



ICS 202 *Cultural Anthropology* (3)

Winter 2008

Instructor: Dr. Emma Karin Emgård

Contacting the Instructor

Office: # 530

Office Phone: 410 2000 ext 4903

Class Times: Wednesdays Class Location: # 635

6:30-9:30 PM

Email Address: eemgard@auc-nuc.ca

Online classroom Course Number: ICS 202 session 1647

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 and individual research in different areas of Calgary, and we will see a few 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*, 3rd Canadian ed. Toronto: Pearson, 2007.

Different articles available in online classroom and on the library reserve shelf.

Tentative Course Schedule

You are strongly encouraged, but, not required, to read the chapter/s the week we cover them in class.

We will have some guest speakers and the schedule will be revised accordingly.

Date	Topic	Readings in text book
January 9	Intro, What is Anthropology? Cultural Factors	Chapter 1
January 16	Why Anthropology? Economic Organization I	Chapters 3 and 4
January 23	Economic Organization II	
February 6	Kinship Organization I	Chapters 8 and 9
February 13	Kinship Organization II & Life Cycle	Chapters 5,6 and 7
February 20	Social Organization	Chapter 10
February 27	Midterm	
March 5	Ethnography I	Chapter 2
March 12	Political Organization	Chapter 11
March 19	Ideological Organization & Shame and Guilt	Chapter 12
March 26	Communication	Chapter 13
April 2	Prep for finals	Chapter 15-16
April 9	Class presentations	Chapter 14
April 16	TBA	

Course Requirements

All written reports must be submitted to the reception. You are not able to submit ANY assignments electronically nor to hand them to the instructor. If the submission is more than two pages, use a title page. For the shorter submissions include your name in the heading.

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, missed classes, and demonstrated disinterest will automatically result in major 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**
 - ◆ The final exam will cover all the main parts of the course, not just what we have dealt with in class since the mid term. 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 both the participant observation and 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. The due date will be announced in class.
- You will read two ethnographies from the library reserve shelf.
- You will include an appendix in the ethnography detailing how you spent your time and saying which two ethnographies you read.

➤ **Grading**

- ◆ You will be graded on the quality of your observations, analysis and flow of the paper.
- ◆ You will use the MLA writing manual and you will be graded on format, English and quality of data analysis. Therefore, make sure you have your paper edited.
- ◆ I will grade the ethnography on the basis of what I estimate an average student will be able to produce after twenty effective hours of work.

4 Group Report

- During the semester you will participate in a group activity with the purpose to apply what we talk about in class. I expect this assignments will take at least 15 hours per person.
 - You will research 3 sets of ceremonies /experiences: you will research how a child is welcomed into community, wedding ceremonies, & ceremonies relating to death. You will do mainly library research but also some research in Calgary. For the non-N. American cultures, you will also do informal interviews, and visit a store for wedding attire, and a funeral home that caters to the culture. You will submit 10-12 page paper (including pictures) where you analyze (compare and contrast) the difference between mainline Canadian culture and the New Canadian culture. The aim is to understand, not judge, the meaning behind the different cultural events.
 - You will also present this research to the class in a creative and engaging manner.
- **Grading**
- ◆ You will be graded on the quality of your research and analysis but also on presentation creativity and how informative your presentation is. I will grade you based on the work I estimate a group of average students will be able to produce given that each person has put in about fifteen effective hours.

Course Grade & Due Dates

Activity	Percentage of grade	Due Date
Active Class Participation	10	NA
Midterm Exam	20	February 27
Final Exam	30	TBA
Ethnography	20	March 26
Group Report	20	April 9
Total	100%	

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	
A+		95%
A	Excellent	90-94%
A-		85-90%
B+		80-84%
B	Good	76-79%
B-		72-75 %
C+		68-71%
C	Satisfactory	64-67%
C-		60-63%
D+		56-59%
D	Minimal Pass	50-55%
F	Failure	below 50

Important Notes:

- ◆ Academic Dishonesty
 - It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to Ambrose Academic Policies, such as the policy on Academic Dishonesty. These are stated in the current Catalogue.
 - A plagiarized paper will receive an F, and be reported to the Dean’s office. You will automatically fail the class.
 - A paper where you have referenced something as a paraphrase but is in fact a quote will receive an F but with a possibly of rewriting the paper. Your final grade for the class will be at the most a B-. This plagiarism will be reported to the Dean’s office.
- ◆ Grading policy
 - You must submit all assignments—failure to submit one assignment leads to an automatic F in the course.
- ◆ Late policy

Any written assignment that is not submitted on time will receive a penalty of 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.

Personal information, that is information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual, may be collected as a requirement as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@auc-nuc.ca.

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a “Course Extension.” Alternative times for final examinations cannot be scheduled without prior approval. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office by the appropriate deadline. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise “due to circumstances beyond the student’s control.”

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university college. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar and the Student Handbook that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean.

Students are advised to retain this syllabus for their records.

CATCHY BUT INFORMATIVE
TITLE OF THE PAPER (both ethnography and group project)

By
Duktig Elev

Mailbox number
XX

In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for
Intercultural Compunction ICS 205
Dr. Emma Emgård
December 5, 2007