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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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HOUSING AND SOCIETY
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TR 9:30-10:45
PF126

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Examines interactions between housing and social organization in cross-cultural context. Emphasizes the varied types of built form, their cultural meanings, implications for social life within households and for society more broadly, and their political and economic consequences. The class will operate on a seminar basis, although the first few weeks may take more of a lecture format until the class has covered enough content to facilitate useful discussions. The specific content of the course will be influenced by the interests of the class participants.

REQUIRED READINGS

The following required texts have been ordered at the Campus Bookstore:

Richard Harris *Creeping Conformity: How Canada Became Suburban, 1900-1960*.
University of Toronto Press.

Irene Cieraad *At Home: An Anthropology of Domestic Space*. Syracuse: Syracuse
University Press 2006.

Jan Rensel (Editor) *Home in the Islands: Housing and Social Change in the Pacific*.
University of Hawaii Press, 1998

A limited number of additional required readings may be assigned, at least five days in advance, and will be posted on Blackboard. Since there is a participation component, preparation by doing the readings in advance will be particularly important. Individual presentations will make up the last few weeks of the course, and the presenter will select a reading (in consultation with the instructor).

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

Class presentation (to be scheduled in the last few weeks of classes)	15%
Class participation (based on discussion and preparation)	15%
Mid-term test (March 22)	30%
Term paper (due April 10)	40%

Grading 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

Test re-writes will not be offered except for documented medical and family emergencies. Vacation plans, heavy workload, etc. will not be considered. Course appeals (grades, missed exams) have to be made in writing. While the instructor will attempt to respond to emails in a timely fashion, that is, within two working days, volume may mean that delays will extend beyond this period. In other words, don't send an email about the test an hour before and expect a response.

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, please contact their office at 220-8237. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

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 July 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.ualgary.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 Education Block Food Court . The secondary assembly point shall be the Scurfield Hall Atrium.