

ANT2700 Introduction to Applied Anthropology

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Office Hours: Monday 1:00-3:00

Wednesday 1:00-3:00

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Class Meets: Tuesday 1:55-2:45 and Thursday 1:55-3:50 in LIT 0113

Text: No text. Readings will be provided via e-mail or will be available on a web site.

Overall Objective of the Class: TO GIVE STUDENTS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELEMENTS OF APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGICAL WORK AND THE WORK OF ACTUAL APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGISTS.

What is anthropology? “A scholarly discipline that aims to describe in the broadest possible sense what it means to be human” (Lavenda & Schultz, 2015:5).

What is applied anthropology? The Society for Applied Anthropology has stated applied anthropology is the “scientific investigation of the principles controlling the relations of human beings to one another, and the encouragement of the wide application of these principles to practical problems ” (Griffith, David, Jeffrey C. Johnson, Jeanne Simonelli, Bill Roberts, and James Wallace eds. “Mission statement”. Society for Applied Anthropology, 2008. Retrieved on 3 February 2008 from <http://www.sfaa.net/>).

Scope and Background: Applied anthropology is the application of anthropological theory and methods to the solution of practical problems (putting anthropology to use; Van Willigen). This class will review and analyze the work of applied anthropologists, in particular, work that has been awarded the Praxis Award by WAPA (The Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists). WAPA describes the award as:

“Since 1981, the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists (WAPA) biennial Praxis Award has recognized outstanding achievement in translating anthropological knowledge into action as reflected in a single project or specific, longer-term endeavor. Ideal candidates are anthropologists who can demonstrate the value of anthropological knowledge, theory and methods to solve problems in government and industry (including both profit and non-profit sectors). ”

On a weekly basis, readings on the work from the award winning projects will be analyzed and discussed, along with work that received honorable mentions. There will also be additional supplemental readings and examples of applied projects.

Course Requirements and Grading

A (90-100), A- (87-89), B+ (84-86), B (80- 83), B- (77-79), C+ (74-77), C (70-73), C- (67-69), D+ (64-66), D (60-63), D- (57-59), E (<57).

1. *Class participation* (10%). Your participation grade is based on your participation in class discussions.
2. *Assignments* (40%). Students are required to provide a brief summary of information gathered online on their selection of the winners or one of the honorable mentions in the Praxis Award document attached to the syllabus. Descriptions should be no longer the one double-spaced page.
3. *Mid-term Exam* (20%). There will be an essay exam on materials discussed in the first half of the course.
4. *Final presentation* (30%). The final presentation and paper will be a discussion of how applied anthropology can address a problem of interest to you. Topics will need to be approved by me. Your paper and presentation should demonstrate your proficiency in understanding the different elements of an applied anthropological project.

For further information on UF's Grading Policy, see:

<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog1011/policies/regulationgrades.html>

<http://www.isis.ufl.edu/minusgrades.html>

Policy on Late Assignments

Assignments must be complete by due date. Late assignments will lose one half-grade for each day late.

Academic Honor Code

Unless it is specifically connected to assigned collaborative work, all work should be individual. Evidence of collusion (working with someone not connected to the class or assignment), plagiarism (use of someone else's published or unpublished words or design without acknowledgment) or multiple submissions (submitting the same paper in different courses) will lead to the Department's and the University's procedures for dealing with academic dishonesty. All students are expected to honor their commitment to the university's honor code. See:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php>

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Please make any requests by the second week of class. Contact the Disability Resources Center (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>) for information about available resources for students with disabilities.

UF Counseling Services

Resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals that interfere with their academic performance. These resources include:

- University Counseling Center (<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>), 301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575, personal and career counseling
- Student Mental Health, Student Health Care Center, 392-1171, personal counseling
- Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS), Student Health Care Center, 392-1161, sexual counseling

