Eastern WV Community & Technical College Master Course Record

Course Prefix and Number: SOC 220

Course Title: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Recommended Transcript Title (if over 40 characters)

Date Approved/Revised: 4/18/11; 12/7/17

Credit Hours: 3

Contact hours per week (Based on 15 week term):

Lecture: 3 Lab:

Prerequisite: None Corequisite: None Pre/Corequisite: None

Grading Mode: Letter Grade

Catalog Description:

The study of variations in beliefs, behaviors, and institutions of different peoples. Acquaints the student with knowledge of how anthropological concepts and knowledge are used to understand and appreciate cultural diversity.

Course Outcomes:

- 1. State the aims of cultural anthropology
- 2. Compare/contrast cultural anthropology with other social sciences
- 3. State the definitions for ethnocentrism and cultural relativism and explain how these concepts can help us understand our own and other cultures
- 4. Distinguish between actual biological variation among the human species and cultural constructions of race
- 5. Describe how changes in the world have influenced the discipline of anthropology
- 6. Explain Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection
- 7. Recognize the characteristics humans have in common with their nearest nonhuman relations
- 8. Describe how modern-day humans differ from earlier ancestors
- 9. Describe how anthropologists do ethnographic field studies
- 10. Describe ethical problems raised by ethnography
- 11. Identify ways culture can be considered adaptive
- 12. Explain how people use culture to organize and give meaning to their lives
- 13. State the characteristics of culture as a system
- 14. Describe cultural differences in the construction of human development
- 15. Explain how human language differs from the communication systems of other animals

Implementation Cycle: Fall

Role in College Curriculum: (Check all that apply) **E General Education Core:** A.A./A.S. Social Science

Technical Core (Specify Program)

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Restricted Elective (Specify Program)

Ξ General Elective

Workforce Education

Other (Please specify)

Course Fee: None

Instructor's Qualifications: Master's degree in social science field or 18 graduate hours in social sciences.

Expanded Course Description:

Given text readings and course discussion, students will demonstrate the development of an expansive appreciation of Anthropology as it applies to various cultures. Given a variety of print and electronic sources, the student will develop the ability to think critically about the ways in which culture influences: gender, politics, the economy, spirituality, and personal identity.

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