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Jefferson State Community College

ANT 220 Cultural Anthropology

- I. ANT 220 Cultural Anthropology - 3 Semester Hours**
Core Area IV, ASCI TSCI (Lec 3 hrs)
- II. Course Description**
This course is an introduction to the primitive and contemporary cultures and societies viewed through the perspective of human behavior.
- III. Prerequisite**
None
- IV. Textbook**
Bates, Daniel G. and Fratkin, Elliot M. Cultural Anthropology 3rd edition. Allyn and Bacon publishing (2002). ISBN: 0205370357
- V. Course Objectives**
 - A. A student will be able to recognize key concepts in cultural anthropology
 - B. A student will be able to apply basic anthropological terms, concepts, and principles.
 - C. A student will be able to gain a better understanding of what it means to be human.
 - D. A student will be able to appreciate and understand the cultural diversity of the world.
- VI. Course Outline of Topics**
 - A. The Concept of Culture
 - B. Adaptive Strategies
 - C. Bands-Tribes-Chiefdoms
 - D. Industrialism and Stratification
 - E. Human Diversity-Race
 - F. Religions-Functions
 - G. Personality and the World view
 - H. Languages
 - I. Applied Anthropology
 - J. Social Change and Development
 - K. Contemporary American Popular Culture

VII. Evaluation and Assessment

Written examination and quizzes

Class participation

Group/class project

Grades will be given based upon A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%, and F = below 60%.

VIII. General Course Competencies

1. The student will acquire an understanding of the anthropological concept of culture.
2. The student will acquire an understanding of ethnographic fieldwork.
3. The student will acquire an understanding of subsistence patterns.
4. The student will acquire an understanding of the principles of social organization.
5. The student will acquire an understanding of political systems, religion, and anthropology in the modern world.

IX. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student's ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

X. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment

The College and the Alabama State Board of Education are committed to providing both employment and educational environments free of harassment or discrimination related to an individual's race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, or disability. Such harassment is a violation of State Board of Education policy. Any practice or behavior that constitutes harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated.

XI. Americans with Disabilities

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College. The ADA Accommodations office is located in FSC 300 (205-856-7731).