

NEW COURSES OFFERED IN FALL 2021 (TERM 2221)

ANTH 0770 – INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY 1: BIOLOGICAL/PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY **3 cr.**

Anthropology is the integrative study of who we are and where we come from. Anthropologists study all aspects of humans-including our evolution, our cultures, our languages, our histories, our entanglements with other living organisms, our health, our genetics, and so on. This course is a general introduction to the four fields of anthropology that looks at how anthropologists understand the cultural and physical aspects of humankind, past and present, across the world. This first part of a two semester course introduces the sub-disciplines of biological (aka physical) anthropology and archaeology. It addresses our primate origins and subsequent skeletal and biological evolution leading to an understanding of our bio-cultural selves today. The course also examines the development of culture through the study of artefacts (manufactured remains) of past human societies.

ANTH 1410 – REPRODUCTIVE POLITICS **3 cr.**

This course provides an overview of the cultural, social, and political dynamics that underpin reproductive choices and technologies cross-culturally. Some of the questions that are addressed in the course are: How is reproduction strategized? What are the inequalities of gender and class at play? Which types of technologies are utilized and accessible? What are the configurations and expectations of the family (however defined) and social roles? The course approaches the subject by using a limited number of ethnographic case studies representing the range of "traditional" small-scale and technologically "advanced" large-scale societies.

ANTH 1767 – ETHNIC IDENTITIES **3 cr.**

This course addresses the re-emergence of ethnicity as a/the major node of identity in the contemporary world. It examines, using an anthropological perspective, the meanings and the cultural, social, economic, political and historical dynamics of ethnic identity, its links with nationalism and "multiculturalism" with a focus on South Asia, Europe, and the United States.

ENGWRT 1095 – TOPICS IN FICTION/FLASH AND SHORT FORMS **3 cr.**

Topics in Fiction/Flash and Short Forms will focus on flash and micro forms which rely on the classic "iceberg theory" -- the unique literary technique through which brief, compressed stories hint at or imply larger stories and meaning. The course will survey the various flash forms, including the six-word story, the 280-character story, micro-fiction, sudden fiction, flash and micro-stories. Through readings and workshops, students will experiment with writing flash forms while working on character and plot development, sentence-level editing, and narrative drive. The course will include texts by some of the best contemporary flash masters, visits from guest authors, as well as a publishing component where students will read and analyze literary magazines specializing in the flash form.

BIOSC 1540 – COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY**3 cr.**

This course is designed to give students a broad understanding of how computational approaches can be used to solve problems in biology. Both the biological and computational underpinnings of the methods will be addressed.

HIST 1470 - EURASIAN CURRENTS/ SILK ROADS OF THE COMMON ERA**3 cr.**

This course investigates the transmission and adaptation of three categories of human culture (material technology, ideas, and images) across the great landmass of Eurasia from approximately 3,000 BC to the present century.

MGMT 1830 – INVESTMENTS**3 cr.**

This course addresses the procedures and fundamentals of investment management. It develops the theory and application of security analysis, including evaluation and optimization of risk and return characteristics of the different financial assets available in today's market.

PS 1210 – RELIGION & POLITICS**3 cr.**

Religion and politics both wrestle with issues of justice, power, authority and liberty, and both offer to serve as sources of meaning in our lives. Inevitably then, religion and politics are intimately entwined. In the US, the most religious and religiously diverse nation in the world, founded by a religious people seeking religious liberty, religion plays prominently in politics and political culture and politics strongly influences religious belief and practice. This course will explore the intermingling of religion and politics.

PS 1396 – REPRODUCTIVE POLITICS**3 cr.**

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SOC 0600—RACIAL AND ETHNIC RELATIONS**3 cr.**

This is a course presenting the central sociological interpretations of majority/minority relations. The course includes consideration of selected racial, ethnic, sexual, political, economic, and religious minorities in the United States and around the world.