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ANT*205	Cultural Anthropology	3:00 Credits
CRN 2050	Online	Summer, 2016

June 29 – August 5

Course Description: An introduction course to cross-cultural study of human behavior and society. The focus will be on political organization, marriage and family, community organization, economic institutions, culture and personality.

Prerequisite: Placement in ENG*101. This course fulfills the general education/liberal arts requirements.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify and distinguish the differences between anthropology and other social sciences
2. Gain knowledge and skills to become more critical in evaluating the various issues and aspects of culture and cultural diversity
3. Identify and distinguish the differences and similarities among human groups (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender, and religion).
4. Understand why people vary culturally and biologically and the role of the environment in shaping culture.
5. Discuss the psychological impact of racism on both those who are targeted by it and those who perpetuate it.
6. Understand and explain the main reasons why the male supremacist complex is so widespread.

Course Requirements: Assigned readings must be done thoroughly as the topics will provide the basis for discussion.

Students are expected to be familiar with the substantive contents of all class materials: assigned readings, lectures, and class discussions.

Failure to prepare adequately may impede your performance and the ability to benefit fully from the course.

Five exams will consist of objective - multiple choice answer questions based on chapter readings and lectures notes. None which will be cumulative.

DISCUSSIONS (Blackboard): You ABSOLUTELY need to stay up-to-date in this course. It's structured so that every student is to participate in the same question every week. If you'll notice, the topics correspond to "Chapters" in the course. Besides "Course Content," the only other thing you'll need on the left-blue-margin is "Discussions," and "Quizzes and Exams," for when it's quiz or exam time. Those are calendar-controlled, so they'll only be available during certain windows of time during the course.

Discussion topics are available from Monday 12:01 am to Sunday 11:00 pm. But avoid making submissions at the last minute. You're expected to make your initial posting on the topics and respond to **ANY three** of your classmate's comments/postings/arguments (per question). I expect a minimum of six responses in order for a student to earn maximum points for the week. You may elect to respond to as many others as possible since the more students you respond to, the more your comments and questions will not only help me make sure that you understand the material; they will also get some interesting discussions going on that should make the class even more exciting. Please maintain civility at all times during these discussions.

When doing so, if you agree or disagree, explain why you do so, and provide the name of the person your comments or compliments arguments are directed to. I need to see names to be able to verify that this interaction took place. Students who fail to identify others by name will lose points. Furthermore, one or two lines statements will not count towards your grade.

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Discussions are class participation exercises, therefore, absolutely no make-ups for missed discussions.

Grading: Your grade on the Discussions will depend on two factors:

- a) The quantity, quality, and thoroughness of your initial reply to the discussion question.
- b) The quantity, quality, and thoroughness of your responses to the replies of other students in the class.

NB. *I will be available to respond to your emails or other concerns as soon as practicable, but, don't expect immediate reply, as I am not available 24/7.*

Methods of Evaluation:

Discussions (Blackboard) = 15%.

Tests (4) = 60%

Final Exam = 25%

TOTAL = 100%

There will be two tests and a final exam in the course. Students have to take the scheduled tests within the specified 3 day period. Once you start a test, you have only a pre-set amount of time to finish it. My advice: don't start a test unless you're SURE you can finish it. And DON'T wait until the last minute. If you wait until the last hour to take the test, AND your computer happens to crash at that same time, I won't be sympathetic – in that case, you'll have to miss that test. Test questions will consist of multiple choices based on lectures and chapter readings.

DO NOT USE unauthorized materials, such textbooks, or lecture notes. Students found guilty of academic dishonesty will receive an "F" Grade in the course and could be subjected to further punishment deemed necessary by the college authorities. YOU ARE REMINDED TO SAVE EACH INDIVIDUAL ANSWER BEFORE YOU PROCEED

No Make-ups for missed quizzes or exam, except with excused absence (death in the family, religious holiday, being hospitalized, or Blackboard Learn being unavailable).

Grading System:

95 - 100 = A

90 – 94 = A-

87 – 89 = B+

84 – 86 = B

80 – 83 = B-

77 – 79 = C+

74 – 76 = C

70 – 73 = C-

67 – 69 = D+

64 – 66 = D

60 – 63 = D-

Below 60 = F

WITHDRAWAL POLICY: “You may withdraw from this class any time before the end of the 2nd week* of the session. A completed and signed withdrawal form must be on file in the Records Office by the deadline in order to receive a “W” on your transcript. If you fail to complete this process on time, you will receive a letter grade at the end of the semester, which will include zeroes for any work not submitted. Course withdrawals may affect financial aid and veteran’s benefits. Please make this decision carefully and with the help of your advisor. See the Academic Calendar and the College Catalog for specific dates and procedures regarding the withdrawal process.”

ADDITIONAL SYLLABUS INFORMATION

For information about the college's policies and procedures regarding academic honesty, accessibility/disability services, attendance, audio-recording in the classroom, grade appeals, plagiarism, religious accommodations, weather/emergency closings, and more, please go to the following website: www.mxcc.edu/catalog/syllabus-policies/

Reading Assignments: Make sure you stay up on the readings. There are differences between editions. What’s listed here is for the 3th edition (2012). If you have an earlier version, just make sure you’re studying the same topic.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading Assignments/Quiz Due Dates</i>
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June 29 – July 3	What is Anthropology The Nature of Culture Studying Culture	Chapter 1 Chapter 2 Chapter 3 Go to discussion tab and post your responses
Test #1	Chapters 1 - 3	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 07//08 – 07/10
July 4 - 10	Language and Culture Learning One's Culture Making a Living	Chapter 4 Chapter 5 Chapter 6 Go to discussion tab and post your responses
Test #2	Chapters 4 - 6	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 07/15 – 07/17
July 11 - 17	Economic Systems Kinship & Descent Marriage and Family	Chapter 7 Chapter 8 Chapter 9 Go to discussion tab and post your responses
Test # 3	Chapters 7, 8, 9	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 07/22 – 07/24
July 18 - 24	Gender Equality and Inequality Political Systems	Chapter 10 Chapter 11 Chapter 12 Go to discussion tab and post your responses
Test # 4	Chapters 10, 11, 12	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 07/29 – 07/31
July 25 - 31	Conflict & Conflict Resolution Religion The Arts	Chapter 13 Chapter 14 Chapter 15

		Go to discussion tab and post your responses
FINAL EXAM	Chapters 13, 14, 15	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 08/03 - 08/05