

Anth 1010 Culture and Human Experience

Anthropology 1010 Culture and Human Experience is an introductory course into the study of Cultural Anthropology. In this course we will examine the growth and complexity of the field of anthropology and consider some of the many cultures that anthropologists have examined over the last two centuries, as well as a few ancient cultures whose legacy survives even until today. The value of understanding cultures other than our own cannot be exaggerated. To view and possibly even experience other cultures is to open one's mind to the fantastic capacity for human imagination and endurance, sometimes in the face of overwhelming odds. It provides one with an opportunity to grasp how powerful we are and how vulnerable. To recognize at the very least how truly remarkable it is to be human.

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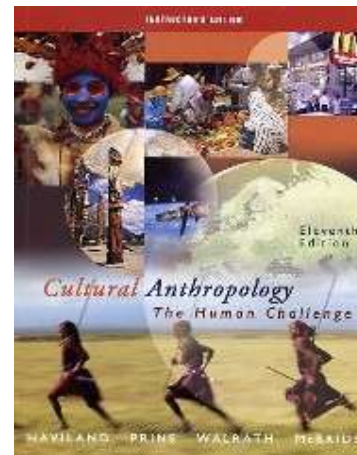
LOCATION AND TIME:

Anthro 1010-028 Sandy campus B112

MWF 10:00-10:50 A.M.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Haviland, William, et al., *Cultural Anthropology: The Human Challenge*, 11th or 12th Edition.



GRADED ASSIGNMENTS:

Exam one (33%), exam two (33%), exam three (34%), ethnographic study (0-15 points added to the final score).

ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY:

To give you a feel for what it's actually like to perform ethnographic fieldwork (although in your case, in the comfort of your own country), each student has the option of conducting interviews with one or more people who derive from a culture different from their own. In these interviews, you need to gather information on specific topics that we cover in Anthro 1010, including: identity of the culture, geographical location, types of homes, typical ways they alter their appearance, naming traditions, their language, types of food they usually eat, marriage customs, family structure, the type of government and laws they live under, their religion, and forms of art they specialize in. Having completed the interviews, you will then write up your findings, a description of the culture you have just studied, and turn your study in to me by the date of the final exam. You may also need to consult other sources (books, magazines, Internet) to complete the information you write about.

CAUTION:

In this course I will use a variety of media to introduce students to an extensive diversity of cultures as they have actually existed without censorship. This means that you may be exposed to images or videos with content that may be deemed to be of a violent or sexual nature. If you find such images disturbing or discomforting but still wish to take this course, it might be a good idea for you to register for a different section of Anthropology 1010.

IMPORTANT DATES:

12 Jan: First day of Spring 2009 classes.

16 Jan: Last day to add classes.

19 Jan: Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

2 Feb: Last day to drop classes with 100% refund.

16 Feb: Presidents' Day holiday.

24 Mar: Last day to withdraw (no refund).

20 Apr: Continuing student registration begins for Summer 2009.

30 Apr: Last day of classes.

1 May: Reading Day (exam preparation).

4-7 May: College-wide final exams.

8 May: Commencement.

13 May: Grades available.

18 May/10 Jun: Summer 2009 classes begin.