

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINE			
TERM:	FALL 2015	COURSE NO:	ANTH 420
INSTRUCTOR:		COURSE NAME: CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY	
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 coursework.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores contemporary issues in anthropology, including current debates in the discipline. Specific topics will vary from year to year, but may include, for example, examinations of anthropology's response to globalization, anthropology and the military, representations of the "other", or debates on ethical concerns in research.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- Demonstrate an understanding of how anthropological perspectives are applied to researching contemporary social issues
- Articulate opposing views within anthropology on contemporary social issues
- Demonstrate knowledge of important debates in anthropology and of how these contribute to our understanding of human culture and contemporary societies

More specific learning outcomes will be dependent on the particular topic(s) addressed each term. Assessment will be measured through the assignments set by instructors, which again will be dependent on topic of course.

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:

Varies depending on topic addressed.

COURSE CONTENT:

Varies depending on topic addressed.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Varies depending on topic addressed. Assignments may consist of a combination of essays, research projects, presentations, and/or exams. A detailed description of assignments and evaluation profile will be provided by the instructor.

EVALUATION PROFILE:

Will depend on specific assignments for each offering of this course.

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 distributed to all students during the registration process and are also available in the University Calendar and in the Library.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible for any material missed.

Late Assignments:

Written assignments must be submitted to me directly, in class as paper copies, not as email attachments. Any papers submitted after class ends will have **5% per day** deducted from the grade. No assignments will be accepted beyond one week past the due date. Any papers submitted under my office door or through email, without prior permission, **will not be marked**. Computer crashes, printer problems and car breakdowns do not constitute acceptable excuses.

Missed Exams:

Missed exams will only be rescheduled in cases of medical emergencies or severe personal crisis. Students must notify me in advance and provide proof of inability to write exams on scheduled dates (e.g. official medical certificate or letter from counsellor). You can e-mail me or leave a message on my voicemail (x 2498). No rescheduling will be allowed for reasons such as holidays or family obligations, and no make-ups will be possible after exams have been graded and returned to the class.

Language Competency:

Students are advised that this course requires a good grasp of English grammar and syntax. University-level English skills are expected in all written assignments. Students who do not possess a post-secondary level of reading and writing competence in English will not be able to complete this course successfully. All students may benefit from the assistance of faculty in the Writing Centre (Fir 402), and are encouraged to drop by and become familiar with the services they offer.

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

In case of emergency, follow the direction of the instructor. Please read the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.