Aboriginal Peoples/BC: Advn.Seminar (A)

Sociology and Anthropology 486

Section: E100

Term: 2003 Summer

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Discussion Topics: This course will be held in the evening at Harbour Centre.

This is a course in the anthropology of colonialism. That is, the subject matter consists in questions surrounding historical and current Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal relations in British Columbia as these shape, and are shaped by interactions between political, economic and cultural forces. Within this broad context, local-global interrelationships between politics, law, gender relations, and health will serve to further frame the scope of inquiry. The emergence of contemporary urban communities--specifically the City of Vancouver will situate our inquiries on the ground and in the present.

The course will concentrate on the arena of public culture. Through readings, lectures, discussions, and the close viewing and analysis in class--of selected films and videos, we will explore how understandings and misunderstandings of the past, present and possible futures of relationships between Aboriginal peoples and British Columbia are represented and challenged.

Grading: Course evaluation:

(a) Seminar participation 30%

(b) Review of one of:

a film, a video, a popular book or collection of articles, a public event, an exhibit 30%

(c) 8-10 page discussion paper 40%

All the assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned.

Required Texts: Required readings will be available on reserve at the Belzberg Library, Harbour Centre Campus.

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Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: SA 101 and one of SA 201, 263, 286 or 293. Recommended: SA 286.

Notes: The course instructor reserves the right to check for plagiarism using software provided by the SFU administration for this purpose.

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