Syllabus for Cultural Anthropology

Ant 110-Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

3 credits

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Text:

Cultural Anthropology: A Toolkit for Understanding a Global Age 2E

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#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Understand how Anthropology is comprised of separate, but integrated subfields.
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of what culture is by giving examples of how cultures differ in social practices.
- 3. Discuss how cultures are learned (not innate) and negotiated by their participants over time.
- 4. Apply an understanding of cultural construction in how their identities are formed.
- 5. Understand that they play an integral role in how the world operates; at the end of the course, apply their knowledge of culture to be able to make informed decisions about how to engage in society with their unique and respective roles.
- 6. Apply anthropological theories and concepts to real-world problems in the present day.

7. Be able to understand some of the methods and theories used by anthropologists in studying cultures.

## **Course Description:**

For course description please see current catalog

#### **Policies:**

Attendance will be addressed under grading procedures; however it is essential for understanding class content, that you be here on all scheduled days. It is expected that you will be on time for class and ready to begin promptly upon your arrival. There will be little tolerance for packing your things and getting ready to leave before the end of class. This is disruptive to any lecture or discussions that will be taking place.

## **Course Grading:**

This course is offered for a letter grade only and cannot be taken on a pass/fail basis. At the end of the semester, grades will be assigned based on total points earned:

Percentage of	Evaluation
total possible	
points	
90 - 100%	Outstanding/Superior
80 - 89%	Above Average
70 - 79%	Good Average
	Quality
60 - 69%	Passing
59% or below	Fail
	total possible points 90 – 100% 80 – 89% 70 – 79%

#### **Other Course Information:**

**Changes to the Course Syllabus:** The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus to best accommodate student learning and make schedule adjustments for speakers and events. Such changes, while not anticipated, will be announced in class and posted to students' UNC Bearmail accounts.

**Email Communication:** As previously noted, all students are required to utilize their UNC Bearmail accounts and check email regularly to ensure they receive any postings from the course instructor, the UNC Bearmail accounts are the official source for email communication in this course.

**Disability Support Services:** Students who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the UNC Disability Access Center at (970) 351-2289 as soon as possible to ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

**Honor Code:** All members of the University of Northern Colorado community are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold and promote five fundamental values: *Honesty, Trust, Respect, Fairness, and Responsibility*. These core elements foster an atmosphere, inside and outside of the classroom, which serves as a foundation and guides the UNC community's academic, professional, and personal growth. Endorsement of these core elements by students, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees strengthens the integrity and value of our academic climate.

Policies and Procedures for All Students/Students Rights and Responsibilities: *The Policies and Procedures for All Students*, as contained in the UNC Catalog, and Students Rights and Responsibilities, a document available from the Dean of Students office, will be followed for this course. Students should ensure their

familiarity with both the UNC Catalog and the Students Rights and Responsibilities document.

**Policy on Late Assignments:** Assignments are due per the dates noted in the syllabus. For every day an assignment is late, the points may be dropped one full letter grade. There are cases where late work will either not be allowed or capped at half credit. That will always be stated with the assignment when it is given.

**Policy on Late Tests:** Tests are given an entire week and therefore, no make-up tests allowed under any circumstances.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the act of attempting to pass another's words or ideas off as one's own. It is also using another's words or ideas and not giving the original author credit for them. Plagiarism ranges from using a single word, in the case of a word or phrase an author has "coined," to claiming ownership of an entire document written by someone else. It can also apply to works written by one author that have been substantially reworked or edited by another. This definition and other important policy information is available by accessing the Student Code of Conduct. Students who violate Student Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action.

**Homework:** There are two papers and one midterm project. The papers will be announced in class within one full week before they are due. Because these papers will be given with plenty of time to complete them, the late policy is strictly enforced. Should you need to turn late work in, you may have a one week grace period for ½ credit. All work must reflect college level writing and thinking. If you need help, please visit the writing center. All assignments are graded with the following rubric in mind:

20%=Clarity-I should not have to read and reread your paper in order to understand your work. Your work should clearly direct the reader to the main points and then develop them accordingly.

20%=Content-Your work should reflect an understanding of the topic, and contribute your own ideas that reflect synthesis of the material and critical thinking. You should have something to say, and cite ALL parts of your paper that are not your own original thoughts. Your citations should reflect independent pursuit of scholarly works related to your topic. Please utilize MLA for all citations.

20%=Concise-Write your papers free of unnecessary repetition. This doesn't mean you won't restate certain parts, but it does mean that each paragraph contributes new information, with the exception of the conclusion. Your conclusion will not just restate your thesis and main points, but will tie them together to form a conclusive statement, but remember not to introduce new information into your conclusion.

20%=Presentation-Your work should be presented will, according to the guidelines we will discuss in class. Your writing should be free of mechanical errors, and any other writing flaws that detract from your work.

20%=Interesting, engaging and insightful-Your paper should be interesting to read, and keep the attention of your reader, as well as having something worthwhile to say that is beyond mere repetition and discussions assigned.

This will also be discussed in class.

**Tests:** With the exception of the first week when the first test will open on Wednesday by 9:00 AM, tests will open on Mondays by 9:00 AM and close The following Monday at 9:00 AM. Each test will be open for one weeks starting with the second test (the first test will be open a little longer to allow for students to get their books). Because this is a generous amount of time to complete the test online-ABSOLUTELY NO LATE TESTS WILL BE ALLOWED!

You will have two options to take the test – but know that the most recent attempt is what will count (not your highest grade).

# **Grading policies:**

I do utilize the plus minus scale for grades.

100 points- Attendance

700 points -Tests- There are 15 chapter tests-Each test is worth 50 points.

200 points- Papers-There are two papers worth 100 points each.

100 points- Midterm- 50 points will come from the short paper assignment and the other 50 from your in-class presentation.

150 points- Final- The final is cumulative

Please know that the campus has a writing center. There is also assistance for those with disabilities. Use these resources at any time that you feel you need help. If you are not sure of how to get help, let me know and I would be glad to find out for you. Any student requesting disability accommodation for this class must inform the instructor giving appropriate notice.

### **Students with disabilities:**

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