Syllabus

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Section Information: Cultural Anthropology-IN
Course Name : ANTH-2351
Course Description : Cultural Anthropology
Textbooks
Title : Introducing Cultural Anthropology
Author : Roberta Edwards Lenkeit
Publisher : McGraw Hill
Edition/Year : 2004
Additional information : none
Type : Recommended resource

Course Goals
Course Goals : Anthropology is the study of human beings. Anthropologist Ruth Benedict said, "the purpose of anthropology is to make the world safe for human differences." The differences (and commonalities) that anthropologists are interested in are both cultural and physical in nature. Anthropology includes the reconstruction of past cultures (archaeology), the study of living cultures (cultural anthropology), and the study of physical adaptations humans have made to various environments (physical anthropology). The major goal of cultural anthropology is to promote understanding among peoples -- an increasingly important venture in an increasingly interconnected global community. Understanding human diversity promotes the understanding that diversity does not create "them" and "us," but a more interesting "us." Critical thinking is an important aspect of learning as well as forming educated personal opinions. To help with this goal all chapters have a section titled "Discussion." Discussion topics may already be included; other chapter discussions will be led by an appointed student; and a few will be open forum. Each student will be assigned to lead at least one chapter a semester. The purpose of the articles is to generate discourse among the students.

Course Requirements
Introduction : There are 14 chapters in the book. Learning Objectives, keywords definitons, and Chapter Outlines are the best indicators of what you will need to know from each chapter. Also, a week or two before each test, a review will be e-mailed to all students. Within most chapters, there are outside articles for you to read. There's a good chance that information from the articles/web sites will be on the test.
Requirements : Grades for the course will be based on 4 requirements: 1. Homework; 2. Four exams; 3. Class participation; and 4. Class project The exams wil occur approximately every 4 weeks and may include definitions, short questions, and essay questions. At the end of each chapter there will be an assignment pertaining to the chapter. Some will be a one to two page essay written on a particular subject that you may have to research on the Internet. If you've never done research on the Internet, give me a call and I'll walk you through your first assignment. All assignments should be turned in by the date shown on the class calendar. The test cannot be taken until all work is submitted. I advise that you
turn in assignments on time; getting behind can cause unnecessary stress. Class participation will be graded via your involvement in class discussions. Each student will be assigned to lead at least one discussion during the semester. Please note that discussions are not limited to those I have initiated. If you want to discuss something, post it. Your class project will involve constructing a personal kinship chart.

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