



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES
Te Kura Mahinga Tangata

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTH 406

SPECIAL TOPIC: CULTURE THROUGH AN ETHNOGRAPHIC LENS

30 POINTS

Trimester 1 & 2, 2015

Important dates

Trimester dates: 2 March to 15 November 2015

Teaching dates: 2 March to 16 October 2015

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 3–19 April 2015

Mid-year break: 2–12 July 2015

Mid-trimester break 2/3: 24 August to 6 September 2015

Last Assessment Item Due: 16 October 2015

Study period: 19–23 October 2015

Examination/Assessment Period: 23 October to 14 November 2015

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Seminar: 9:00-10:50am MY531

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

Additional information, including the course content and seminar programme and assignment details will be posted on Blackboard.

Prescription

This course examines core anthropological approaches to the body, exploring the relationship between the body and gender, sexuality, nationalism, technology, power and labour. These themes are powerfully revealed in recent anthropological studies of war and militarism, the focus of this course.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

- 1 recall and succinctly summarise the main arguments of core anthropological theories of the body
- 2 creatively apply anthropological theories of the body to a range of recent ethnographic case studies that examine war and militarism in the contemporary world
- 3 offer cogent and considered perspectives (in verbal and written form) on how the body is affected in situation of war and militarism in a range of ethnographic settings
- 4 conduct in depth, independent, analytically original and theoretically sound research on a topic of war and the body.

Teaching format

This course is structured around set readings that will be explored during weekly student-led seminars. In addition to your own reading and reflection, the weekly seminars are the fundamental form of learning.

A timetable for responsibility for leading the weekly seminars for both trimesters will be drawn up during the first week of classes. All students are expected to attend all the seminars unless illness or a serious emergency intervenes.

Mandatory course requirements

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

- attend all scheduled seminar discussions unless unable to attend through illness or an unforeseen emergency
- Complete all coursework (seminar introductions, seminar questions and essay)

Workload

In accordance with guidelines from the University, the average workload for a 30-point course per week is 10 hours, or 300 hours across two trimesters.

Assessment

Further details for all assessment items are posted on Blackboard in the “Course Resources” section. This course is 100% internally assessed.

Assessment item	Word length /duration	CLOs	% of final grade	Due date
Seminar introductions	Three of 10 minutes each.	1,2,3	30%	TBC throughout the course (students will take turns introducing the readings)
Seminar questions	Fifteen of 100 words each.	1,2,3	20%	Weekly in class Semester One: weeks 3-11. Semester Two: weeks 1-6.
Final Essay	5,000-7,000 words	1,2,3,4	50%	4pm, Friday 16 October

Submission and return of work

Assignments must be placed in the assignment box on Level 9, Murphy Building, to the side of the lifts. The Assignment Box is cleared at 4pm on the due date, all work is date-stamped, its receipt recorded, and then handed on to the appropriate markers. Every effort will be made to return marked assignments within three weeks of the due date.

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

You are advised to always keep a copy of any work you submit for assessment.

Referencing Style

In the Cultural Anthropology programme all students must use the author-date format used by the American Anthropological Association (AAA). Please note that this format uses footnotes or endnotes only for supplementary information and that *ibid* is never used. You will find a copy of the Cultural Anthropology Referencing Guidelines (with examples) on Blackboard.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Extensions are possible if you are having serious difficulties in completing your work. You must talk to the course coordinator before the due date if you think you will need an extension. Please note that you might be asked for written justification, e.g., a medical certificate, death notice, or letter from a counsellor.

Penalties

Penalties will apply for lateness in presenting assignments. 5% will be deducted from the piece of work per day counting that piece of work as 100%. This penalty will only be waived by the presentation of a medical certificate or other evidence of incapacity.

Assessment work will not be accepted for marking or for receiving comments more than seven days after the due date or seven days after an approved extension date. To meet mandatory course requirements work must still be submitted.

Practicum/placement/field trip/internship arrangements

There are no other arrangements for this course.

Set texts

There are no set texts or student notes for this course. Weekly readings and electronic links will be posted on Blackboard under 'Course Resources'.

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

You will have an opportunity to participate in the evaluation of this course.

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/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications

- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

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