

ANTH375 The Anthropology of Law

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Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm in KNB 126

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Course Description:

This course will take an anthropological approach to examining the dynamic interactions between law, culture and social organization. Course readings consist of classic and contemporary texts in the fields of legal and political anthropology, examining the cultural dimensions of law and law's changing relationship to discipline, power, and resistance. Questions to be explored include; How are relationships between legal and political realms structured, and with what consequences? How does law provide tools for both social struggle and social control? What does anthropology bring to research on these issues? The first half of the semester will be spent exploring the development of anthropological perspectives on law. In the second half we will look at specific topics including human rights, migration, transnationalism, bioethics, property, identity and security regimes.

Course Readings

Readings for each week will be posted on Blackboard.



Evaluation:

Midterm	25%	Week 6
Panel Presentation	15%	Each week after midterm – varies by topic
Paper	25%	Last week of class
Exam	35%	TBA (Registrar's Scheduled)

Midterm and Exam: Questions will consist of true/false, multiple choice and short answer. Test rewrites will only be offered in the case of documented family or medical emergencies – reasons such as vacation plans, heavy workload etc. will not be considered.

Panel Presentation: Each student will participate in a short panel presentation beginning the week after the midterm. Working in groups you will be responsible for organizing and presenting a 10 minute panel on a specific topic related to the previous week's course material. Two groups will present each week. Along with your participation in the panel, you will be responsible for handing in a one page summary of your presentation points and two discussion questions for the other group presenting, which you should be prepared to ask if called upon. Attendance on the weeks you are not presenting is expected, as exam questions may draw on issues raised during the panel presentations and discussions. Topics, and an online sign up sheet, will be made available by the second week of class.

Paper: The term paper is designed to help you reflect on a current legal or political issue through the lens of course materials and discussion. Choosing one of the topics provided, your paper should explain the issue, summarize the key debates, and outline how legal anthropology would frame the problem and a possible response. Topic choices will be provided by the second week of class. Papers should be 4-6 pages in length, not including title page or bibliography. More details will be posted on Blackboard in the first month of class. Papers must be handed in hard copy the day they are due. Late papers will be docked 5% per day.

Grading

Final grades are based on the following:

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

Course Policies:

Email/ Correspondence: Please write ANTH375 in the subject line of your email so I can prioritize and make sure your questions are answered as soon as possible. Allow 24 hrs for a response during the week, and 48 hrs on weekends. I will do my best to answer all email as quickly as possible, however, please try to limit your emails to brief yes/no questions. Detailed questions and concerns about course material and assignments are best addressed during office hours or immediately after class. Please check the syllabus and Blackboard for information **before** emailing.

Cell Phones and Lap Tops: There is a **zero tolerance** policy for cell/smart phone use during the lecture. Failing to turn off your ringer, answering calls or texting during class will result in you being asked to leave the room.

Lap tops are welcome for taking notes, but if they become a distraction to those around you (watching videos, internet surfing etc.) you will be asked to leave the lecture.

Attendance: You are expected to attend lectures. Power Point presentations will be posted on Blackboard, but the full lecture will not be available. You will be tested on material covered in readings, lectures and films on tests.

Academic Accommodation: 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, please contact their office at 403.220.8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen days after the start of this course.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses that will be dealt with seriously in this course and by this university. Students must not submit the words or ideas of another person as their own for any assignment in this course. Students are reminded to review the University's and the Department of Anthropology's policies on Intellectual Honesty and Plagiarism.

<http://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 MacEwan Student Centre North Courtyard and the secondary assembly point shall be the University Theatre's lobby.

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.