OTHER PEOPLE'S WORLDS (ANTH 1000-001/015)
SYLLABUS - Fall 2019

Course and Instructor Information

Course Title: Other People's Worlds (ANTH 1000-001/015)
(1000-001 M/W 1:25-2:15, SCHN 151)
(1000-015 MW 11:15-12:05, SCHN 151)
plus Friday Discussion Sections

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Course Description:
This course is an introduction to the discipline of Cultural Anthropology. Students will examine the diverse life-ways, social arrangements, and belief systems found among human groups around the world. The course presents the research methods used by cultural anthropologists; students will learn about the practical difficulties and ethical dilemmas of doing anthropological research in familiar and far-off settings. By comparing different societies and cultures with our own, students will acquire new conceptual tools for understanding domestic and global
problems, culture change, and current events. The course emphasizes the connections between social institutions, cultural ideas and customs, economic transformation, and historical events. Students will learn how anthropological methods and insights can be applied to the solution of contemporary problems.

### Course Objectives

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture,
- define and explain cultural relativism as the fundamental anthropological perspective,
- describe the research methods used by cultural anthropologists,
- identify, describe, and compare the major structural types of human society,
- discuss the cross-cultural diversity of gender ideologies and cite examples to show how gender ideology is related to women and men's social status,
- explain the nature and basis of social inequality in human societies,
- develop generalizations about the historical effects of foreign contact and colonization on indigenous societies,
- identify and explain the processes of globalization, and give specific examples of globalization's impact on local cultures,
- cite examples to demonstrate how the anthropological perspective can be applied to current events and problems.
- offer thoughtful, well-informed contributions to productive discussions with peers and faculty on a range of course-related and culturally relevant topics.

### Course Requirements and Grading

Your final course grade will be based on the following factors:

- Review Quizzes (HuskyCT) 20%
- Mid-term and Final exams 30%
- I3's 10%
- Participation in Section 10%
- Thought Question Assignments in Section 30%

**I3 Questions (due at the end EVERY class period):** "I'm here, I'm listening, I'm thinking." I will give you time at the end of each class to write 3 well-articulated questions or comments based on lecture, film, or presentations. To make this easy on yourself, take notes during class, participate, ask questions, then at the end of lecture, presentation, or film, write down the questions or comments related to class topics that were most interesting, confounding, etc. (Hint: Don’t just ATTEND class, be PRESENT for class - engage your mind, engage with the material). 10% of your grade. **Students are allowed up to 3 make-ups.**
**Review Quizzes:** Review quizzes based on your reading of the chapter assigned that week. Taken OUTSIDE OF CLASS, ONLINE through HuskyCT.

**Exams:** Exams are straightforward and consist of multiple-choice questions. The Final Exam is NOT cumulative. The Discussion section before each exam will be held as a review session. Exams will be taken OUTSIDE OF CLASS, ONLINE through HuskyCT.

**Discussion Section assignments (Participation, Thought Questions):** Discussion sections for this class are intended to be discussions and your participation is essential to your grade in the course. You will be assigned short articles that must be read before section. Based upon these readings, you will write 3 thought questions that will be collected in Discussion Section. Your TA will review the expectations for participation and thought questions in discussion section this week. (NOTE: Late Thought Questions will be deducted 1 pt per day late)

**Extra Credit:** At the end of some lectures I will bring up activities and exercises to the class. Thoroughly completed extra credit assignments are worth ¼ pt added to your final, calculated grade

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

1.) Essentials of Cultural Anthropology Ebook

(“NOTE: the “Inquizitive” feature comes free with these textbook materials but we will not be using it for this class.”)

**FAQ (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS):**

Q. How do I get an ‘A’?
   A. Come to class (including the discussion sections) regularly and on time. It is during lecture that you will learn the terms and concepts critical to the subject, class, and most likely to be highlighted on exams. Do the readings during the week(s) in which they are assigned. If you miss class, it is YOUR responsibility to get notes from another student. The “discussion” sections present additional class material not covered in the lecture; therefore, **attending your section is critical.**

Q. How should I study for the exams?
   A. The best way to study for the exams are to read each chapter and test your understanding using the Glossary cards, Glossary Matching Activities, and Review Quizzes links available for each chapter under 'Course Materials' on HuskyCT.
Q. What is HuskyCT?
A. HuskyCT is an online teaching tool and you should log on to the course site as soon as possible! The Syllabus, TA contact information, lecture outlines, study guides, announcements, assignments, and supplementary course readings will be posted on the site. If you are properly registered for the class, ANTH 1000 will automatically appear when you log on.

Grading Scale for the Final Course Grade:

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**IMPORTANT: Policy on missed assessments:**

I3s: Students are only permitted to make-up 3 missed I3s for credit. Make-up I3s must be handed in at the subsequent lecture or in Discussion section.

Thought Questions: All Thought Questions are due in section for the day assigned. Late Thought Question submissions will be graded 1 pt off per day late.

Exams: Rescheduling exams must take place prior to the exam date.

Review Quizzes: If you miss a Review Quiz, you may log back in and take it. Any Review Quizzes not completed by the final exam will earn a zero.