

Anthropology 341 Medical Anthropology

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Course Information:

1. The purpose of this course is to provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge of the aims, research methods, analytical approaches, factual information, and conclusions made within the subfield of medical anthropology.
2. Material covered in this course will include lecture, film, discussion, and required readings. Grades and evaluation will be based on the student's (i) breadth of factual and theoretical knowledge, (ii) comprehension of concepts and descriptive materials, and (iii) clarity and structure of presentation both in class and in written materials.

'It's important to give bread when people are hungry, but it's also important to know why they didn't have bread in the first place.'

Required Texts:

Brown, Peter J. & R. Barrett 2010 *Understanding and Applying Medical Anthropology*, 2nd Ed.

Course Outline: (Sequence of lectures subject to some change)

***Reading Assignments to be distributed at the first class meeting and via d2L.**

Date	Topics
10 September	Introduction to Medical Anthropology Anthropological Perspectives on Health, Illness and Disease

Anthropology of Illness

17 September	Illness Behaviour/theories of illness causation
24 September	Explanatory Models of Illness / the 'sick role' Caring and Curing and the development of Health Care Systems
01 October	The Art of Healing (a) Healers and Healing in Cross-Cultural Perspective

	(b) Total Drug/Treatment Effect -Culture and Pharmacology
08 October	Cross cultural Mental Health and Illness
15 October	Cross cultural Mental Health and Illness cont.
22 October	Changing Relationships with Illness and Disease
29 October	Mid-term Examination @ 1800 hrs Origin and Evolution of Healing and Illness Behaviour

Anthropology of Disease

05 Nov	(a) Evolutionary/Ecological Perspectives on Health and Disease (b) Disease Etiology
12 Nov	Reading Break – No Class
19 Nov	Human Behaviour and Disease Term Paper Due
26 Nov	Historical Perspectives of Disease in Human Populations

Applied Medical Anthropology

03 Dec	Applied Medical Anthropology: (a) Cultural Contact and Change between Health Care Systems (b) Sociopolitical and Economic aspects of Disease and Illness Syndemic Perspectives (c) Conclusions
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Final Examination – to be scheduled

Grading and Examinations

Final course grades will be based on an in-class midterm and a final examination, and on an analytical discussion paper (details to be distributed in class). Examinations will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and possibly an essay question.

Midterm Examination	35%	29 Oct (at 1800 hrs)
Term Paper	30%	due on 19 November
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam	35%	date to be announced

*Late papers will be marked down 10% per day for each day late prior to marking the paper

Final Course Grades are based on the following:

A+	100 - 94.9%	B	79.8 - 74.9%	C-	62.8 - 58.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%	B-	74.8 - 70.9%	D+	58.8 - 54.9%
A-	89.8 - 84.9%	C+	70.8 - 66.9%	D	54.8 - 49.9%
B+	84.8 - 79.9%	C	66.8 - 62.9%	F	49.8% and below

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism: "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 may 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>

Academic Accommodations – It is the students' responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact them at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are also required to discuss your need with your instructor no more than 14 days after the start of the course.

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