

**ANT 4461, HALLUCINOGENS AND CULTURE, Fall Semester 2011**  
**Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies (GSS), College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Tu/Th 9:30 – 10:45 am; Room: Academic 1 – 155 (A1-155)**  
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**DESCRIPTION** – Classical and tribal case studies of entheogens and culture.

**TEXTS REQUIRED:** Furst, *HALLUCINOGENS AND CULTURE*

**RECOMMENDED:** Harner, *Way of the Shaman*; Grof; *Holotropic Mind*;  
Halifax, *Shamanic Voices*; de Rios, *Visionary Vine*

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1) Class Participation: Oral Presentations, Readings, and Class Discussions (25 points)
- 2) Mid-Term Examination – Date: Thursday, October 20 (25 points)
- 2) Outline (1 page) and Power Point Presentation (40 slides) (50 points)
- 3) This is a Seminar: Attendance Required, Roll Taken (See Notes)

**Week (Date)\* SCHEDULE OF LECTURES, READINGS, & FILMS**

- 1      8/23    **India: Overview and Soma in the Hindu *Rig Veda***  
         Tu:    Introduction and Overview, Skim Text  
         Th:    Soma – Mushroom of Immortality, Read: Furst: 8, 9 (*Lecture*)  
         8/29    **Last Day to Add/Drop Courses or Withdraw from FIU without cost**
- 2      8/30    **Global: Topics for Power Point and Oral Presentations**  
         Tu:    Entheogens in Art and Religion (*Slide Presentation*)  
         Th:    Workshop on Student Topics / Schedule of Reading Assignments
- 3      9/6      **Global: Landmarks in Hallucinogens and Culture Research**  
         Tu:    Readings & Discussion, Furst: Intro, 1, 2 & 3  
         Th:    *From Peyote to LSD (DVD)*
- 4      9/13    **Mexico: Aztecs, Huichols, Mazatecs**  
         Tu:    Readings and Discussion, Furst: 6, 7, 10, 11 & 15  
         Th:    The Flowery Dream, Peyote Hunt, Maria Sabina (*Lecture*)
- 5      9/20    **Amazon: Visionary Vine**  
         Tu:    Readings and Discussion, Furst: 4, 5, 12, 13 & 14  
                 Outlines Due for Power Point/Oral Presentations  
         Th:    The Way of the Shaman (*Lecture*)

\* *Tuesdays date*

- 6      9/27    **Europe: Wise Woman & Witches**  
 Tu:    Workshop on Student Presentations / Return Outlines  
 Th:    The White Goddess and the Celtic Soma (*Lecture*)
- 7      10/4    **Europe: Greece**  
 Tu:    The Birth of Western Civilization (*Illustrated Lecture*)  
 Th:    The Eleusinian mysteries
- 8      10/11   **Middle East: Egypt**  
 Tu:    Entheogens in Ancient Egypt (*Illustrated Lecture*)  
 Th:    Entheogens and the Origins of Religion (*Lecture*)
- 9      10/18   **Review and Mid-Term Examination**  
 Tu:    Review of Lectures, Films, Case Studies  
 Th:    Mid-Term Exam: October 20, 2011
- 10     10/25   **Class Presentations – Tu/Th - Schedule to be announced**
- 11     11/1    **Class Presentations – Tu/Th - Schedule to be announced**
- 12     11/8    **Class Presentations – Tu/Th - Schedule to be announced**
- 13     11/15   **Class Presentations – Tu only – Schedule to be announced**  
 (*Th: 10/17 No Class – Conference*)
- 14     11/22   **Class Presentations – Tu only - Schedule to be announced**  
 (*Th: 10/25 No Class - Thanksgiving – FIU Closed*)
- 15     11/29   **Class Presentations – Tu/Th Schedule to be announced**  
 12/1    Last Class – All Power Point Presentations Due

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**ANT 4461, HALLUCINOGENS AND CULTURE**  
**Supplement to Class Syllabus**  
**Class Rules**

**(Fall Semester 2011)**

As affirmed by the Chair of the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Vice President for Student Affairs of Florida International University, a faculty member has the right to establish the rules for student behavior in the classroom ("Rules"). In order to avoid any possible misunderstandings, and to insure a positive learning environment for all students, the Rules for this class are as follows:

**1) Rules for Student Behavior**

a) Students may arrive late for class; however students may not leave while class is in session.

b) Students may not talk, or interact with each other in any manner, during class sessions (except as part of class discussions), or engage in any other activities that will, in the sole judgment of the instructor, disturb the learning environment.

c) Students may not have cell phones on, or view cell phones, or talk on cell phones in class, or leave the classroom during class sessions to take cell phone calls. Same for laptop computers – except for note taking with permission of instructor – and *all* other communications devices.

**2) Consequences for Violation of above Rules**

a) Any student who violates rules a), b) and/or c) above will face the following consequences:

1) First time violation – verbal warning from the instructor.

2) Second time violation – written warning from the instructor.

3) Third time violation – written report to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for disciplinary action and/or removal from the class.

4) Any student who disturbs the classroom environment in way that, in the sole judgment of the instructor, undermines the learning environment in ways that are explicitly covered in these written Rules, or in any other way that may not be explicitly covered by these written rules, may be required to leave the class and/or referred to the Office of the Vice President for disciplinary action.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED:** Class roll will be taken beginning in Week 2. Any student who misses more than five (5) classes will have 2 points deducted from their final class score (maximum points 100) for each additional class that they miss. There will be no exceptions except for documented medical absences.