COURSE NUMBER & TITLE: ANTH 1010 - Cultural Anthropology  
CREDITS: 3  (3 Lec / 0 Lab)  
PREREQUISITES: College-level reading ability required  

CATALOG DESCRIPTION  
Cultural Anthropology is an introduction to the concepts, theories, methods, and practices of cultural anthropology. Human behavior will be examined by looking at cultural variations in kinship, family life, marriage customs, religious beliefs and practices, food production, economic organization, and political systems, among other topics. Special attention will be given to American Indian, African, and Southeast Asian cultures. MNTC Goal Areas: (5)History/Social Behavioral Sciences and (8)Global Perspective.  

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:  
I. Anthropological Methods  
   A. Archeology  
   B. Physical Anthropology  
   C. Linguistics  
   D. Cultural anthropology  
   E. Applied anthropology  
   F. Field work and ethnography  
II. History of anthropology  
   A. European expansion  
   B. Columbian Exchange  
   C. Cross-cultural change  
III. Economic adaptations  
   A. Hunter and gatherers  
   B. Farming  
   C. Industrial societies  
   D. Access to resources  
IV. Cultural elements  
   A. Communication (verbal and non-verbal)  
   B. Marriage  
   C. Family and kinship  
   D. Gender relationships  
   E. Political authority  
   F. Caste and class systems  
   G. Religion  
   H. Personality development  
V. Anthropology in the modern world  
   A. Ethnicity and ethnic conflict
B. Global problems and anthropological solutions
C. Population growth and population control
D. Indigenous peoples and their survival
E. Case studies

COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:
Students will
1. identify and describe the differences between the five subfields of anthropology.
2. describe the methods used by cultural anthropologists to conduct fieldwork.
3. describe anthropology's development as a scientific discipline in the 19th and 20th centuries.
4. explain how hunting/gathering peoples adapt to their environment.
5. explain how agricultural peoples adapt to their environment.
6. explain how industrial societies have adapted to and modified their environment.
7. explain how anthropologists study language in a culture.
8. describe what role language plays in cultural development.
9. explain what non-verbal communication can reveal about cultural practices.
10. identify the major varieties of marriage customs and kinship networks.
11. explain how marriage is a cultural adaptation.
12. compare gender roles in Western and non-Western cultures.
13. describe how political authority is exercised in other cultures.
14. identify what a caste and class are and provide examples of each from other cultures.
15. identify the major elements in a belief system and explain how religion can be explained as a cultural adaptation.
16. describe how magic and religion are related.
17. describe the various theories of personality development in different cultures.
18. identify which elements of personality are culturally linked and determined.
19. map areas of the world where conflicts have arisen because of ethnic differences.
20. list some of the major reasons why ethnic conflicts break out.
21. explain how applied anthropological methods and research can be applied to solving current global economic and social problems.
22. explain how applied anthropology can be used to assist in solving the world's population problem.
23. describe the situation facing the world's indigenous peoples and explain the threats to their survival.

MNTC GOALS AND COMPETENCIES MET:
History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
Global Perspectives
HCC COMPETENCIES MET:
Communicating Clearly & Effectively
Thinking Creatively and Critically

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS:
Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis and be prepared to contribute to and participate in class discussions.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SHALL TAKE PLACE USING INSTRUMENTS SELECTED/DEVELOPED BY THE COURSE INSTRUCTOR.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: (SPECIAL FEES, DIRECTIVES ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, ETC.):

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