

SYLLABUS

ANTH 1301

Cultural Anthropology

Spring 2017

Lawrence Hall 200 / Thurs. 6-9 p.m.

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Required Texts: *Cultural Anthropology: The Human Challenge*, 13th Edition by William A. Haviland, Harald E. L. Prins, Bunny McBride, Dana Walrath. In addition, you will also select a book of your choice from a list for your presentation.

Course Description: This course is an introduction to the field of Cultural Anthropology, including the nature of culture in space and time, human subsistence and settlement, social and political organization, ritual and religion, and linguistics. The course includes specific examples of adaptations to the arid regions of the American Southwest.

Goals and Objectives: Students will acquire a basic understanding of the history of anthropological inquiry and its theoretical underpinnings as well as its four sub-disciplines, the complex aspects of human culture, the relationship between human biology and culture, and the broad, range of cultural adaptations across the globe. Through examination of a number of different primary cultures, students will also demonstrate an ability to recognize critical adaptive characteristics of each culture and how these inform economic and social organization, worldview, and religion.

Primary Learning Objectives (PLOs):

1. The student will be able to describe the history of Anthropology and its sub-disciplines
2. The student will be able to explain the major aspects of human culture
3. The student will be able to compare and contrast differing adaptations to environments
4. The student will be able to explain how adaptive strategies affect other aspects of culture

Grading: Students final grades will be based on four exams, including a comprehensive final, one presentation, and class participation.

<u>Component</u>	<u>Percent of Final Grade</u>
Exam 1	15
Exam 2	15
Exam 3	15
Final Exam	25
Presentation	20
Participation	10
Total	100

The four exams will address material from each quarter of the class and will be based on both readings and lectures. Exams will be multiple choice, short answer, and essay. The final exam will be cumulative. If you miss an exam, it may only be made up with a valid excuse. The presentation will be on a book of your choosing from a list provided by the instructor. Students are expected to read assigned material before class and to participate in class discussions, which, along with attendance, will determine the participation grade.

Attendance Policy: Three absences will be allowed although students will need to obtain lecture and class discussion notes from a fellow student. Students' final grade will be deducted one-half a letter grade for each absence beyond the allowance. If six or more classes are missed, that student will be dropped and receive an F for the course. Regular attendance and punctuality are expected.

Class Schedule and Outline: *See handout.*

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