

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY - Anthropology 212 Spring 2009

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Anthropology Dept. Course Objectives:

To acquire an understanding of the concepts, principles, terminology and theoretical constructs of cultural anthropology, including the nature of culture, its holistic approach, cultural relativism, ethnography, and participant observation. The student should also gain a cross-cultural perspective of subsistence practices, political and economic systems, marriage and kinship patterns, religion, gender and ethnicity.

E.M. Forster wrote that we lack not the means to understand each other, but the will to understand each other. This course seeks to increase both our means and our will to understand others.

General Education Course Objectives:

To broaden your knowledge of the world, as well as improve your critical thinking, reading, writing and library research skills.

Books: text: Cultural Anthropology by Nanda and Warms, 9th edition

ethnography: Unity of Heart by Keith and Anne Chambers, Waveland Press, 2001

Both are available at the campus bookstore.

Format: You are expected to READ and absorb the general concepts from your text book. The first half of each class will be used to clarify, illustrate and expand on those concepts. The second half will be spent discussing the ethnography, and often include a pertinent video.

Grade: 14 quizzes	10 points each	140 points	540 (90%) & up = A
11 reading logs	10 points each	110 points	480 (80%) – 539 = B
Internat’l Phonetic Alphabet assignment	30 points		420 (70%) – 479 = C
Library Project		40 points	360 (60%) – 419 = D
Paper outline		80 points	359 and below = F
Final Paper		100 points	
Final Exam		<u>100 points</u>	
TOTAL:		600 points	

The Anthropology Dept. strictly adheres to the University’s policy on incompletes: **incompletes are actively discouraged.**

Quizzes: A quiz will be given at the top of each week, starting the second week. Each quiz will cover the **MAIN CONCEPTS** from the previous week’s material (including text, ethnography, lecture, discussion and video). No more than 12 minutes will be allotted for this, so **DON’T BE LATE!**

Reading Logs: For each chapter of the ethnography you will get a set of questions to think about and answer as you read, to help you prepare for class discussion of the material. *Each will be due at the top of the week after you receive it.*

International Phonetic Alphabet Assignment: You will receive a copy of the IPA for English, and a set of poems transcribed into IPA. You will use the IPA to transcribe the poems back into Standard English.

Library Project: On 10 Oct. class will meet in the library and librarian Jill Althage will introduce you to the various resources available to you in our library and how to access them. You will have an assignment to complete while at the library to help you develop library research skills.

Final Paper Outline: In preparation for writing your paper you will need to turn in an outline of your paper. This outline must include your *thesis*, the main point of your paper, as well as at least 3 lines of evidence &/or 3 arguments to support your thesis. Your outline will serve as the structure and content of your paper so you will need to have done your research *before* writing your outline.

Final Paper: The concepts and information you've learned in class and from your reading, the writing and analysis skills you've gained from your logs, and the research skills you learned in the library will all be utilized in this paper. You will receive details about the format as well as suggested paper topics a couple weeks into the semester.

Final Exam: will be comprehensive, covering ALL the material from the course.

The format of the final will be: a set of short answer questions (answered by a word or 3), a set of medium answer questions (answered by a sentence or so), and a set of essays. The following are some sample essay questions (which may or may not be on the final) to help you prepare:

1. What are the steps an ethnographer goes through to produce an ethnography today?
2. How does population affect culture?
3. How do the economic system of exchange and the political system on Nanumea integrate with and support each other?
4. What are the similarities and differences between capitalism and the economic system on Nanumea?
5. What are the methods of social control used on Nanumea, and why is there so little crime there?

Late assignments will not be accepted, nor make-ups given, without a DOCUMENTED excuse (e.g. police report, death notice, emergency room report, jury service receipt, etc.)

SCHEDULE

wk.#1 (29 Aug.)	READ: Nanda (chapter) 1, Chambers (chap.) 1	<i>What is Anthropology?</i>
wk.#2 (5 Sept.)	R: Nanda 4, Chambers 2	<i>What is Culture?</i>
wk.#3 (12 Sept.)	R: Nanda 3, Chambers 3	<i>Methods</i>
wk.#4 (19 Sept.)	R: Nanda 5, Chambers 4 <u>through p. 74!</u>	<i>Language</i>

Assignment: IPA Poems – Due: Sat., 26 Sept.!

wk.#5 (26 Sept.) **DUE!: IPA Poems!**

R: Nanda 6, Chambers p. 74 – end of chap. 4 *Subsistence:
foraging & pastoralism*

wk.#6 (3 Oct.) R: (still on Nanda 6!), Chambers 5 *: hort., ag., & industrialism*

wk.#7 (10 Oct.) **Class will be held on Main Campus in Library – 3rd floor classroom!**

DUE!: at end of class: Library Assignment!

R: Nanda 7, Chambers 6 *Economics*

wk.#8 (17 Oct.) R: Nanda 11, Chambers 8! *Political Organization*

wk.#9 (24 Oct.) R: Nanda 9, Chambers 7! *Kinship*

wk.#10 (31 Oct.) R: Nanda 8, Chambers 9 & 10! *Marriage & Family*

Assign Final Paper: Outline Due: 14 Nov.!

Finished Paper due: 5 Dec.!

wk.#11 (7 Nov.) R: Nanda 10 *Gender*

Fri., 13 Nov: Last day to drop a class!

wk.#12 (14 Nov.) **DUE!: Paper Outline!**

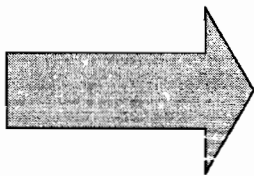
R: Nanda 14 *Religion*

wk.#13 (21 Nov.) R: Nanda 12 & 13, + pgs. 18-20 & 51-54! *Stratification, Race, &
Ethnicity*

Sat., 28 Nov.: Holiday break! Enjoy!

wk.#14 (5 Dec.) **DUE!: Final Paper!**

R: Nanda 16 + pgs. 106-110 *Culture Change*



FINAL EXAM (in our classroom): Sat., 12 Dec., 11:30 – 1:30pm!!