

Readings in Anthropology II

Sociology and Anthropology 872

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: In this course we will explore anthropological and sociological understandings of the substances we label "drugs" and their uses in ways we refer to as "addiction." When the naming of these substances and habits of consumption are considered as cultural/social/political and historical processes and practices, their meanings and significances for diverse categories of people can be seen to emerge and change over time and across space. Although the main focus will be on contemporary debates about drugs and drug use, the course will begin with an overview of the history of the present by considering historical and cross-cultural studies of the production, distribution and consumption of particular substances, and key theories relied upon to explain their use in diverse cultural contexts. We will examine various approaches to these topics including moral discourses, critical race/class/gender and anti-colonial analyses, biomedical explanations, and frameworks for understanding drawn from medical anthropology and ethnography. While a range of readings, films and other media will be drawn on, we will focus on ethnographic methodologies and representations.

The course will be organized as an advanced seminar. Students will be expected to read and view assigned texts and films, as well as to conduct independent reading and research on a topic of their choice--to be selected early in the course. Students will have an opportunity to explore their area of interest throughout the course. Assignments will constitute building blocks for the major paper.

Grading: (1) Journal/scrapbook 20%

(2) Article reviews (x 2) 20%

(3) Participation in peer review 10%

(4) Term paper 50%

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

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Procedures).\211

Required Texts: Required readings will be on reserve in the Bennett Library.

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite:

Notes: \204The course instructor reserves the right to check for plagiarism using software provided by the SFU administration for this purpose.\211

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