# Anthropology 349 Anthropology of HIV/AIDS

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## **Course Description**

This course will examine the clinical, epidemiological, cultural, social, psychological, political, economic, and public policy dimensions of HIV/AIDS on a global level from an anthropological perspective. It will use a holistic and cross-cultural approach to explore how gender, class, sexual orientation, nationality, and ethnicity impact individuals living with HIV/AIDS focusing on social stigma, discrimination, economic, and political issues within and between global populations. The meaning and importance of HIV/AIDS will also be discussed.

**Text:** Whelehan, Patricia (2009) *The Anthropology of HIV/AIDS* Additional readings to be assigned

### Topics/Readings (subject to some change):

09 Jan Course Overview and Introduction

The Anthropological Perspective as it applies to AIDS.

Why study HIV/AIDS?

The History of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic

16 Jan 'AIDS 101' -The Biology and Virology of HIV/AIDS

The Social Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS

23 Jan Socio-psychological dimensions of HIV/AIDS:

The Personal Impact of HIV/AIDS

HIV and Testing

Social health inequalities during the course of chronic HIV disease

30 Jan AIDS and Sexuality:

Same Sex Relationships (MSM)

06 Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Midterm

Heterosexual Relationships (MSW)



13 Feb Women and HIV/AIDS;

Commercial sex and HIV/AIDS (FSW/MSW)

20 Feb Reading Break - No class

27 Feb AIDS in children/youth

06 March AIDS and Drug Use

13 March 2<sup>nd</sup> Midterm

HIV Causality and Denialism

HIV and Stigma

20 March HIV as a Syndemic Disease

HIV and Violence

Structural Violence Social Inequality

27 March HIV/AIDS in emergent vulnerable populations:

1. Aboriginal Populations

2. Immigrants [HIV and Migration]

03 April HIV and Public Policy

HIV and the Law

10 April Current and Future Status of HIV/AIDS

What can Anthropologists do?

## **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 short answer, and essay questions.

1st Examination30%06 February (at 1800 hrs)2nd Examination35%13 March (at 1800 hrs)Registrar Scheduled Final Exam35%date to be announced

Final Course Grades are based on the following:

A+	100 - 94.9%	В	79.8 - 74.9%	C-	62.8 - 58.9%
Α	94.8 - 89.9%	В-	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%	С	66.8 - 62.9%	F	49.8% and below

Academic Accommodations - It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC), please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the DRC are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. DRC students are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course.

#### 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 will 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

### **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 Social Science Food Court.

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. The Anthropology Office will post grades randomly by ID number. If for any reason you do not wish your grades posted, please inform the course instructor.