Syllabus Peoples of the World

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Course Information

Course Name	Peoples of the World
Course ID	ANT2410
Credit Hours	3
Semester/Year	Fall 2018
Location	Online

Course Description

This course is a cross-cultural analysis of social organization from small scale to large scale. The course begins with small scale hunter gatherer cultures and ends with large state level cultures. In the process we analyze what makes it possible for Homo sapiens to live in a wide range of cultures of different sizes.

Course Objectives

- Students gain an appreciation of how culture impacts human behavior.
- Students comprehend that culture is a holistic phenomena, where subsistence, social organization, beliefs, technology, language, politics, and economics are all inter-related.
- Students understand the fundamental importance of scale (from small to large) and how it impacts culture.
- Students understand that real cross-cultural comparisons must include all aspects of a culture including subsistence, social organization, religion and beliefs, etc.

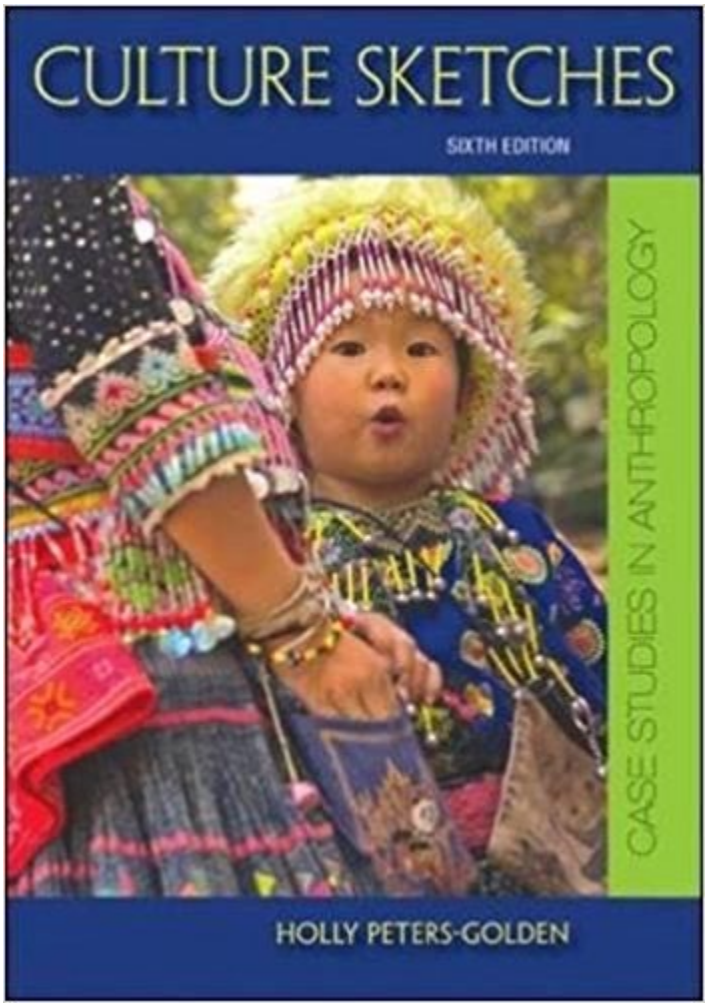
- Students gain an appreciation of the methods anthropologists employ to study cultures.

Learning Outcomes

- Students demonstrate through answers to assignments and discussion responses that they have read and comprehended the online material and supplemental texts.
- Students demonstrate through answers to assignments that they have acquired the capability to be analytical when addressing aspects of cultures.
- Students demonstrate through answers to assignments that they have the capability to synthesize aspects of a culture to reveal the relationships between subsistence, social organization and beliefs.

Required Text

- Cultural Sketches by Holly Peters-Golden 987-0-07-340530-8

- 
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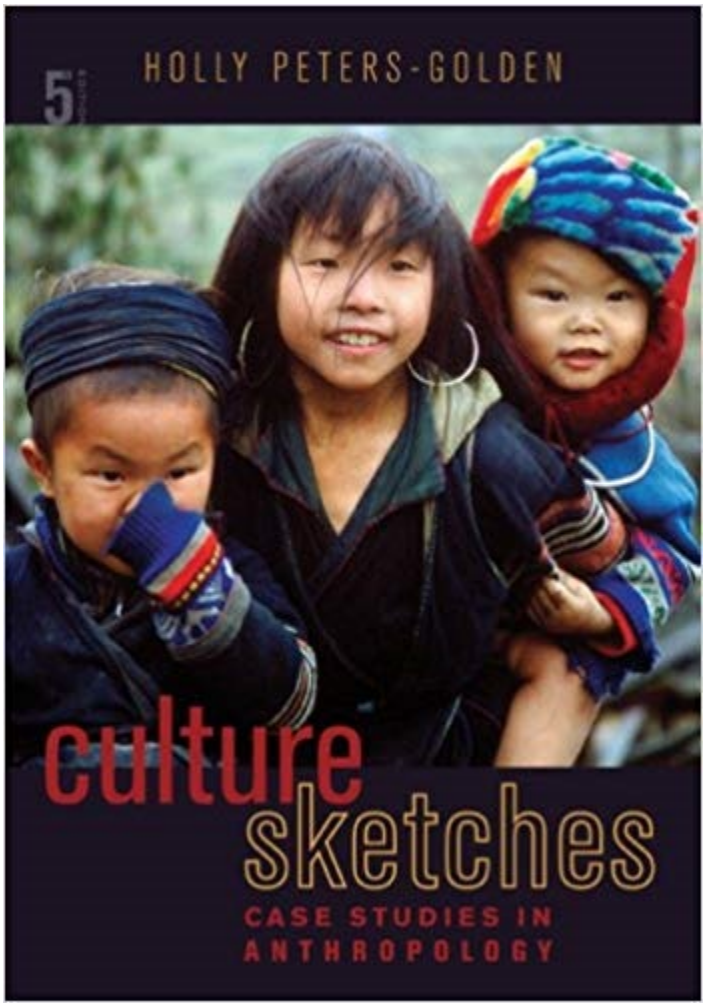

- Online material including pdfs of texts (The Dobe, The Trobriand Islanders, Friend by Day, Enemy by Night, The Hutterites

Course Requirements

Important Information: There is a syllabus quiz that you need to take before Friday 8/24 at 11:55 pm. The quiz establishes your engagement in the class for financial aid purposes so you need to take it. Failing to take the quiz by the Friday deadline can result in delaying your financial aid. The score on the quiz does not affect your grade.

The class is organized by weeks. Within each week, there are modules. The modules contain material from your instructor that supplements the texts. The modules are required. They are your instructor's way of providing what you miss in lectures. Consequently, there will be a substantial amount of material from the modules on the exams. Further, in some cases you will not be able to do the assignments unless you have done the modules. The assignments are things you must do for credit, and they have set due dates. Please consult the Schedule for more details.

Evaluation and Grading

Assignment	Points
Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
14 Online Assignments and Discussions @ 10 points each 3 Discussion posts and responses 20 points each	140 60
Total	500 points

Online Exams

The exams will be available for specified days (see Schedule). You must take the exam during those specified days or it will have been missed. Once you begin the exam, you will have two hours to complete it. At the end of two hours, it will automatically close. The exams will have only multiple choice questions and you should be able to complete the exams within one hour (this is the case when your instructor gives them in face-to-face classes), but you get two hours.

Online Assignments and Discussions

Within the week to week modules, there are activities; in this case, online assignments and online discussions. These are required postings that you must make to the assignments for that week. For example, in the Week 1 Module, there is a requirement to submit some specific assignments and discussions.

In contrast to the assignments for this class, which are focused on specific material in the modules or texts, the discussions pose questions for you to engage with the class material and think about it. The discussion format is also a way to consider how other students in the class think about the material or the issues presented in the class. The goal is to create a thoughtful and analytical response to the question, and also to other student's responses. The discussions are not for simply stating a preconceived opinion, or attempting to provoke an argument. So be thoughtful and respectful in your responses to the questions and other student's responses.

Important: late assignments, assignments submitted after the due date receive 1/2 credit (so if the response would have received a 10 if on time, when late it receives 5 points, etc..)

It is recommended that you write your response in Word, then go online and open that assignment or discussion and copy and paste your response. If you write first and save and then use copy and paste, you will have your responses saved to your computer in case something happens. If you write the response online and something happens during your composition and you are not finished, you will lose your work. Better to write it on your own computer and save it and then post it to the list.

Very Important note: this is not cable news. Answer the question you are asked, not the question you wished had been asked. If you do not answer the question you are asked to answer, you will not receive credit.

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or below

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups/Extra Credit

Those who take all three regularly scheduled exams are exempted from the Final Exam. With advance notice of an issue or documented serious medical issue, I will allow a make up of an earlier exam. Anyone who misses a regularly scheduled exam MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM. The Final Exam will be CUMULATIVE.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of

this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Accessibility Statement

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Third-Party Software and FERPA

During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need **not** make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.

Schedule - Peoples Fall 2018

Week 1 8/20: Introduction to Anthropology, the Concept of Culture, and Ecology

Syllabus Quiz is due 8/24 11:55 pm

Assignments 1A and 1B due 8/27 11:55 pm

Week 2 8/27: Ecology and Environment (Human Geography) Cont'd, Introduction to Social Organization and Religion

Assignment 2 due 9/3 11:55 pm

Week 3 9/3: Hunter-Gatherers and Bands- The Dobe

Assignment 3 The Dobe due 9/10 11:55 pm

Week 4 9/10: Plant and Animal domestication

Assignment 4 Due 9/17 11:55 pm

Week 5 9/17: Horticulture and Big Men

Assignment 5 Horticulture Due 9/24 11:55 pm

Exam 1 9/22 8 am - 9/24 11:55 pm

Week 6 9/24 Chieftainships and horticulture

Week 6 Assignment Chiefdoms due 10/1 11:55 pm

Discussion 1 due 10/1 11:55 pm

Week 7 10/1: Pastoralism

Week 7 Assignment due 10/8

Week 8 10/8: Friend by Day Enemy by Night

Week 8 Assignment due 10/15 11:55 pm

Week 9 10/15: The transition to Sedentary Agriculture, States: Vietnam

Vietnam Online material

Week 9 Assignment due 10/23 11:55 pm

Week 10 10/22: The Art of Not Being Governed: Resistance to states

Week 10 The Art assignment due 10/29

Exam 2 10/27 8 am - 10/29 11:55 pm

Week 11 10/29 Cultures within states - The Hutterites

Week 11 assignment due 11/5

Discussion 2 due 11/5 11:55 pm

Week 12 11/5: States - American culture

Week 13 11/12: **Summing Up**

Assignment: Scale due 12/1 11:55 pm

Week 14 11/19 Thanksgiving

Week 15 11/26 Last Week of class

Discussion 3 due 12/1 11:55 pm

Exam 3: 11/30 – 12/1

Last day of class - 12/1 - All assignments on time or late and discussions due at 11:55 pm No class work accepted after this time.

Final Exam 12/3 8 am - 12/4 11:55 pm