



**ICS 202 *Cultural Anthropology* (3)  
Winter 2006**

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**Online classroom**

**Course Description**

In today's world it is almost impossible to have a relationship with anyone without crossing some cultural barrier. Therefore, cultural awareness is essential for everyone interested in ministry, regardless of location.

This course is an introductory study of cultural anthropology including the concept of culture, language, status and role, marriage and the family, kinship, legal systems, social groups, etc. Students will also learn how to do participant-observation, which is the research method particular to anthropology.

The format of the course will be lectures, group projects in different areas of Calgary, and we will see a number of movies.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of the course, the student should be able to define, understand, and apply key cultural concepts and models to his or her own context in order to exegete culture critically.

**Required Texts**

Miller, Barbara D., Penny Van Esterik, and John Van Esterik. *Cultural Anthropology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian ed. Toronto: Pearson, 2003.

**Course Schedule**

January 12	Intro, What is Anthropology?
January 17	Cultural Factors I
January 19	Cultural Factors II
January 24	Economic Organization I
January 31	Economic Organization II
February 2	Kinship Organization I
February 7	Kinship Organization II

February9	Social Organization
February14	Ethnography I
February 16	Ethnography II
February 28	Catch-up
March 2	Midterm
March14	Political Organization
March16	Ideological Organization
March 21	Life Cycle
March 23	Communication I
March 28	Communication II
March 30	Conflict
April 4	Shame & Guilt
April 6	Change
April 11	Migration
April 13	Catch-up
April 18	Wrap up

### **Course Requirements**

All written reports must be submitted in the drop box in the online classroom. You must clearly mark the submissions: use the title used in this syllabus and include your name in the title. So the title of your submission might be “1<sup>st</sup> progress report. Joe Smith”. Failure to do this leads to 10% grade deduction. Remember to print out the proof of your submission, and keep the assignment on your computer at least until you receive the grade for the assignment.

#### **1 Active Class Participation**

- Active participation means more than just being present and arriving on time. You need to take active part in class discussions. Being on time, attending all classes with some active participation will give you three points. Additional points require informed and frequent, yet appropriate interaction. Late arrival and missed classes will automatically result in deduction of points.

#### **2 Exams**

- **Midterm**
  - ◆ The midterm will cover everything we have dealt with in class and text books up to the point of the exam.
- **Final Exam** (during exam week)
  - ◆ The final exam will cover everything we have dealt with in class since the midterm, but also the main points already covered by the midterm. The final exam will cover the text book and lectures.

#### **3 Ethnography**

- A written report from you participant observation. You will write an ethnography about a topic of your own choosing. We will spend time in class discussing how to do the participant observation and how to do the write-up.

- You will hand in two progress reports that show that you are gathering information and that you are analyzing as you go.
- Due dates:
  - ◆ Progress report 1 January 23
  - ◆ Progress report 2 February 6
  - ◆ Final ethnography April 14

#### 4 Calgary Group Reports

- During the semester the students will participate in two group activities with the purpose to apply what we talk about in class. Further information will be given in class.
- You will submit a written report for each activity, explaining the activity, and analyzing the findings. Due dates will be given in class.
- You will also present your findings in class.
- Grading
  - ◆ You will be graded on the quality of your research and analysis. You will also be graded on presentation creativity and how informative your presentation was.

#### Course Grade

Activity	Percentage of grade
Active Class Participation	10
Midterm Exam	20
Final Exam	25
Progress Report I	2
Progress Report II	3
Ethnography	20
Group Reports	20
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Total	100%

#### Due Dates

- ◆ Progress Report I
- ◆ Progress Report II
- ◆ Ethnography
- ◆ Calgary Group Reports Will be announced in class
- ◆ Midterm
- ◆ Final Exam The exam week

#### Important Notes

- ◆ It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to CBC Academic Policies, such as the policy on Academic Dishonesty, which are stated in the current Catalogue.
- ◆ Late policy:

Any assignment that is not emailed on time will receive a penalty, 10% for the first day and then 3% for each of the following 10 days (including holidays). After that the paper will receive 0 points, unless otherwise stated in the syllabi. (This penalty relates to any assignment.)