Spring, 2006
Saddleback College   Ticket #14960
Anthropology 2: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
MW 1:00 -4:00PM.  BGS 207
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
The goals of Anthropology for the last century have been to describe the
societies and cultures of the world and to compare their differences and
similarities.
This study of Cultural Anthropology will introduce the student to the cultural
aspect of man’s behavior by examining the common characteristics as well as
the unique differences of various cultures such as their social organization,
religion, family structure, and personality. By looking at other cultures we can
see ourselves more clearly (Kluckhohn 1944).

REQUIRED TEXTS

Kottak, Conrad
Mirror for Humanity. 4th Edition. McGRAW HILL

Angeloni, Elvio, ed., 2004
Annual Editions: Anthropology 05/06
Guilford, CT: Dushkin Publishing Group.

Peters-Golden, Holly
COURSE OBJECTIVES
1. Students will acquire an understanding of the basic concepts and terminology used in the study of Cultural Anthropology.
2. Students will gain an appreciation of non-Western approaches to solving basic human problems through assigned readings, videos, and lectures.
3. To learn the importance of studying the whole of humanity and not just the cultures of Western peoples.
4. Read and analyze original works written by field anthropologists and give a presentation as a member of a panel organized to discuss each work.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

At the start of each class session attendance will be taken. Regular attendance at lectures is crucial to successfully completing this course, and attendance along with participation will constitute 50 points. If you stop attending class it is your responsibility to formally withdraw from the class by the drop deadline without “W” by 04-03-06.

EXAMINATIONS AND GRADING PROCEDURES

There will be one test, a midterm and a final. In addition to the written exams you will give a panel presentation on a research topic written by a field anthropologist and complete one written ethnography assignment. Your final grade will be based on the following:
- Test#1 50 points
- Midterm 100 points
- Final Exam 100 points
- Panel Discussion Project 100 points
- Ethnography Project 50 points
- Attendance & Participation 50 points

COURSE SCHEDULE

Anthropology and Culture
03/20: Introduction to Anthropology
  Readings:
  Mirror for Humanity (MH) Chapter 1
03/22: Ethics and Methods in Cultural Anthropology
Readings:
MH Chapter 2
Annual Editions Article 1 and Handout
Culture Sketches Chapter 15 (CS)

Cultural Diversity

03/27: What is Culture?
Readings:
MH. Chapter 3
AE. Article 3 and Article 24

03/29: Ethnicity: Ethnic Groups and Ethnicity
Readings:
MH. Chapter 4
Review for Test#1
LIBRARY RESEARCH / WORKSHOP

04/03: Test 1: Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4. Articles 1,3,24,Handout, and Chapter 15 CS.

04/05: Language and Communication
Readings:
MH. Chapter 5
AE. Article 6 and Article 8

04/10: Making A Living
Readings:
MH. Chapter 6
AE. Article 9 and CS Chapter 6 and 8
A Sign up Sheet Will Be Provided for Panel Discussion Selections

04/12: Families, Kinship, and Descent
Readings:
MH. Chapter 8
AE. Article 15
Review Terms Distributed for Midterm

04/17: Marriage
Readings:
MH. Chapter 8 and CS Chapter 13
AE. Article 18
04/19: **Midterm**
   Chapters 5, 6 and 8. Articles 6, 8,9,15, 18. CS Chapters 6, 8 and 13.

04/24: Political Systems
   Readings:
   MH. Chapter 7
   AE. Article 34
   Reading for Panel Presentations.CS Chapters 10, 12, 14 and Review15
   **Ethnography Assignment Distributed**

04/26: Gender
   MH. Chapter 9
   AE. Article 21 and Handout: FGM: Maasai Women Speakout
   Break up into groups to discuss panel presentations.

05/01: Religion and Magic
   Readings:
   MH. Chapter 10
   AE. Articles 30 and 31
   The Arts
   Readings:
   Handout

   **Modern World System**

05/03: Applied Anthropology
   Readings:
   MH. Chapter 11 and Review Chapter 1
   Impact of the West
   Readings: Applied Anthropology Handout: Corporate Anthropologists
   Break up into groups to finalize panel presentations
   **Ethnography assignment due. Final Review Terms Distributed.**

05/08: **Panel Presentations**

05/10: **Panel Presentations**

05/15: **Final Exam: 3:00 - 5:00 PM BGS 207**
   Chapters 7, 9, 10, 11 and 1. Articles 34, 21, 30, 31, Maasai Women & Corporate Anthropology
General Information

1. Lecture and exam schedules will be followed as closely as possible and some lectures will include videos.
2. One test, a midterm exam, a final exam, and one panel discussion project will evaluate your progress in this class.
   Each exam will be in a format of multiple choice, short answer, and/or essay.
   Please see attached for a detailed description of the panel discussion project.
3. If you miss an exam, it is your responsibility to contact me within 7 days of the missed exam to arrange for a make-up date, and only one make-up exam will be allowed.
4. Arriving late is disruptive, so please arrive on time.
5. Academic dishonesty or cheating will not be tolerated.
6. Please do not hesitate to phone or E Mail me with any questions or concerns.
7. Grading Scale
   405-450 points = A  
   360-404 points = B  
   315-359 points = C  
   270-314 points = D  
   0-269 points = F