ANTH 193

Topics in Anthropology

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County Common Course Outline

Description

ANTH 193 – Topics in Anthropology: explores specialized topics in anthropology, including topics related to current research in cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, or archaeology. This course may be focused on a specific world region, on issues related to contemporary anthropological theories and methods, or on cultural issues of current concern. This course may not be available every semester but may be available as an independent study.

Pre-requisites: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053 or (ESOL 052 and ESOL 054) and permission of the department chair required

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. describe how the anthropological perspective applies to the topic being studied;
- 2. summarize the major theories used by anthropologists to investigate the topic being studied;
- 3. evaluate the anthropological research methods used to study the topic;
- 4. identify aspects of the topic that are in need of further research or analysis;
- 5. find, evaluate, use, and cite academic resources in the discipline of anthropology;
- 6. formulate conclusions about the significance of the topic being studied for anthropological knowledge about human biology, culture, or history;
- 7. evaluate the ways in which anthropological research on this topic is relevant to addressing contemporary concerns in society overall; and
- 8. identify the ethical obligations and professional standards of conduct that apply to research on the topic being studied.

Major Topics

- I. The anthropological perspective
- II. The four fields of anthropology
- III. Anthropological theory
- IV. Research methods
- V. Ethics and professional conduct
- VI. Academic resources in anthropology
- VII. Application of anthropological research to contemporary concerns

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- One written assignment requiring original research using academic resources in the discipline of anthropology and making a connection between the topic studied and contemporary concerns
- Three checkpoint assignments
- Successful completion of Human Subject Research Certification
- Three individual meetings with the instructor

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

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