

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINE			
TERM: FALL 2015	COURSE NO: ANTH 342		
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE NAME: LIFE'S PASSAGE: THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF AGING		
OFFICE: LOCAL:	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3	
E-MAIL:			
OFFICE HOURS:			

COURSE FORMAT:

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

45 credits of 100-level or higher course work including 3 credits of 100- or 200-level ANTH.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine the way culture shapes the formation of identity for its members throughout their lifespan. Aging will encompass the whole lifespan from the moment of birth to death. It will provide a cross-cultural exploration the processes of aging through the lenses of gender, kinship, social organization, religion, politics and economics. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the acquisition of status and the societal roles that accompany each life stage.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the application of core anthropological theories and methods to the study of aging
- Identify and evaluate the cross-cultural differences and similarities exhibited by life-stages.
- Understand and apply concepts concerning gender, kinship, social organization, religion, politics and economics to the study of life-stages.
- Research and analyze rites of passage from an anthropological perspective.

These outcomes will be assessed through two examinations, and two written assignments detailed below.

COURSE WEBSITE:

There is a Moodle site for this course. The address for the login page is: <https://moodle.capilanou.ca/login/> The access key will be given in class.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Blackman, Margaret. *During My Time: Florence Edenshaw Davidson, A Haida Woman*. Vancouver/Toronto: Douglas & McIntyre, 1986. Print. Reading Package. Available at Capilano University Bookstore.

COURSE CONTENT:

Week	Content
1	Introduction to Anthropological Theories & Methods
2	Age Sets and Grades, Status and Role, Rites of Passage.
3 - 4	Personhood: Infancy & Childhood
5 - 6	Adulthood – Marriage & Parenting
7 - 8	Adulthood – Middle-age
9 - 10	Adulthood – Elders
11 - 12	Adulthood - Death
13	Overview: Conclusions
14 & 15	Final Examination period. Date of exam to be assigned by Registrar's Office.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Comparative Lives

A research paper that compares the lives of either women or men in two distinct cultures. A detailed handout will be provided.

Rite of Passage

A recall, self-ethnographic account of a rite of passage. This will include the identification and analysis of the processes of enculturation and socialisation. A detailed handout will be provided.

Mid-Term and Final Exams

Short answer questions and the final exam will be cumulative.

EVALUATION PROFILE:

Comparative Lives research paper	25%
Rites of Passage Paper	25%
Mid-Term Examination	20%
Final Examination	<u>30%</u>
	100%

GRADE PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89	B = 73 - 76	C = 63 - 66	F = 0 - 49
A- = 80 - 84	B- = 70 - 72	C- = 60 - 62	

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. Copies of these and other policies are published each term as part of the Registration Guide, and they are always available on the University website.

- Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes. Those students who are absent are responsible for all announcements and material covered in class. The instructor will not loan their notes to anyone. If a student frequently misses classes they will be at a disadvantage.
- Late Assignments: Assignments are to be submitted directly to the instructor, at the beginning of class, on the due date; after that, they are late. No assignments will be accepted by e-mail. All late assignments will be penalized 25%. No late assignments will be accepted after exactly one week has passed since the original due date and time, nor shall any late assignments be accepted without the instructor's prior approval.
- Missed Exams: Make-up tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crisis. Students should be prepared to provide proof of inability to write the test on the scheduled date (e.g. letter from doctor).
- English Usage: It is the responsibility of students to proof-read all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Marks will be deducted for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.
- Incomplete Grades: Given at the discretion of the instructor. Generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises.
- Electronic Devices: No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used during an examination without prior approval from the instructor. During an exam, turn off all cell phones and pagers and remove them from the desk.
- Emergency Procedures
Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.