



**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION**  
**ANTHROPOLOGY 2070: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**  
**COURSE OUTLINE, WINTER 2014**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** None

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: ONE OF**

Barker, John (2007). *Ancestral lines: the Maisin of Papua New Guinea and the fate of the rainforest*. University of Toronto Press. (Ebrary at GPRC Library)  
Berdan, Frances F. (2004). *The Aztecs of Central México: an imperial society*. Belmont CA.: Thomson Wadsworth:  
Lee, Richard B. (2002). *The Dobe Ju/'Hoansi*. Toronto, ON: Thomson Wadsworth.

Other readings are likely to be assigned during the term.

**RECOMMENDED TEXT**

An introductory anthropology text. At least one will be on reserve in the library; consult the instructor about your choice

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

The comparative study of human society and culture, particularly non-western communities, with special attention to the family, social structures, economic and political institutions, religion and processes of change.

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3(3-0-0), 45 HOURS**

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Lecture

**TRANSFERABILITY:** UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC

**\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

**GRADING CRITERIA:  
FOR IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS ONLY**

ALPHA GRADE	4-POINT EQUIVALENT	PERCENTAGE
A+	4.3	80-100
A	4.0	76-79
A-	3.7	73-75
B+	3.3	70-72
B	3.0	67-69
B-	2.7	64-66
C+	2.3	60-63
C	2.0	55-59
C-	1.7	50-54
D+	1.3	45-49
D	1.0	40-44
F	0.0	<40

All other assignments are marked on the alpha system.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Designation
A <sup>+</sup>	4.0	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
A	4.0	
A <sup>-</sup>	3.7	<b>FIRST CLASS STANDING</b>
B <sup>+</sup>	3.3	
B	3.0	<b>GOOD</b>
B <sup>-</sup>	2.7	
C <sup>+</sup>	2.3	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>
C	2.0	
C <sup>-</sup>	1.7	
D <sup>+</sup>	1.3	<b>MINIMAL PASS</b>
D	1.0	
F	0.0	<b>FAIL</b>
WF	0.0	<b>FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline</b>

**EVALUATIONS:**

- Ethnography Assignment 22.5% or 30%
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- Research Methods Assignment 22.5% or 30%
- In-Class assignments 25%
- (Final examination 30%)

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Students will often be called upon to report on their learning activities (comments on readings, discussion of assignments and/or reflections of course content in life outside the classroom) and there will also be in-class assignments timed at the instructor's discretion; some of these may require a modest amount of work prior to class. These reports and assignments will be worth 25% percent of the final course grade. Ample opportunity to earn points will be provided, so there will be no make-ups for in-class work.

Three written assignments are required, each worth 25% of the final course grade (75% in total). These are ethnographies, ethnologies, and reports on research methods. They are marked using the alpha scale. One of each kind of assignment must be submitted. Assignments must be submitted by 4 p.m. Wednesday of the week they are due. In compliance with the Examination Policy, students must sign in for the Final Examination scheduled by the Registrar's Office. At that time, one assignment will be submitted for 30% of the course mark. (This assignment may have been submitted and graded previously, when originally due. To improve your grade, you may correct the assignment as suggested in comments on your work; the original must accompany the corrected version.) For due dates and more detailed descriptions, see below. Only paper copies of assignments are accepted. The instructor will store students' assignments until the second week of the following academic term, when they will be discarded.

**STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Links to all Academic and Administrative policies can be found at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

Week 1: Introduction and Ethnography

Week 2: Ethnography: Economic systems

Week 3: Ethnography: Political systems.

Week 4: Ethnography: Social systems.

Week 5: Ethnography: Ideological systems.

Week 6: Ethnography: The effects of modernization  
ETHNOGRAPHY ASSIGNMENT DUE ON WEDNESDAY OF WEEK 6.

Weeks 7-10: Ethnology

Early in the term, we will select cross-cultural topics of interest to the class. Each week, students and the instructor will collaborate in organizing and presenting these topics to the class, assigning readings as appropriate.

ETHNOLOGY ASSIGNMENT DUE ON WEDNESDAY OF WEEK 11.

Weeks 11-13: Research methods

We will deal with a different research method each week. Be familiar with the methods used by the ethnographer you have studied.

RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT DUE ON WEDNESDAY OF WEEK 13.