ANTY 101H.01: Anthropology and the Human Experience

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ANTHROPOLOGY 101: ANTHROPOLOGY & THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
Spring 2016
M/W/F * 10:10-11:00am * Social Sciences 356

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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. Students will need to bring a narrow red scantron sheet and a number 2 pencil to class on the day of the exam.

Grading Scale

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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 Moodle. Guidelines for the reviews are also available there. This review is worth up to 10 points. There may be additional extra credit opportunities over the course of the semester. These will be announced in class and posted on Moodle. All extra credit papers are due on Friday May 6, 2016 by midnight.

Academic Honesty
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. Review the code online here.

Students with Disabilities
If you need special accommodations, you should contact Disability Services for Students to make arrangements and let me know if there is anything I need to be aware of or that I need to do.

Access
This syllabus, along with reading assignments, study guides, lecture notes, announcements, and other course materials will be available on-line through the University’s Moodle system. Contact information for my TA is also available there under “Faculty Information”.

Required Readings:
ANTH 101: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

Provisional Course Outline

WEEK 1  Introduction & Methods
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 1-3.
    Jan 25 (Mon) - VIDEO: The Nature of Anthropology (30)

WEEK 2  Evolution & Variation
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 4-5.
    Feb 1 (Mon) – VIDEO: Race: The Power of an Illusion (60)

WEEK 3  Primate Evolution & Humanity
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 6-7.
    Feb 12 (Fri)  FIRST EXAM

WEEK 4  Human Beginnings
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 8.
    Feb 15    PRESIDENTS’ DAY (NO CLASS)

WEEK 5  HOMO habilis & Homo erectus
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 9.
    Feb 22 (Mon) - VIDEO: Becoming Human, pt 2 (57)

WEEK 6  Homo sapiens
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 10-11.
    Mar 4 (Fri)  SECOND EXAM

WEEK 7  The Neolithic & the Rise of Civilization
    Mar 7 (Mon) - VIDEO: Settling Down (55)

WEEK 8  Culture & Expression
    Mar 14 (Mon) - VIDEO: Studying Culture (40)

WEEK 9  Subsistence & Economy
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 16-17.
    Mar 22 (Fri)  THIRD EXAM

WEEK 10  Political Systems & Stratification
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 18, 24.
    Apr 6 (Mon) - VIDEO: Kawelka: Ongka’s Big Moka (52)

WEEK 11  NO CLASSES
    Apr 2-10  SPRING BREAK

WEEK 12  Kinship & Descent, & Residence
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 22.
    Apr 11 (Mon) - VIDEO: Dadi’s Family (52)

WEEK 13  Marriage & Family
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 21
    Apr 22 (Fri)  FOURTH EXAM

WEEK 14  Sex, Gender, Age, & Common Interest
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 20, 23.
    Apr 25 (Mon) - VIDEO: Masai Women (52)

WEEK 15  Religion & Culture Change
    READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 25, 28
    May 2 (Mon) - VIDEO: Zulu Zion (52)

FINALS WEEK
    May __ (___) – 10:10-12:10 am  FIFTH EXAM