Western Oklahoma State College

Division of Arts and Humanities

Course Syllabus

Course Number:              ANTH 1113
Course Title:                      General Anthropology
Credit Hours:                     3
Prerequisites:                   None
Corequisites:                     None

Catalog/Course Description:

A survey of the cultural variations of people all over the world. Particular emphasis is placed on preliterate cultures. Topics of study include marriage and family, kinship systems, religious beliefs, and economic and political organizations.

Textbook:

The Essence of Anthropology, Haviland, Prins, Walrath, McBride

Learner Outcomes:

This course is an introduction to cultural anthropology and as such will survey the principles and processes for the study of culture including key concepts and terminology. Upon completion the student should be able to identify and articulate key ideas regarding;

1.            The essence of the study of anthropology
2.            The domestication of plants and animals
3.            The characteristics of culture
4.            The customs of sex, marriage and family
5.            The place of kinship and other methods of grouping
6.            The role of spirituality and the supernatural
7.            The processes of cultural shift and change
Course Requirements:

Reading: It is anticipated that the students will read the chapters in the assigned text prior to quizzes/exams/class participation. Discussion: student participation in class discussions are part of the student’s overall grade.

Term Paper: research paper(s) will be required as part of the student’s overall grade.

Writing: essay questions or other written assignments may be required by the instructor.

Testing: the quizzes consist of multiple-choice and true or false questions from various chapters.

See “Course Assignment” for detailed course requirements and grade points.

Method of Evaluation:

The instructor will follow the grading scale, which is stated in the WOSC college catalog.

A = 90 – 100
B = 80 – 89
C = 70 – 79
D = 60 – 69
F = 0 – 59

Academic Ethics:

Students are expected to comply with the regulations regarding cheating or plagiarism as stated in the Western Oklahoma State College catalog.

Assessment:

An important part of Western’s “commitment to excellence” is the systematic collection and examination of assessment data both to document and to improve student learning. Instructors and students will be asked to participate in assessment activities as a part of the course work. The results of assessment benefit students by identifying how competently they perform course goals as well as benefiting the college by confirming Western’s performance as an institution of higher education.

Americans with Disabilities Act:
According to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the College of his/her disability and requesting accommodations. If you think you have a qualified disability and need classroom accommodations, contact the Counseling Office (C-1E). To receive services, you must submit appropriate documentation and complete an intake process during which the existence of a qualified disability is verified and reasonable accommodations are identified. Please call (580) 477-7710, or email april.dill@wosc.edu for more information.

Please advise the instructor of your disability as soon as possible to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of a disability from the Counseling Office but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations.