Anthropological Background for Resilience and Adaptation

Course Information:
Course: ANTH 693 (Fall 2009)
Time: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am
11/5,10,12,17,19,24. December 1,3, and 8.
Place: TBA

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Course Description:
This course is designed to provide you with background in anthropology. We will spend our five weeks exploring anthropology which is focused on the relationship between humans and their environment. We will attempt to define culture and examine the role culture may play in different relationships with the environment. We will critically examine human-environment relationship from a variety of anthropological perspectives. We will use a book by Tim Ingold as a starting point to anthropological thinking on the human-environment relationship. Using this book will help us to explore the development of anthropological theory along with tracing the anthropological issues associated with the human-environment relationships. Anthropological methodology will also be discussed.

Objectives for You in this course:
● Gain an understanding of the anthropological approaches
● Understand anthropological methods
● Identify key components in anthropological thought focused on human-environment relations.
● Develop your ability to think critically

Grading:
Grades will be based on a combination of class participation, assignments and projects and will be tied to specific classes such as assignments of readings or debates to present in class.

Assignments/Projects 50%
Final Paper 25%
The paper that required will be 20 pages in length and will be graded based on the content,
depth, breadth, scope and creativity presented in the paper.

Class Participation* 25%
* Class participation is important and your input and contributions are essential. Participation may include acting as a discussant on material or as leader for a discussion. Your participation means you must be present to add your contribution, therefore attendance is also essential and will factor into class participation grade. If you miss more than 4 classes you may drop a full letter grade of your final grade. Attendance will be taken randomly throughout the semester.

Grade Scale:

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READING
Various Articles and photocopies available through reserve/e-reserve. Please budget funds for printing or photocopying.

REQUIRED BOOKS

Recommended Books:
We will be taking additional readings from these texts but they will also be on e-res.

I suggest that you try to order the books as soon as possible as shipping may take some time. As I am handing out the syllabus before we meet in October this will give you some time to purchase them.

CLASS POLICIES:
- Late papers, assignments and projects will not be accepted. (Consideration may be given for exceptional circumstances)
- No papers or assignments are to be handed in by email.
- Cell phones are to be turned OFF during class.
- Laptops can be used to take notes but no internet access is allowed and if you are not using the laptop to take notes you may be asked to put it away.
- All email correspondence in this class should be using your UAF email account.
- The class will operate with a policy of Academic Honesty.
Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a failure of assignment and a possible failure of the course. See University of Alaska Fairbanks Catalogue regarding plagiarism and student conduct. For an explanation of what constitutes plagiarism see http://www.uaf.edu/library/instruction/handouts/Plagiarism.html. For an explanation of how to properly cite sources see: http://www.uaf.edu/library/instruction/handouts/Citing.html.

Please see the University of Alaska Fairbanks Catalogue regarding student code of conduct, I expect you to use your common sense that you should behave in an appropriate way to facilitate learning, if you are being disruptive you will be asked to leave the classroom.

If you miss class it is the student’s responsibility to get caught up with course materials. I will be happy to help you but you must contact me for information.

COURSE OUTLINE

Wk 1 Theoretical Background
Reading
4. Social Anthropology is a generalizing science or it is nothing. IN Ingold, Tim (ed.) . 1996 Key Debates in Anthropology. London: Routledge
5. Human worlds are culturally constructed. IN Ingold, Tim (ed.) . 1996 Key Debates in Anthropology. London: Routledge

Wk 2 Human-Environment Livelihood
Reading:


Wk3 Dwelling, Relationship with Land/Environment


Additional Reading TBA

Reading:
3) Additional Reading TBA

Wk 5 Management and Environment
Reading:
2) Political Decisions: case of ESA listing of Polar Bears Reading TBA
Readings
Wenzel
Tyrrell, Martina 2007 “More Bears: Less Bears” Inuit Studies
Nigel Bankes

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