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**ANTHROPOLOGY 101:
INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY
Spring 2008
M/W/F * 10:10-11:00am * Gallagher Business Building 106**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an in-depth introduction to anthropology surveying the four subfields of biological anthropology, archaeology, social/cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Topics covered include human evolution and biological variation; world prehistory from Paleolithic to bronze age; language and expressive culture; marriage, family, and kinship; subsistence and economic systems; and other cultural subsystems. There are no prerequisites. This course is required for anthropology majors and minors and fulfills the general education social science distribution requirement. The course is lecture based with opportunities for discussion of lecture and films.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Students will gain an appreciation of the diversity and richness of the human experience.
2. Students will acquire an understanding of the history, subject matter, and methods of study in anthropology.
3. Students will increase their knowledge of the history of human biological and cultural evolution.
4. Students will learn basic anthropological concepts and terms.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Examinations: There will five 100-point exams consisting of 50 True-False, Matching, and Multiple-Choice questions covering lectures, films, classroom presentations, and readings. None of the exams is comprehensive and the lowest grade will be dropped. Students will need to bring a **narrow red scantron sheet** and a **number 2 pencil** to class on the day of the exam.

Grading Scale: Exams - 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F.

Course - 400-360=A, 359-320=B, 319-280=C, 279-240=D, 239-0=F.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes and are personally responsible for all material covered in class. Tests cover both readings and classroom presentations equally. There may be pop quizzes.

Make-Ups: Students are expected to do all work on the scheduled date listed in the syllabus. **Make-ups** will only be given in the case of **unavoidable** absences. It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor as soon as possible (within 1 week of return to classes) in such cases and to arrange for a make-up.

Extra Credit: Students may earn extra credit by writing a 2-4 page critical review of a book selected from the approved list available on **Blackboard**. Guidelines for the reviews are also available there. This review is worth up to 10 points. There may be additional extra credit opportunities over the course of the semester. These will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard. All extra credit papers are **due on Friday May 2, 2007**.

Academic Honesty: The University of Montana expects students to be academically honest. Cheating and plagiarism are serious offences carrying serious penalties under the student code. Consult the "Academic Policies and Procedures" section of the current University catalog for details regarding penalties.

Access: This syllabus, along with reading assignments, study guides, overheads, announcements, etc., will be available on-line through the University's Blackboard system. You will receive directions for accessing Blackboard shortly.

Required Readings:

Ember, Carol, Melvin Ember, & Peter N.Peregrine. *Anthropology*. 11th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2005.

PROVISIONAL COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1 INTRODUCTION & UNCOVERING THE PAST

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 1-2.

Jan 21 (Mon) **MLK B'DAY (NO CLASS)**

Jan 23 (Wed) - VIDEO: *The Nature of Anthropology* (30)

WEEK 2 EVOLUTION & VARIATION

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 3, 12.

WEEK 3 PRIMATE EVOLUTION & HUMANITY

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 4-5.

Feb 4 (Mon) – VIDEO: *Life in the Trees* (60)

Feb 8 (Fri) **FIRST EXAM**

WEEK 4 HUMAN BEGINNINGS

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 6.

Feb 11 (Mon) - VIDEO: *Mysteries of Mankind* (60)

WEEK 5 HOMO HABILIS & HOMO ERECTUS

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 7.

Feb 18 (Mon) **PRESIDENTS' DAY (NO CLASS)**

WEEK 6 HOMO SAPIENS

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 8-9.

Feb 29 (Fri) **SECOND EXAM**

WEEK 7 THE NEOLITHIC & THE RISE OF CIVILIZATION

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 10-11.

Mar 3 (Mon) - VIDEO: *Settling Down* (55)

WEEK 8 CULTURE & EXPRESSION

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 13, 16, 27.

Mar 10 (Mon) - VIDEO: *Studying Culture* (40)

WEEK 9 SUBSISTENCE & ECONOMY

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 17-18.

Mar 21 (Fri) **THIRD EXAM**

WEEK 10 NO CLASSES

Mar 22-30 **SPRING BREAK**

WEEK 11 POLITICAL SYSTEMS & STRATIFICATION

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 19, 24.

Mar 31 (Mon) - VIDEO: *Kawelka: Ongka's Big Moka* (52)

WEEK 12. KINSHIP & DESCENT, & RESIDENCE

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 22.

Apr 7 (Mon) - VIDEO: *Masai Women* (52)

WEEK 13 MARRIAGE & FAMILY

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 21

Apr 18 (Fri) **FOURTH EXAM**

WEEK 14 SEX, GENDER, AGE, & COMMON INTEREST

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 20, 23.

WEEK 15 RELIGION & CULTURE CHANGE

READINGS: Ember, Ember & Peregrine, Ch. 26, 28

Apr 28 (Mon) - VIDEO: *Zulu Zion* (52)

FINALS WEEK

May _ (___) – 10:10 am **FIFTH EXAM**