

Issues in Anthropological Theory (A)

Sociology and Anthropology 451

Section: D100

Term: 2012 Spring

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Discussion Topics: This seminar will focus on the careful reading and analysis of classic texts in the history of anthropology, coupled with examination of the historical contexts in which they were produced. Participants will select a particular theorist or theoretical school for detailed investigation and that will be the focus of the major paper and presentation for this course. It is hoped that, through our combined efforts, we will achieve an understanding of the history and conceptual underpinnings of our subject.

Grading: Students will keep a journal in which they reflect on the readings for the week, queries that come to mind, and the discussions that we have had. These journals will be submitted at the end of term (20%). The topic of the major paper is as stated above (70%), and time will be set aside toward the end of the semester to present formal overviews to the group as a whole (10%).

Grading and Academic Honesty:

All assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology follows SFU policy in relation to grading practices, grade appeals (Policy T 20.01) and academic honesty and misconduct procedures (S10.01-S10.04). It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of the content of these policies available on the SFU website: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/index.htm>

Required Texts: Thomas Erikson & Finn Nielsen: A History of Anthropology (Pluto Press).

Lewis Henry Morgan, Ancient Society (General Books)

Emile Durkheim, The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life (Free Press)

Bronislaw Malinowski: Argonauts of the Western Pacific (Waveland)

E.E. Evans-Pritchard, Witchcraft, Oracles, and Magic among the Azande (OUP)

Franz Boas: The Mind of Primitive Man (BiblioLife)

Ruth Benedict, Patterns of Culture (Mariner)

Margaret Mead, Coming of Age in Samoa (Harper Perennial)

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Minimum of 72 units including SA301, a GPA of at least 3.25, and consent of the instructor.

Notes: None

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