)

SECOND 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)

THIRD 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)

Nov 26-30

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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