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Anthropology and the Human Experience ANTY 101

Time: MWF 12:10-1:00 p.m.

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Place: HB 01

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Office Hours: Monday 1-3 or by appointment

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 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.

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
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Required Texts

Ember, Carol, Melvin Ember, and Peter Peregrine (2015). Anthropology, 14th Edition.

A web-based supplement for this class is available on Moodle: <http://umonline.umt.edu>

Course Requirements

There will five 100-point exams consisting of 50 True-False, Matching, and Multiple-Choice questions covering lectures, films, classroom presentations, and readings. The exams are not comprehensive and the lowest grade will be dropped. Students will need to bring a narrow red scantron sheet and a number 2 pencil to class on the day of the exam.

Makeup Exams: 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.

Attendance: Attendance and participation in classroom activities and discussion are a required part of this course.

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.

Students with disabilities may request reasonable modifications by contacting me. The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). "Reasonable" means the University permits no fundamental alterations of academic standards or retroactive modifications.

Course Topics, Schedule, and Assignments

Week 1: January 25-29

Chapter 1: What is Anthropology

Chapter 2: Research Methods in Anthropology

Week 2: February 1-5

Chapter 3: Genetics and Evolution

Chapter 4: Human Variation and Adaptation

Week 3: February 8-12

Exam #1 February 12th

Chapter 5: Primates: Past and Present

Week 4: February 15-19

Chapter 6: The First Hominins

Week 5: February 22-26

Chapter 7: The Origins of Culture and the Emergence of *Homo*

Chapter 8: The Emergence of *Homo sapiens*

Week 6: February 29-March 4

Exam #2 March 4th

Chapter 9: The Upper Paleolithic World

Chapter 10: Origins of Food Production and Settled Life

Week 7: March 7-11

Chapter 11: Origins of Cities and States

Week 8: March 14-18

Chapter 12: Culture and Culture Change

Chapter 13: Culture and the Individual

Week 9: March 21-25

Exam #3 March 25th

Chapter 14: Communication and Language

Week 10: March 28-April 1

Chapter 15: Getting Food

Chapter 16: Economic Systems

Week 11: April 4-8

Spring Break (No Classes)

Week 12: April 11-15

Exam #4 April 15th

Chapter 22: Political Life: Social Order and Disorder

Chapter 17: Social Stratification: Class, Ethnicity and Racism

Week 13: April 18-22

Chapter 19: Marriage and the Family

Chapter 20: Marital Residence and Kinship

Week 14: April 25-29

Chapter 18: Sex and Gender

Chapter 21: Associations and Interest Groups

Week 15: May 2-6

Chapter 23: Religion and Magic

Chapter 25: Practicing and Applying Anthropology

Chapter 26: Health and Illness

Week 16: **Final: Monday, May 9th, 10:10-12:10**