



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 208

Culture And Experience

20 POINTS

TRIM 2, 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 2013

Mid-trimester break: 26 August to 8 September 2013

Last assessment item due: 18 October 2013 – take home test

Withdrawal dates: Refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to
www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Class times and locations

Lectures: Monday & Wednesday 4.10 pm - 5.00 pm HMLT002
Tutorials - Monday 1.10 to 2.00 pm MY404,
Wednesday 1.10 to 2.00 pm MY301,
Wednesday 3.10 to 4.00 pm MY404

Names and contact details

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or by appointment

Communication of additional information

Additional course related information will be announced in lectures, posted on Blackboard, <http://www.blackboard.vuw.ac.nz>, or on the noticeboard on level 9, Murphy building. You will automatically receive all Blackboard announcements as an email sent to your @myvuw.ac.nz email address. If you are not going to use this Victoria email address set up for you, we strongly encourage you to set a forward from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

Prescription

This course will examine anthropological approaches to select issues in cognitive and psychological Anthropology. It will focus on how culture and experience relate to each other.

Course content

Most of the material that we will be exploring ordinarily falls within the purview of psychological anthropology. However, ANTH 208 is not an introduction to psychological anthropology per se. Rather, the objective of the course is to expand your thinking about the range of phenomena relevant to the anthropological study of society and culture.

Topics covered in the course include:

- Various perspectives on the links between psychology and culture
- Cognition
- Dreaming
- Emotion
- Culturally bound syndromes
- Cultural “complexes” (e.g. revenge, honour)

The course will concentrate on anthropological literature and studies but will also consider work in other disciplines when appropriate

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students passing this course should be able to:

1. focus on the recent thinking about the interrelationships between society, culture and experience
2. be aware of the above connections and

3. consider these within the discipline of social and cultural anthropology

Teaching format

Information will be delivered to students in lectures, readings, and tutorials. In order to benefit from the lectures and tutorials is essential to the readings on time. There is a list of readings by week in the course notes. The tutorials are mainly for you to ask any questions about the material from meetings or lectures, to meet and discuss these issues with other students, and to prepare your outline and essay.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

- complete the essay outline
- complete the essay
- complete take – home test

Workload

In line with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences guidelines you should devote 13 hours per week to this course; this includes 2 lecture hours and 1 hour of tutorial time. The other 10 hours will be made up by reading and essay preparation and writing.

Assessment

This course will be internally assessed. There will be one research essay, one tutorial report and one take home test. Further information about the assessments will be handed out in class and posted on Blackboard.

Assignment	Weighting	CLO(s)	Due date
Essay outline (750 words)	30%	1,2,3	4 pm, Mon, 16 Sept
Essay (1500 words)	30%	1,2,3	4pm, Monday 30 Sept
Take-home test (50 minutes)	40%	1,2,3	4pm, Friday, 18 Oct

Submission and return of work

Hand assessment items in the drop box on the 9th floor of the Murphy Building next to the elevators with an assignment coversheet.

All written work should be handed in hard copy form. You should keep a backup copy of all your work on a suitable storage medium. You will need to submit an electronic copy of your essay to turnitin.

Marked assignments not collected in lectures or tutorials can be collected at the Murphy 9th floor reception desk, between **2.00 and 4.00 pm only** from Monday to Friday.

Penalties

The Course Co-ordinator is willing to grant a 3-day extension without penalty. Beyond this there is a penalty of 1 mark per day.

Practicum/placement/field trip/internship arrangements

There are no other arrangements for this course

Set texts

Student notes containing all required readings are available for this course from **VicBooks**. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz.

Recommended reading

- Person, self, and experience: exploring Pacific ethnopsychologies/ edited by Geoffrey M. White and John Kirkpatrick.
- Unnatural emotions: everyday sentiments on a Micronesian atoll & their challenge to western theory / Catherine A. Lutz.
- Lucid dreaming book: how to awake within, control and use your dreams / Paul Devereux and Charla Devereux ; illustrations by Katrina Dalziel, Diane Lumley, and Paul Psorakis.
- Exploring the world of lucid dreaming / Stephen LaBerge and Howard Rheingold.
- Conscious mind, sleeping brain : new perspectives on lucid dreaming / edited by Jayne Gackenbach and Stephen LaBerge.
- Dreaming: anthropological and psychological interpretations / edited by Barbara Tedlock.
- Biocultural approaches to the emotions / edited by Alexander Laban Hinton.
- Emotional self: a sociocultural exploration / Deborah Lupton.
- Managed heart: commercialization of human feeling / Arlie Russell Hochschild.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Lectures and tutorial content and delivery will be modified to reflect past student feedback.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

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