Course Number: ANTH1150 Section One

Course Title: Introduction to Anthropology   Winter 2019

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Lecture time: Monday 7:00- 9:50 PM

Course Description:
This course will provide students with a general introduction to the field of social anthropology. We will cover such topics as theories and methods in social anthropology, adaptation, social change, family systems, exchange, political life, religion, and globalization. The course will emphasize the relevance of anthropological theories and methods as they relate to contemporary social problems such as food security, poverty, health and well-being, the environment, and globalization. Students will read classical texts, a full-length ethnography, and an introductory textbook.

Course Objectives:

Upon completing this course, students should have:

1) Developed a basic understanding of the goals and methods of social anthropology.
2) Acquired an understanding of cultural relativism.
3) Gained insight into the range of cultural diversity around the world.
4) Acquired an understanding of various family, economic, and political systems around the globe.
5) Gained an appreciation of globalization and its impact on various peoples around the world, as documented by social anthropologists.
6) Developed an appreciation for the application of anthropological theories and methods to the solutions of everyday problems.

A more detailed list of learning outcomes and objectives will be available by the beginning of the semester.

Format: Lecture and documentaries.

Note: There will be a Courselink site for this course

Required Readings:


NOTE: The books will be available at the University Bookstore and at the Coop Bookstore and are also available as eBooks.

**Evaluation:**

- Quizzes: 30%
- Midterm: 30%
- Final Exam: 40%

**Provisional Schedule of Topics:**

- Week 1: What is Anthropology?
- Week 2: Studying Culture: Theory and Method
- Week 3: Linguistic Anthropology and the Politics of Representation
- Week 4: Anthropology, Economics, and Politics
- Week 5: Understanding Identity and Social Inequality
- Week 6: Midterm Test in Class
- Week 7: Gender and Sexuality
- Week 8: Nature, Culture, and Society
- Week 9: Religion: Ritual and Belief
- Week 10: Anthropology and The Body
- Week 11: Anthropology and the non-Human
- Week 12: The future of anthropology