INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY:
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INSTRUCTOR:
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is an interdisciplinary examination of the ways in which anthropologists study people and their ways of life across cultures and across time. The four major fields of anthropology will be introduced with an overview of each of the following perspectives: Cultural Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Archeology, and Linguistics.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES:
To complete this course successfully, students must be able to:
(A) Explain basic anthropological concepts including theory;
(B) Describe and detail each of the four fields of anthropology and the unique way in which each perspective enhances the study of people and culture;
(C) Demonstrate an understanding of the evolution of the discipline of anthropology, its current state and the challenges of its future.

III. REQUIRED MATERIALS:
Secondary Text book:
The Way of the Shaman
Michael Harner

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES
Participation & Attendance:
Participation in class exercises and discussion is a required part of this class. Be prepared to be questioned and to question.

Attendance: Student attendance and punctuality are expected. Much of the material presented in this course will be through lecture and discussion, therefore, attendance is extremely important. Anyone missing more than 3 classes maybe assessed a grade

No make-up opportunities for tests and quizzes will be given unless the instructor is presented with valid written documentation. It is your responsibility to inform the
instructor as early as possible before the missed class date. Cell phones and pagers should be turned off in class.

Lateness is a distraction to your fellow students and to the instructor.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is a major academic offense and will be fully punished if caught. Plagiarism means the presentation of the ideas and/or the words of someone else as one’s own.

You commit plagiarism if you use:

- Any part of another person’s written words without correct documentation
- Any part of another person’s ideas without correct documentation

This includes any part of a book, encyclopedia, magazine article, journal article, newspaper article, CD-ROM, or website used without correct documentation.

**Anthropology Group Project Paper:**
During the semester you will be required to complete 1 group paper or group presentation related to anthropology. The project papers should have one-inch margins, be double-spaced, and written grammatically. It will be a minimum of seven (7) pages. You will need to use a minimum of 4 academic sources such as articles and books for the project papers as instructed. Use websites sparingly. Websites may NOT be your sole sources cited for projects or the majority of sources cited. You should also use APA style to format the project paper citations and references. You may be expected to go to sites on the Web like “The New York Times” to access articles as directed. The project papers may require fieldwork outside of class. Guidelines for this minimum 7-page group project paper/ or presentation will be handed out in class.

*Note:* Project paper should be submitted prior to or on the due date at the beginning of class. Project paper submitted late will be subjected to a late penalty of a full letter grade per day.

**Tests and Quizzes:** There will be 2 quizzes, a midterm and a final exam for this class. The midterm will cover everything before that date and the final will primarily cover everything after. Although there is no comprehensive final, you are expected to be able to apply theories and information from the first portion of the class to information learned during the second half. Videos shown in class and class presentations may also be a part of the test. Test questions may be multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, short answer and/or essay, among other formats. The quizzes will be in a similar format to tests, but they will be shorter and will not include essays.

**On campus event:** At the discretion of the instructor, attendance and participation of students at an instructor selected on-campus event. (With connections to the study of anthropology) This opportunity varies by semester and events offered. Details will be provided in class.
VIII GRADING CRITERIA:
Your final grade will be determined by your performance on the following:

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  F &= \text{below 60}
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COURSE SCHEDULE AND TOPIC OUTLINE:

Class schedule subject to modification, but not without prior Notification.

Dimensions of Anthropology

The Four Fields, Theory

Ethics & Culture

Physical Anthropology

Archaeology

Evolution, Variation and Adaption

The Primates
When were we “human” and why?

QUIZ #1

Farming, Cities, and States

Cultural Anthropology Methods and Theory

Language and Communication

Group Project Due: First Monday in November

Ethnicity and Race

Midterm Exam
Making a Living

Political Systems
Gender, Kinship descent, and Marriage
Religion

QUIZ #2

Arts media sports

Colonialism

Global Issues Future of Anthropology

Review for Final

FINAL EXAM