

School of Arts & Science SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

ANTH 220-001 Cultural & Social Anthropology

Winter 2011

Tuesdays: Lecture 2:30 - 4:20 pm, Young 201

Thursdays: Seminar A 2:30 – 3:20pm, Young 214

Seminar B 3:30 - 4:20pm, Young 214

1. Instructor Information

| (a) | Instructor: | Karoline Guelke |
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| (b) | Office Hours: | Tue 12 – 1pm, Wed 10 – 11:30am, Thu 12 – 1 pm, |
| | | or by appointment |
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon satisfactory completion of this course the student will be able to undertake the following:

- 1. Define the concept of culture and explain its significance as the human mechanism for adapting to and transforming the world.
- 2. Explain how and why anthropologists do ethnographic fieldwork.
- 3. List the characteristics of language and distinguish between language and non-human animal communication systems.
- 4. Explain and give examples of the relationship between language and culture.
- 5. Describe the major types of subsistence strategies that humans use to meet biological and culturally constructed needs.
- 6. Explain the functions of ideological systems in all human societies.
- 7. Describe cultural variations in sexual practices, marriage, family form, and gender relations from an anthropological perspective.
- 8. Outline the types and extent of inequality in the contemporary world.
- 9. Assess concepts of development and the impact of globalization on indigenous and traditional peoples.
- 10. Undertake small projects that replicate ethnographic fieldwork.
- 11. Use the World Wide Web to investigate issues of interest to cultural anthropologists.
- 12. Construct anthropological genealogies to interpret cross-cultural features of kinship, descent and marriage.
- 13. Using a variety of anthropological sources, research and write papers in anthropological
- 14. View human behaviour from a cultural anthropological perspective.
- 15. Celebrate cultural and linguistic diversity.
- 16. View global capitalism and world poverty from an anthropological perspective.
- 17. Demonstrate a respect for the survival strategies that Third and Fourth World peoples use to cope with the consequences of systemic poverty.

3. Required Materials

(a) Texts available from the bookstore:

Bolin, Inge

2006 Growing Up in a Culture of Respect: Child Rearing in Highland Peru. Austin: University of Texas Press.

Miller, Barbara D, and Penny Van Esterik, and John Van Esterik 2010 Cultural Anthropology: Fourth Canadian Edition. Toronto: Pearson.

(b) Article on reserve in the College library:

Harris, Marvin

2000 India's Sacred Cow. In *Nutritional Anthropology*, eds. Alan H. Goodman, Darna L. Dufour, and Gretel H. Pelto, pp. 113-118. Dubuque: Mayfield Publishing.

(c) Handouts

Your instructor may give out two or three additional short readings for seminar discussion.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Please note: This schedule is tentative; possible changes will be announced in class.

| Dates | Topic | Readings |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Jan. 11 & 13 | Introduction | Chap. 1 (p.4-10) |
| | Anthropology & Culture | |
| Jan. 18 & 20 | Anthropology and Culture; | Chap. 1 (p. 14-26) |
| | Research Methods | Chap. 2 (p. 34-52) |
| Jan. 25 & 27 | Research Methods & Theory | Chap. 1 (p. 10-14, p.26-29), |
| | Seminar: Assignment 1 due | Chap. 2 (p. 52-59) |
| Feb. 1 & 3 | Modes of Production; | Chap. 3, Bolin Preface & |
| | Introduction to Highland Peru | Introduction |
| | Sign up for assignment 3 | |
| Feb. 8 & 10 | Personality & Identity | Chap. 6, Bolin Chap.1 & 2 |
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| Feb. 15 & 17 | Work & Play; Religion | Chap 13 (p. 357-358), Bolin |
| | Tue: Assignment 2 due | Chap. 3 & 4; Chap. 11 (p. 286- |
| | Seminar: Film "Our God the Condor" | -298), Bolin Chap. 5 |
| Feb. 22 & 24 | Religion continued, | Bolin Chap. 6 & 7 |
| | wrap up book discussion and exam review | |
| March 1 & 3 | Tue: MIDTERM EXAM | |
| | Seminar: Film "To Love, Honour, and Obey" | |
| March 8 & 10 | Kinship Dynamics | Chap. 8 |
| | Seminar: Presentation 1 | |
| March 15 & | Social Groups | Chap. 9 |
| 17 | Seminar: Presentation 2 | |
| March 22 & | Illness & Healing | Chap. 7 |
| 24 | Seminar: Presentation 3 | |
| March 29 & | Communication | Chap. 12 |
| 31 | Seminar: Presentation 4 | |
| April 5 & 7 | Consumption & Exchange | Chap. 4 (p. 94-103, 113-117) |
| | Anthropology & Development | Chap. 15 |
| | Seminar: Presentation 5 | |
| April 12 & 14 | Anthropology & Development continued | Chap. 13 (p.361-363) |
| | Film "Cannibal Tours" | |
| | Tue: Assignment 3 due | |
| | Seminar: Wrap up and exam review | |
| Exam Period | FINAL EXAM | |
| April 18 - 29* | | |

^{*} Please do not make summer travel or work plans before the final exam schedule is posted; accommodations cannot be made for plane tickets or work schedules.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Grades are based on two exams (55%), three assignments (35%), and seminar participation (10%). You will get a study guide for both exams and a handout describing the assignments.

(a) Exams

Midterm (25%): The midterm consists of a mix of multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blanks, and short and medium answer questions. It is based on all materials covered up to that day, including lecture topics, readings, and films.

Final Exam (30%): The final is based on all materials covered after the midterm, including lecture topics, readings, and films. It will *also* include some general concepts covered earlier and throughout the course. The format is the same as that of the midterm.

(b) Assignments

Assignment 1: Photo Exercise (5%)

Photography is a commonly used method in anthropology. For this short assignment (about 300 words) you are asked to choose *one* out of five photographs from the textbook (p.135, p.136, p. 294-right side, p. 314, or p. 379) and write a critical discussion of it. Details will follow in the assignment handout. The assignment is due in the seminar Jan. 27 and will not be accepted late.

Assignment 2: Culture and Child Rearing (10%)

Cultural beliefs and behaviours are passed on from generation to generation in the process of enculturation. In this assignment I want you to reflect on two practices/customs from your own culture that serve to pass on values and behaviours and contrast these with examples from highland Peru (based on Bolin's book). Details will follow in assignment handout. This assignment should be about 750 -1000 words and is due Feb.15.

Assignment 3: Group Presentation (8%) and Research Paper (12%)

This assignment consists of two parts, a group presentation (about 20 min.) during a seminar and and a research paper written individually.

The topic of your presentation is based on one of five ethnographic profiles in the textbook: the Minangkabau of Indonesia (p. 208), the Roma of Eastern Europe (p. 245), the Sherpa of Nepal (p. 194), the Saami of Lapland (p. 338), or the Peyizan yo of Haiti (p. 405). Presentation dates are listed in the course schedule above, and the paper is due April 12. In your presentation the case study should be related closely to the topic discussed that week, while in the research paper (about 1000 words) you can explore different subject areas as well. Details will follow in the assignment handout. You have to sign-up for a topic of your choice on Feb. 3.

(c) Participation

Seminar Participation (10%):

The seminars will allow us to explore certain topics issues in more depth, and attendance and participation form an integral part of this course. Seminars will involve discussions and some activities based on the material covered in the lecture that week. The focus of the seminar each week will be made clear in the lecture on Tuesdays; sometimes I will provide you with concrete questions to consider for the seminar while at other times student input from the lecture may shape the focus of the seminar. In preparation for successful seminar participation it is necessary that you attend the lecture and do the readings.

Your participation grade is calculated as follows:

Attendance will be taken each seminar. If you attend the seminars and participate in group discussions and activities, you will receive 5% out of the 10%. The other 5% will be based on your oral participation during seminar discussions. (Since the lectures will have an interactive component as well, your participation in lecture discussions will count towards your seminar participation mark. This is a chance to earn some bonus participation points.)

IMPORTANT: Both exams must be written to successfully complete this course, and they have to be written at the scheduled times. In the case of an emergency or grave illness, you have to inform the instructor before the start of the exam and present a medical certificate. There are no exceptions without such a document.

Assignments are due in class on the days listed in the course schedule. For late assignments, 5% of the grade will be deducted per school day, and assignments will **not** be accepted more than three school days after the deadline. Assignment 1 will only be accepted on the due date. Please note that there is no option to redo or do extra assignments in this class. However, I encourage you to see me during office hours and get feedback as you are preparing your assignments.

6. Grading System: Standard Grading System (GPA)

| Percentage | Grade | Description | Grade Point Equivalency |
|------------|-------|---|----------------------------|
| 90-100 | A+ | | 9 |
| 85-89 | Α | | 8 |
| 80-84 | A- | | 7 |
| 77-79 | B+ | | 6 |
| 73-76 | В | | 5 |
| 70-72 | B- | | 4 |
| 65-69 | C+ | | 3 |
| 60-64 | С | | 2 |
| 50-59 | D | Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite. | 1 |
| 0-49 | F | Minimum level has not been achieved. | 0 |

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at **camosun.ca** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

| Temporary Grade | Description | |
|--------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Incomplete: A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family. | |
| IP | In progress: A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.) | |
| cw | Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting | |

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.