# **Assessment: Course Four Column**

# Courses (SS) - Anthropology

# **ANTH 101:Intro Cultural Anthropology**

Course Outcomes	Assessment Measures	Results	Actions
Ethnographic methodology - Understand the basics of ethnographic methodology including the concepts of cultural relativity and ethnocentrism. Course Outcome Status: Active Next Assessment: 2023-2024	Discussion - Discussion Post 1: Ethnographic Methods Criterion: A score of 28/40 (excluding no submissions)	Reporting Period: 2018-2019 Criterion Met: Yes Average Score: 33/40 High: 40 Low: 10 5 no submissions (09/24/2019)	<ul> <li>Action: This discussion meets a general education objective and is a critical thinking writing assignment</li> <li>TOPIC: Based on my Week 1 lecture What is Anthropology?, my Week 3 lecture Doing Cultural Anthropology, Chapters in Culture Counts, and the films, address the following: <ol> <li>What is culture and why is the culture of any society studied by anthropologists?</li> <li>Identify and explain four distinct and important elements of ethnographic field work and how each contributes to understanding a society. Be sure to explain why each is a significant part of field work! The films, lectures, and the book explore how ethnographic field work is conducted.</li> <li>NOTE: MY LECTURES CONTAIN DETAILS THAT I EXPECT TO SEE HERE!</li> <li>Students who performed excellently on this assignment</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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used a variety of course material.

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			Those who did not perform well only provided basic information and/or did not meet the 1 pg single-spaced writing requiremen That said, I do want to get to mor specific issues after seeing what students addressed in their responses. Changes for S2019: TOPIC: Based on lectures in Week 1, 2, and 3 (and others may apply!), chapters in Culture Counts, and the films, address the following: You need to be detailed and draw on all course materials. 1. What is culture? How does ethnographic practice approach the description of culture? 2. Compare and ontrast emic and etic in the practice of ethnography. 3. Why is cultural relativity an important component of ethnographic fieldwork? NOTE: MY LECTURES CONTAIN DETAILS THAT I EXPECT TO SEE HERE! (09/24/2019)

### Key components of human social behavior - Analyze a case study to identify key components of human social behavior. Course Outcome Status: Active

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**Discussion** - Discussion Post 2: The Structure of Scoeity **Criterion:** A score of 28/40 (excluding no submissions) Reporting Period: 2018-2019 Criterion Met: Yes Average Score: 35/40 High: 40 Low: 26 8 no submission (09/24/2019)

Action: This discussion meets a general education objective and is a critical thinking writing assignment TOPIC: Analyze a case study to explore the structure of society. Select ONE of the following articles and respond to the questions posed below. Eating Christmas in the Kalahari-1.pdf Cross cultural approach Male Female Communication.pdf

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Secrets of Haiti's Living Dead.pdf A Painted Land.pdf Understanding Eskimo Science.pdf Address these questions: 1. Describe the general nature of the society in question as depicted in the article. 2. Identify and explain three components of cultural behavior depicted in the article. 3. How do these components form a whole? Think holism here-how do these features work within the society, how do they fit together? Students had fun with this assignment and I like giving them the challenge of reading specific journal articles as this builds their scholarly skills. No changes are planned on this assignment. (09/24/2019)

Global social stratification - Analyze the nature of global social stratification. Course Outcome Status: Active Next Assessment: 2023-2024

**Discussion** - Discussion Post 3: Global Social Stratification **Criterion:** A score of 30/50 (excluding no submissions) Reporting Period: 2018-2019 Criterion Met: Yes Average scores: 41/50 High: 50 Low: 10 13 no submissions (09/24/2019)

Action: This discussion meets a general education objective and is a critical thinking writing assignment. This discussion is much more comprehensive in nature and does require that students have done the majority of required work. TOPIC: this topic relates to inequities across the globe. The discussion is based on your understanding Chapters 13 and 14 and my lectures for Weeks 13 and 14 along with Pts 1, 2, and 3 of Guns, Germs, and Steel (linked in Wks 13 and 14 modules). YOUR POST SHOULD BE FULL OF **REFERENCES TO THE FILMS!!** 

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1. According to Jared Diamond in Guns, Germs and Steel, what does environment have to do with the emergence of inequities between societies across the globe? 2. Explain how, according to the films, "civilizations" from Europe came to dominate the globe and created the "haves" and "have nots" across the globe. What features in these cultures contributed to global dominance? How do these features contribute to the emergence of global inequality? 3 How do historic and contemporary changes resultant of colonialism and globalization continue to contribute to global disparities between societies? 4. Can contemporary inequities be explained in these ways or are other factors also involved? Of the students who watched the films and focused on the comprehensive nature of the question, results were great. Overall, I am happy with the assignment and I do like using Diamond's film to look at broad patterns of inequity. That said, I plan on reworking the questions for the assignment for S2019: TOPIC: this topic relates to inequities across the globe. The discussion is based on your understanding Chapters 13 and 14 and my lectures for Weeks 13 and 14 along with Pts 1, 2, and 3 of Guns, Germs, and Steel (linked in Wks 13 and 14 modules).

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YOUR POST SHOULD BE FULL OF **REFERENCES TO THE FILMS!!** 1. How do anthropologists define inequality (social hierarchy)? 2. According to Jared Diamond in Guns, Germs and Steel, what are FOUR major factors that contribute to inequities between places like Europe and New Guinea? 3. How does World Systems theory help to explain the patterns Diamond observes? 4.What factors, according to your book and lecture, contribute to contemporary inequity across the globe? (09/24/2019)

The field of anthropology - Develop a Quiz - All chapter quizzes

knowledge base of the field of anthropology--the basic anthropological principles/concepts, the patterns of culture, and the similarities and differences in the human experience through engagement with the textbook, lecture, and films. General Education categories: Cultural Awareness Critical Thinking **Course Outcome Status:** Active **Next Assessment:** 2023-2024

Based on multiple choice questions of textbook readings, written/multiple choice for assigned films and lectures. **Criterion:** Overall Average Score of 24/35 (excluding no submissions)

High 35 Low 12 6 (12%) no submission Quiz 2 Average Score: 26 High 35 Low 8 6 (12%) no submission Quiz 3 High: 35 Low: 10 Average Score: 27 6 (12%) no submission Ouiz 4 Average Score: 27 High: 35 Low: 10 7 (16%) no submission Quiz 5 Average Score: 27 High: 35 Low: 9 8 (18%) no submissions

Average Score: 27

#### Reporting Period: 2018-2019 Criterion Met: Yes Quiz 1

Action: These quizzes include multiple choice and essay questions and include material from the textbook, films and lectures. Students are informed of quiz composition on the syllabus and again in class and are reminded to be sure to watch films and lectures. Of the students who do the required work, the results are satisfactory to excellent.

Other than reminders, I have no tools to ensure students take on the responsibility of doing the required work in class. (09/24/2019)

Follow-Up: Overall I am satisfied with how students are progressing on course learning objectives. I have designed the class so there is a balance

Quiz 6

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#### Assessment Measures

Average Score: 29 High: 35 Low: 17 8 (18%) no submissions Quiz 7 Average Score: 28 High: 35 Low: 10 9 (18%) no submissions Overall class average: 27 (09/24/2019)

Results

# **Actions**

between objective and subjective work, and my writing assignments are open as I want to see thinking and use of materials. As such, there are opportunities for all kinds of learners, but they need to be willing to do the work. And many are not, and that seems to get worse every semester.

The biggest challenge I have, along with colleagues, is simply getting across to students that students are responsible for doing the work. It would be awesome if orientations to college hit this hard as we have many nontraditional students at GBC including many high school students as young as 15! And many of these students are the ones asking for re-dos and special consideration. Clearly, GBC needs to get the word out that college, even at a community college, is serious business and passing a class or assignment is not a simply a matter of turning something in.

I am working on tweaking assignments and that will likely be ongoing!! The discussion posts clearly articulate with general education objectives and these are areas I think are important. So we'll see!! (09/24/2019)