

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.

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 via Blackboard.**

Date	Topics
15 May	(a) Introduction to Medical Anthropology (b) Anthropological Perspectives on Health, Illness and Disease

Anthropology of Illness

20 May	Illness Behaviour/theories of illness causation
22 May	Explanatory Models of Illness / the 'sick role' Caring and Curing and the development of Health Care Systems
27 May	The Art of Healing (a) Healers and Healing in Cross-Cultural Perspective (b) Total Drug/Treatment Effect -Culture and Pharmacology
29 May	Cross cultural Mental Health and Illness

- 03 June Cross cultural Mental Health and Illness cont.
- 05 June **Mid-term Examination @ 1800 hrs**
Changing Relationships with Illness and Disease
- 10 June Origin and Evolution of Healing and Illness Behaviour

Anthropology of Disease

- 12 June (a) Evolutionary/Ecological Perspectives on Health and Disease
(b) Disease Etiology
- 17 June Human Behaviour and Disease
Discussion Paper Due
- 19 June Historical Perspectives of Disease in Human Populations

Applied Medical Anthropology

- 24 June Applied Medical Anthropology:
(a) Cultural Contact and Change between Health Care Systems
- 26 June Sociopolitical and Economic aspects of Disease and Illness
Syndemic Perspectives
- Conclusions

Final Examination – to be scheduled on either June 27, 28 or 30

Grading and Examinations

Final course grades will be based on an in-class midterm, a discussion/term paper, and a final examination. Examinations will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions.

Midterm Examination	30%	05 June (at 1800 hrs)
Discussion/Term Paper	35%	17 June
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam	35%	date to be announced (Jun 27, 28, or 30)

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:

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency situation please note that the primary assembly point shall be at the Education Block Food Court and the Scurfield Hall Atrium shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

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.

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.

The Department of Anthropology’s FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructors’ office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology Office (SS 854) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternate arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.