

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
Anthropology 319.01

Ethnographic Survey of North Africa

Winter 2014 Venue: ST145 MWF 12:00 – 12:50
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Course Description

This course will introduce the student to the peoples and selected social institutions of North Africa. Coverage will span the Maghrib, Egypt, Northern Sudan and the Sahara. Approximately the first third of the course will take an historical perspective, emphasizing

recurrent patterns of interaction in North African history from the earliest times to the present. The second two thirds will concentrate on ethnographic studies of particular North African societies, including nomads, townsfolk, peasants, and tribal societies as well as heterodox religious communities and minorities.

Required Texts

A reading package, *Ethnographic Survey of North Africa*, is available at University of Calgary's Bookstore and some readings will also be posted on the Blackboard before the lecture day.

Assessments

ITEM	WEIGHT	DATE
Quiz 1	10%	22 Jan
Quiz 2	15%	24 Feb
Country Review	15%	26 Mar
Mid Term	20%	14 Mar
Final Exam	40%	As per Registrar's timetable

Quizzes: Quiz No. 1 will cover the physical and political geography on North Africa, and is intended to ensure that students have some idea of the locations of places, knowledge of which is presupposed in the lectures and readings. Quiz No. 2 will cover linguistic distributions and the location of important ethnic groups. A study guide for each quiz will be distributed previously.

Country Review

The student is required to pick up Egypt, Libya, or Tunisia and briefly discuss the political situation before and after 2010. The review should not exceed three pages double-spaced and it must include the location of the country, population, and main economic activities in introductory paragraphs.

Midterm and Final Examinations

These examinations will have a similar format. There will be a number of short-answer questions (identification, definition, contrast) plus one or two short essay questions, which will be selected from a list of topics **which will have been previously distributed.**

Grade Calculations

Each item of course work will be assigned a Mark out of the possible percentage points for that item. The total marks at the end of the course will be converted to a Letter Grade according to the following scheme:

A+ 100- 94.9

A 94.8-89.9

A- 89.8-84.9

B+ 84.8-79.9

B 79.8-74.9

B- 74.8-70.9

C+ 70.8-66.9

C 66.8-62.9

C- 62.8-58.9

D+ 58.8-54.9

D 54.8-49.9

F 49.8% and below

Missed Course work: Note Carefully

Assignments must be submitted on due dates and if any item of course work is missed, written documentation from a licensed authority (e.g. Student Health services physician, Disability Resource Centre) must accompany any request for an alternate assignment.

Please note: the final examination is a requirement for completion of this course. If you are unable for any reason to complete the final exam/essay on the date scheduled you should immediately contact the Admissions office at the University of Calgary (210-rock) in order to complete the formalities necessary for a Deferred Final Examination.

Return of Course Work

Quizzes and midterm examination will be returned at a subsequent class or during office hours on presentation of student ID. Any uncollected course work will be returned at the final examination.

Academic Accommodation Policy:

If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation, it is your responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre (220-8237) and discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course. For further information, please see: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/46>

Emergency Evacuation:

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Professional Faculties Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the Education Block Food Court.

USRI:

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

Communication Policies

Outside lectures and office hours, the primary forms of communication in the course take place through Blackboard, including the bulletin board, email and chat rooms. Please do Not leave urgent messages on my Office phone voicemail, use my University email/or contact the Dept Office for my cell phone #.

Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism is: "to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own" (Webster's). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing might also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at: <https://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>.

PowerPoint Slides/Word Notes

PowerPoint slides and Word Notes related to lectures will be posted on Blackboard *after* the lectures in which they are used. It is my goal to have the slides available for you on Blackboard within 72 hours of the lecture. In the event that I am forced to miss a class for health or other urgent reasons, I may post essential lecture material online. **These notes are NOT a substitute for reading the original article.**

Bulletin Board

Any questions that you may have that relate to course content, course procedures, the assignments or the readings should be posted to the main bulletin board. This allows everyone in the class to see the responses that I give and it makes my life a bit easier

because I won't have to answer 6 identical questions. It also will hopefully jump start the bulletin board as a venue for informal discussions about the course.

Email

Questions on more personal issues can be sent to my University email. I will check my email once a day during the week and I will try to reply to you within 72 hours.

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