ANTHROPOLOGY 101: ANTHROPOLOGY & THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

Fall 2015

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 can 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 can 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 can 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 Dec. 5, 2014 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:
Ember, Carol, Melvin Ember, & Peter N. Peregrine. Anthropology. 2nd Special ed. (13 ed.) Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2010. (Available at the campus bookstore and 2 copies are on reserve in the library)
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Provisional Course Outline

WEEK 1  Introduction & Methods
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 1-3.
  Aug 31 (Mon) - VIDEO: _The Nature of Anthropology_ (30)

WEEK 2  Evolution & Variation
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 4-5.
  Sep 7  _LABOR DAY (NO CLASS)_

WEEK 3  Primate Evolution & Humanity
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 6-7.
  Sep 18 (Fri)  FIRST EXAM

WEEK 4  Human Beginnings
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 8.

WEEK 5  HOMO habilis & Homo erectus
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 9.
  Sep 23 (Mon) - VIDEO:  _Becoming Human, pt 2_  (57)

WEEK 6  Homo sapiens
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 10-11.
  Oct 9 (Fri)  SECOND EXAM

WEEK 7  The Neolithic & the Rise of Civilization
  Oct 9 (Mon) - VIDEO:  _Settling Down_  (55)

WEEK 8  Culture & Expression
  Oct 16 (Mon) - VIDEO:  _Studying Culture_  (40)

WEEK 9  Subsistence & Economy
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 16-17.
  Oct 30 (Fri)  THIRD EXAM

WEEK 10  Political Systems & Stratification
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 18, 24.
  Nov 6 (Mon) - VIDEO:  _Kawelka: Ongka's Big Moka_  (52)

WEEK 11  Kinship & Descent, & Residence
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 22.

WEEK 12.  Marriage & Family
  Nov 24 (Fri)  FOURTH EXAM
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 21

WEEK 13  Marriage & Family (Cont)
  Nov 25-29  _THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY_
  Nov 23 (Mon) - VIDEO:  _Masai Women_  (52)

WEEK 14  Sex, Gender, Age, & Common Interest
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 20, 23.

WEEK 15  Religion & Culture Change
  READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 25, 28
  Dec 7 (Mon) - VIDEO:  _Zulu Zion_  (52)

FINALS WEEK
  Dec 16 (Wed) – 8:00-10:10am  FIFTH EXAM