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| **ANTH 2351 - Cultural Anthropology**  **Course Syllabus: Spring 2021** example: Fall 2011 | | | | | | |
| ***“Northeast Texas Community College exists to provide responsible, exemplary learning opportunities.”***  **Kimberly A. Hinson**  **Office: Adjunct Office**  **Email:khinson@ntcc.edu**  **kimahinson@gmail.com** | | | | | | |
| **Office Hours** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Online** |
|  | By appt. | After class or by appt. | By Appt. | After class or by appt. | By appt. | Monday through Friday |

*The information contained in this syllabus is subject to change without notice. Students are expected to be aware of any additional course policies presented by the instructor during the course.*

**Course Description:** This course provides an introduction to the discipline of Anthropology, the study of human cultures. Topics may include social organization, institutions, diversity, interactions between human groups, and ethics in the discipline.

# Required Textbook(s):

# Course Materials Provided

**Recommended Reading(s):**

Ruth Benedict, Patterns of Culture (Classic Anthropology, Not Required)

# Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe key concepts and methods of cultural anthropology.

2. Explain the concept of culture, cultural diversity, and culture change.

3. Demonstrate how anthropological concepts apply to addressing human and global challenges.

# Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the perspectives, field methods, and theories of the four major subfields of Anthropology (Biological Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, and Linguistic Anthropology).

2. To evaluate the role of culture in shaping human behavior, past and present.

3. To explore human diversity and the complexity of the human species.

# Lectures & Discussions: *See course schedule below*

# Evaluation/Grading Policy:

Final grades will be based on attendance/participation, Blackboard discussions, 2 assignments, 2 quizzes, and 2 exams (mid-term and final).

Attendance/Participation 10% 100 pts

2 Quizzes (5%, 50pts each) 10% 100 pts

Blackboard Discussions (do 5 out of 7, 40 pts each) 20% 200 pts

2 Assignments (10%, 100 pts each) 20% 200 pts

Mid-term Exam 20% 200 pts

Final Exam 20% 200 pts

Total: 100% 1,000 pts

*Grading Scale:*

90-100% A Superior Work

80-89% B Good Work

70-79% C Average Work

60-69% D Below Average Work

0-59% F Unsatisfactory

# Tests/Exams:

Quizzes/exams will be administered on Blackboard according to the schedule. Material covered includes class lectures/discussions, powerpoints, reference materials, and video clips. Questions will be in multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, and long answer format. Make-up quizzes/exams will only be allowed in exceptional cases. The mid-term exam will cover materials discussed during the first half of the semester, and the final exam will cover materials discussed during the second half of the semester. Quizzes and exams must be completed by 12:00am on the evening of the designated quiz or test date.

# Assignments:

Students will complete two small assignments/exercises: an artifact analysis of the Margaret Hinton Caddo Pottery Collection and an ethnographic interview.

For the first assignment, students will complete a preliminary artifact analysis of a small representative sample of the Margaret Hinton Collection (This collection is on display in the NTCC library). Students will be provided reference materials on Caddoan pottery. From these reference materials, students will describe the pottery collection in terms of decoration, form, and function, and then draw some preliminary conclusions on the sample population’s relative age, use life, and style. Students will be expected to submit notes from their analysis (forms provided), as well as answer some discussion questions based on findings.

For the second assignment, students will conduct a short ethnographic interview. The goal of this assignment is to interview a local person, i.e. informant, regarding a “rite of passage,” or ceremony marking an important stage in a person’s life. Students will summarize the interview as well as consider the values, attitudes and assumptions of the informant. Students will be expected to submit notes from their interview (suggested questions provided), and answer some directed questions from the instructor.

# Blackboard Discussions:

Students will participate in five blackboard discussions (7 available). The discussions will be based on assigned video clips and prompt questions provided by the instructor. Students are expected to engage with and reflect on the topic, lecture, and assigned video clips.

# Student Responsibilities/Expectations:

Research by those in education development reveals the strong relationships between attendance and grades; those who “actively” attend class on a regular basis earn far higher grades than those who are tardy and absent. It is the responsibility of each student to attend all scheduled class meetings in the courses in which he/she is enrolled. Students with three unexcused absences will automatically be dropped from the class by the instructor. All students are expected to read or view the assigned materials prior to class meetings. Please try not to be tardy.

Cellphones should remain on silent. Please send/receive text messages before or after class.

# NTCC Academic Honesty Statement:

"Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook."

# Academic Ethics:

The college expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuit. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. Refer to the student handbook for more information on this subject.

# ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student’s responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with Katherine Belew, Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in the College Connection. She can be reached at 903-434-8218. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the NTCC website - Special Populations.

# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Ferpa):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children’s educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered “eligible students.” In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child’s college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as “directory information” may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student’s name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.

**Course Schedule:** Meet in classroom on dates that are highlighted unless otherwise stated.

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Reminders** |
| Tuesday, Jan. 19 | What is Anthropology?  Chapter 1 (meet in classroom) | Handout syllabus |
| Thursday, Jan. 21 | Four Subfields of Anthropology (meet in classroom) |  |
| Tuesday, Jan. 26 | The Characteristics of Culture, see Blackboard for PowerPoint Lecture |  |
| Thursday, Jan. 28 | Watch video clip(s) and answer discussion question posted on Blackboard | **Blackboard Discussion** |
| Tuesday, Feb. 2 | Archaeology, see Blackboard for PowerPoint Lecture |  |
| **Thursday, Feb. 4** |  | **Quiz 1 (on Blackboard)** |
| Tuesday, Feb. 9 | Review Assignment 1 and background information on Caddo | Assignment 1 available on Blackboard |
| Thursday, Feb. 11 | Meet in *Library* for tour of Caddo Pottery Collection |  |
| Tuesday, Feb. 16 | Language and Communication, see Blackboard for PowerPoint Lecture |  |
| Thursday, Feb. 18 | Watch video clip(s) and answer discussion question posted on Blackboard | **Blackboard Discussion** |
| Tuesday, Feb. 23 | Social Identity, Race, and Racism Lecture, see Blackboard for PowerPoint Lecture |  |
| Thursday, Feb. 25 | Watch video clip(s) and answer discussion question posted on Blackboard | **Blackboard Discussion** |
| Tuesday, March 2 | Work on Assignment 1 |  |
| Thursday, March 4 |  | **Assignment 1 due**  **(Submit on Blackboard)** |
| Tuesday March 9 | Review for Mid-Term Exam (meet in classroom) |  |
| **Thursday, March 11** |  | **Mid-Term Exam on Blackboard** |
| Tuesday, March 16 |  | Spring Break |
| Thursday, March 18 |  | Spring Break |
| Tuesday, March 23 | Gender and Sexuality, see Blackboard for PowerPoint Lecture |  |
| Thursday, March 25 | Watch video clip(s) and answer discussion question posted on Blackboard | **Blackboard Discussion** |
| **Tuesday, March 30** | Marriage and Family, see Blackboard for PowerPoint Lecture |  |
| Thursday, April 1 | Watch video clip(s) and answer discussion question posted on Blackboard | **Blackboard Discussion** |
| Tuesday, April 6 | Meet to discuss Assignment 2 (in classroom) | Assignment 2 available on Blackboard |
| Thursday, April 8 |  | **Quiz 2 (on Blackboard)** |
| Tuesday, April 13 | Kinship and Other Forms of Grouping, see Blackboard for PowerPoint Lecture |  |
| Thursday, April 15 | Subsistence and Exchange |  |
| Tuesday, April 20 | Politics, Power, and Violence |  |
| Thursday, April 22 | Watch video clip(s) and answer discussion question posted on Blackboard | **Blackboard Discussion** |
| Tuesday, April 27 | Spirituality and Religion |  |
| Thursday, April 29 | Watch video clip(s) and answer discussion question posted on Blackboard | **Blackboard Discussion** |
| Tuesday, May 4 | Review for final exam (meet in classroom) |  |
| Thursday, May 6 |  | **Assignment 2 due (Submit on Blackboard)** |
| Thursday, May 11 |  | **Final Exam on Blackboard** |