Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology 2
Fall 2014
Thursday 6-9:10pm Section#: 2051
Classroom: ArtB #338

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Course description:
This course will provide students with an introduction to anthropological theory as well as a cross-cultural understanding of human behavior. Emphasis will be placed on subsistence strategies, marriage, kinship, sociopolitical, economic and religious systems along with the effects of cultural change.

Course Objectives:
1. Identify the fields of anthropology and major subfields of cultural anthropology and explain which aspect of the human condition each field addresses.
2. Identify and explain each of the major concepts that make up the anthropological perspective.
3. List and assess the different methodologies utilized by cultural anthropologists in the field.
4. Analyze the changes exhibited in the ethnographic description of non-Western social groups from the 19th century to the present.
5. Analyze each aspect of culture (learned, shared, symbolic, patterned, adaptive, ever-changing) and discuss the major theoretical schools associated with each perspective.
6. Assess the importance of language in human communication and outline and explain each of the approaches used to the study of human languages.
7. Compare and contrast the various subsistence strategies (modes of production) utilized by human societies as they interact with the environment.
8. Compare and contrast the systems of exchange typical of foragers, pastoralists, horticulturalists, and agriculturalists.
9. Assess the importance of surplus in the development of social stratification.
10. Describe and analyze the major kinship systems and types of marriages present in human societies, and reflected by cross-cultural studies.
11. Evaluate the importance of gender studies in anthropology and identify the socioeconomic factors that influence the status of women in societies around the world.
12. Describe and analyze the various levels of sociopolitical organization achieved by human societies.
13. Assess the criteria for social stratification and the potential for social mobility.
14. Compare and contrast the characteristics and functions of religious beliefs and practices by making reference to the level of political organization (band, tribe, chiefdom, state) achieved by a society.
15. Evaluate the factors that account for the emergence of Movements of Revitalization in modern as well as in traditional societies.
16. Assess the effects of European expansion and colonization, industrialism, and globalization on developing nations in general and on indigenous groups in particular.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

**Anthropology 2 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: SLO #1 Holistic Approach** On an objective exam, students will demonstrate an understanding of the holistic approach in anthropology by identifying the appropriate definition.

**Anthropology 2 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: SLO #2** In an in-class objective assignment, students will demonstrate their understanding of subsistence strategies by identifying three of the four types recognized by anthropologists and by explaining five features that correspond to each.

**Anthropology 2 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: SLO #3** In an in-class objective assignment, students will demonstrate their understanding of political organization by identifying the four types recognized by anthropologists and by explaining three features that correspond to each.

**Required Texts:**


**Note:** *Use of prior edition (1 previous from current) is acceptable for either texts, though please bear in mind that some assigned articles may be missing from the prior edition*

**Student Course Requirements:**

**Readings:** It is recommended that you read the assigned text prior to class lecture. Class lectures will not necessarily cover all of the material in your book, however, you may be tested on assigned readings even if they are not covered in class.

**Films:** Films will be shown throughout the course. The exam will include questions that are specific to the information covered in the films. Note-taking during films is advised.

**Lectures:** Lectures given in class will cover material from the assigned text and may also include material not found in the text. Overheads and handouts will elaborate on concepts brought forth in the readings. **If you miss class, it is your responsibility to see the instructor for any handouts which may have been provided and to obtain notes from another student.**

**Attendance/Tardies:** To successfully complete this class you must attend regularly. A portion of your grade is based on class participation, thus, regular absences will adversely
affect your course grade (see grading section for specific information.) Attendance will be recorded in class at the beginning of class. Students will be allowed 2 unexcused absences without grading penalty. If a student is absent 3 or more times the attendance/class participation portion of the grade will be lowered accordingly. A maximum of 1 additional absence will be excused for medical or legal reasons with proper documentation. ***Due to overwhelming demand for courses as a result of budget constraints, I will be implementing a modified drop policy during the first 2 weeks of classes, please listen for details announced at the first class meeting, the policy will apply to all students whether the student was present for the announcement or not.

Arriving late and/or leaving class before dismissal is disruptive to the class. If you must leave class early, as a courtesy, please notify me at the beginning of class and make arrangements to find a seat near the exit to minimize disruption as much as possible. While you are encouraged to come into class as long as we are in session, please be aware that arriving more than 25 minutes late or leaving more than 25 minutes early may be considered an absence for that class period & that habitual tardies will not be excused.

Classroom Conduct: Creating a positive classroom culture is a joint effort between the instructor and the students. We can all contribute to a positive learning environment by actively participating in class discussions and activities. At times we may disagree on a particular point; however, our discussions will always remain respectful of these differences. Insulting or discriminating comments to the instructor, to other students, or to individuals or groups outside the classroom are not acceptable classroom behavior.

Also, chatting with a classmate while instruction is taking place is distracting and impolite towards the instructor and your fellow classmates. Such conduct may result in you being asked to leave the class for the remainder of that session with no attendance credit for that meeting.

Homework Assignments: In addition to readings, students are expected to complete 2 out-of-class homework assignments. These assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the day they are due, refer to the class schedule for specific due dates. Homework will be graded primarily on correct completion of the assignment, although grammar & formatting of the assignment will be considered as well.

General Instructions for ALL assignments (you will lose points for not following these instructions):
- All papers must be typed—use Times New Roman ONLY in font size 12
- Use 1” margins on top, bottom, and both sides
- All typed work should be double spaced (or 1.5 spacing, no single spacing!)
- It is okay to exceed the suggested number of pages
- Use grammar & spell check before submitting
- Cover pages are not required, but remember your heading does not count as part of the required number of pages for the assignment
Make sure you have used your own words, or present the words of others as an excerpt or quote, avoid paraphrasing the work of others without providing proper credit.

Late homework: Homework is due on the date scheduled. Please do not email homework submissions, I do not accept assignments via email. Written assignments will be accepted a maximum of 2 class meetings after the deadline, but one letter grade worth of points will be immediately deducted as a late penalty. Expert Group Presentations: If a student is absent &/or tardy on the day he/she is scheduled to present, the student waives his/her right to those points, unless the instructor has provided email confirmation that the absence has been excused &/or the presentation rescheduled prior to the due date. Please be advised that grading of late homework receives a lower priority than on-time submissions and that the instructor offers no guarantees on the timely return of materials that are deemed late submissions.

Exams: There will be 3 in-class exams, consisting of multiple choice, fill-ins, true/false, and short answer/essay questions. For exams you will need an 882-E scantron form and a #2 pencil. Exam questions will be based on assigned readings (text and handouts), films, lecture, homework assignments and class discussions. Course exams will not be cumulative. Students are expected to take the exam at the scheduled time, make-up exams will not be given. In extenuating circumstances, with proper documentation, a make-up may be scheduled at the instructor’s discretion & subject to the instructor’s availability.

Student Services: El Camino College offers a variety of services to aid students in being successful. These services include: learning skills center, tutoring, and supplementary workshops. If you are struggling with the material, it is recommended that you seek out and utilize these support services. To learn more, please visit the Learning Resources Center website at: http://www.elcamino.edu/library/lrc/

Academic Honesty Policy: The college standards of academic honesty will be applied in this class. Academic dishonesty may result in an “F” on all or part of an assignment and referral to the dean. The instructor reserves the right to submit student assignments to www.turnitin.com to check for textural similarities between those assignments, Internet sources and the Turnitin.com assignment database. Students will be required to electronically submit their written work for plagiarism checking. Assignments submitted to Turnitin.com will become part of their database and will be used only for plagiarism prevention and detection.

Any student who has been cited for an alleged act of academic dishonesty will be automatically disqualified from any bonus/extra credit points earned up to that point in the course & may be ineligible for further extra credit participation.

ADA Statement: El Camino College is committed to providing educational accommodations for students with disabilities upon the timely request by
the student to the instructor. A student with a disability, who would like to request an academic accommodation, is responsible for identifying herself/himself to the instructor and to the Special Resource Center. To make arrangements for academic accommodations, contact the Special Resource Center.

**Dropping the class:** If you choose to drop the course, it is your responsibility to officially drop the course via admissions & records, and to do so by the campus deadline for course withdrawal. If you simply stop attending, an “F” grade will be submitted by the instructor.

**Class Schedule:**
*Schedule may be altered by instructor if necessary. Changes will be announced in class.*

**Week 1: 8/28**
Text: AE: Body Ritual Among the Nacirema
Slide sets: Icebreak & Intro, Culture

**Week 2: 9/4**
Text: Chapter 1 & 2  AE: Tricking & Tripping: Fieldwork on Prostitution…
Cont. Culture, Methods & Ethics

**Week 3: 9/11**
Text: Chapter 3  AE: The Americanization of Mental Illness
Finish Methods & Ethics, Begin Race unit

**Week 4: 9/18**
Text: Chapter 4  AE: Being Indigenous in the 21st Century

**Week 5: 9/25**
Text: Chap 12  AE: no new readings
Exam Review & Exam

**Week 6: 10/2**
Text: no new readings  AE: How Language Shapes Thought
Language & Communication

**Week 7: 10/9**
Text: Chapter 5  AE: Fighting For Our Lives
Subsistence: Making a Living

**Week 8: 10/16**
Text: Chapter 6  AE: When Brothers Share A Wife…
Economic Anthro, begin Families
Week 9: 10/23  **Expert Group Session #2**  
Text: Chapter 7  AE: Rising Number of Dowry Deaths  
Cont. Families, **Expert Group Session & quiz**

Week 10: 10/30  **Exam #2**  
Text: Chapter 8  AE: no new readings  
Exam Review & Exam #2

Week 11: 11/6  
Text: no new readings  AE:  
Gender & Sexuality

Week 12: 11/13  **Debates Presentation Projects Due**  
Text: chap 8  AE:  
Debates Presentations, **all writeups due 11/13**

Week 13: 11/20  **Expert Session 3 Presenters Quiz Q’s due 11/20**  
Text: Chap 9  AE: The Berdache Tradition, Understanding Islam  
Religion, Magic & Witchcraft, Industrialization & Colonialism

Week 14: 11/27  **No class mtg: Thanksgiving holiday**  
Text: Chap 10  AE: Why Can’t People Feed Themselves  
Happy Indigenous Peoples’ Day! Be Safe!

Week 15: 12/4  **Expert Group Session #3**  
Text: Chap 11  AE: The Arrow of Disease  
**Expert Group Session & Quiz**, Modern World System

Week 16: 12/11  
Text: Chap 13  AE:  
**Final Exam: Wed 12/11: regular class time & place**

**Course grading & Grading Scale:**
Attendance/Class Participation: 50 pts= 5%  
Expert Group Presentation Sessions: 150 pts= 15%,  
G. Debates Presentation Project: 150 pts:15%  
Exam #1, #2= 200 pts (20%) each for a total of 40%; Final Exam=250pts (25%)

Final Grades will be determined utilizing the following scale, our campus does not issue  
“+” or “-“ grades  
(900 pts) 90% & above: “A” grade  
(800-899 pts) 80-89%: “B” grade  
(700- 799 pts) 70-79%: “C” grade  
(600-699 pts) 60-69%: “D” grade  
(Below 600 pts) Below 60%= “F” grade
It is your responsibility to keep track of your prospective grade. I retain student exams, thus, when you have the opportunity to view your graded exam, be sure to make note of your score so that you can track your progress in the course. Keep all other graded papers until you have received your final grade. If you need help calculating your prospective grade, make an appointment to see me and I will gladly assist you, but I do not offer grade progress calculations via email.

**Extra credit:** Students will have the option of turning in one extra credit assignment, which will be worth approx. 5% of the course grade. Students may either read one of the Annual Editions articles other than the articles assigned for the class, or attend a museum, or view a film pertaining to cultural anthropology; a critical response paper (not a film review) must be submitted for any of the options above. The format for the paper is as follows: 1) describe what you saw, 2) incorporate at least 3 concepts or terms learned in class, 3) provide personal analysis of your reaction to the experience. Papers should follow the general instructions for all assignments provided earlier in the syllabus & points will be deducted, &/or if the paper does not adhere to these guidelines, it will not receive extra credit.

If you wish to choose a film or location not listed below, please obtain prior approval of the instructor. Papers that do not meet these criteria may not be eligible for extra credit points. **Book papers will be graded out of 55 points, location visits & article papers out of 50 pts, while film papers will be graded out of 30 pts.** Other opportunities to earn bonus points will be announced throughout the term & are considered separate of this extra credit assignment. Extra credit is due by the date of the final exam but may be submitted early. **No late extra credit submissions will be accepted.**

**Recommended Locations for Museum option:** (Please retain ticket stub or receipt to submit w/ write-up for full credit)
- Bowers Museum (Santa Ana)
- California African American Museum (L.A.)
- Dia De Los Muertos Celebration (fall semester)
- Gene Autry Museum of Western Heritage
- Museum of Latin American Art (Long Beach)
- Museum of Tolerance

**Cultural Anthropology Extra Credit Film List:**

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In America
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Life is Beautiful
Malcolm X
Ma Vie En Rose
Medicine Man
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My Flesh & Blood
My Name is Khan

Sound & Fury
Slumdog Millionaire
The Pelican Brief
The Pursuit of Happyness
The Great Debaters
The Last King of Scotland
The Rainmaker
The Secret Life of Bees
Transamerica
What the Bleep Do We Know?

Websites for full text of AE articles:

Body Ritual Among the Nacirema: http://www.ohio.edu/people/thompsoc/Body.html
Tricking & Tripping, Fieldwork on Prostitution…: (link has been disabled, I will send pdf via email, reminder request appreciated 😊)
The Americanization of Mental Illness: http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/10/magazine/10psyche-t.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0
Fighting for our Lives: http://engl102-buscemi.wikispaces.umb.edu/file/view/Tannen+Reading.PDF
When Brothers Share a Wife: http://anthropologyman.com/files/15_When_Brothers_Share_a_Wife.pdf
Why Can’t People Feed Themselves?:

The Arrow of Disease:

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