



**WM 511 *Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry* (3)  
Fall 2004**

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**Course Description**

In today's world it is almost impossible to have a relationship with anyone without crossing some cultural barrier. Therefore, cultural awareness is essential for everyone interested in ministry, regardless of location.

This course is an introductory study of cultural anthropology including the concept of culture, language, status and role, marriage and the family, kinship, legal systems, social groups, etc. Students will also learn how to do participant-observation, which is the research method particular to anthropology.

The format of the course will be lectures, group projects in different areas of Calgary, and we will see a number of movies.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of the course, the student should be able to define, understand, and apply key cultural concepts and models to his or her own context in order to exegete culture critically.

**Required Texts**

Hiebert, Paul. *Anthropological Reflections on Missiological Issues*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1994.

Miller, Barbara D., Penny Van Esterik, and John Van Esterik. *Cultural Anthropology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian ed. Toronto: Pearson, 2003.

**On Reserve**

A folder with some sample ethnographies.

Hiebert, Paul G. *Cultural Anthropology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1983.

Hiebert, Paul. G. *Anthropological Reflections on Missiological Issues*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1994.

Kraft, Charles, H. *Anthropology for Christian Witness*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1996.

Lingenfelter, Sherwood. *Transforming Culture: A Challenge for Christian Mission*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998.

Spradley, James and D. McCurdy *Conformity and Conflict: Readings in Cultural Anthropology*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed.. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2003.

Sept. 9	Intro and Overview
Sept. 14	Overview of Cultural Factors
Sept. 16	Economic Factors
Sept. 21	Kinship Factors I
Sept. 23	Kinship Factors II
Sept. 30	Social Factors
Oct. 5	Political Factors
Oct. 7	Ideological Factors
Oct. 12	Calgary report I
Oct. 14	Guest speakers
Oct. 19	Midterm
Oct. 21	Guest speakers
Oct. 26	Life cycle I
Nov. 2	Life cycle II
Nov. 4	Anthropological Research Methods I
Nov. 9	Research methods II
Nov. 16	Communication I
Nov. 18	Communication II
Nov. 23	Expressive culture
Nov.25	Conflict
Nov. 30	Calgary report II
Dec. 2	Overview for finals
Dec. 7	Wrap up

### **Course Requirements**

You will submit all the assignments (except the exams) as email attachments. They are due at the end of the day (midnight). In the subject area of the email you must write “Anthropology” and the name of the assignment.

#### **◆ Active Class Participation**

- Active participation means that you are present and arrive on time, but it is more than that. You need to take active part in class discussions.
- If you are on time, attend all classes and do some active participation you will receive three of the five points. The additional two points require informed, frequent, and appropriate interaction.

- Ongoing late arrival and missed classes will automatically result in deduction of points. If you miss more than four lectures you will receive maximum two points.
- ◆ **Exams**
  - **Midterm**
    - The midterm will cover everything we have dealt with in class and text books up to the point of the exam.
    - The midterm consists of a mixture of fill-in-the-blank, short answers and essay questions.
  - **Final Exam**
    - The final exam will cover everything we have dealt with in class since the mid term, but also the main points already covered by the midterm. The final exam will cover all the text books.
    - You will watch a movie and answer questions (mostly essay questions). I announce the name of the movie one week ahead of the final exam.
- ◆ **Ethnography**
  - An ethnography is a written report from your participant observation research.
  - Please remember that you are doing this at a seminary level, and therefore, you must do a deeper analysis than is required at the undergraduate level.
  - You will hand in two progress reports that show how you are gathering information and analyzing as you go.
  - We will spend time in class to explain how to do ethnographic research and how to write an ethnography.
- ◆ **Group Reports from Local Study**
  - During the semester the students will participate in two group activities with the purpose to apply what we talk about in class. Further information will be given in class.
  - As a group you will submit a two-page written report for each activity, where you explain the activity, and analyzing the findings. You will also do an eight-minute presentation to the class (note that it is eight minutes, not nine or ten!).
    - All the people in the group must participate and your reports must be integrated.
  - Grading: Guidelines for grading for these assignments will be given prior to each local study. You will be graded on the curve for this assignment. Your fellow students will grade your group and their grade will count for 30% of your total grade for the group assignments.
- ◆ **Annotated Bibliography**

- You will read an additional 700 pages in an area you are especially interested in. You will need to clear the book titles with me before you read them.
- Include a brief summary of the book, an evaluation of the scholarly quality (you must qualify your evaluation) and relevance for your ministry.

### **Due Dates**

#### Exams

- ◆ Midterm October 21
- ◆ Final Exam during the exam week

#### Ethnography

- ◆ Progress report I October 14
- ◆ Progress report II November 2
- ◆ Final ethnography November 23

#### Group Reports

- ◆ Report I October 12
- ◆ Report II November 30

#### Annotated bibliography

- ◆ Last day of the semester

### **Course Grading**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Percentage of grade</u>
Active Class Participation	5
Midterm Exam	20
Final Exam	25
Ethnography	25
Group Reports	20
Annotated bibliography	5
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### **Important Notes**

- ◆ It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to CBC Academic Policies, such as the policy on Academic Dishonesty. These are stated in the current Catalogue.
- ◆ You will use Turabian as the formatting guide.
- ◆ Late policy:  
Any assignment that is not emailed on time will receive a penalty of 10% for the first day and then 3% for each of the following 10 days (including holidays). After that the paper will receive 0 points, unless otherwise stated in the syllabi. (This penalty relates to any assignment.)