Course Prefix and Number: Anthropology 202
Credit hours: 3

Course Title: Cultural Anthropology

Course Prerequisites: None

Textbook(s): Kottak, Cultural Anthropology, McGraw-Hill Publishing. (For the exact textbook requirement, please refer to your instructor’s course information syllabus.)

Course Description: Cultural anthropology is the study of living peoples, their beliefs, practices, values, ideas, technologies, economies and more. Through a variety of theoretical approaches and research methods, anthropologists today study the cultures of people in any part of the world—including those of industrial and "postindustrial" societies.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will:

A. understand culture as a dynamic and adaptive mechanism used by humans to live a life that would be impossible if totally dependent on nature, while also recognizing that new environmental pressures and stimulus are continually at play;

B. learn to apply anthropological theories, insights, and methods to contemporary situations students are likely to encounter in their professional and personal lives;

C. use cultural anthropology to understand specific societal problems in a wide variety of areas, such as medicine, education, social relationships, government, architecture, business, and economic development;

D. develop a critical understanding of cultural diversity and its implications, ultimately enhancing sensitivity to other cultures

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

1. demonstrate knowledge of cultural diversity and content; (A) (B) (D)
2. demonstrate an understanding of multiculturalism as a means to both preserve and damage indigenous cultures; (A) (C)
3. analyze archaeological data in relation to human cultural diversity; (D)
4. relate culture change and adaptation to the archaeological timeline; (B) (C) (D)
5. understand and relate to societal differences and problems and how they relate to enculturation. (A) (C) (D)
Course Requirements: The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: students will attend class; students will be evaluated on results of semester exams; students will be required to participate in class discussions and activities.

In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor’s section syllabus.

Course Grading Scale:

A 90-100%
B 80-89%
C 70 -79%
D 60-69%
F 00 - 59%

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

Course Fees: None

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