

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 360: Applied Ethnographic Methods

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

ANTH 110 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Training in the standard techniques of ethnographic fieldwork with emphasis on applied applications, including research design, interviewing, forms of observation, and the production of ethnographic writings, as well as introducing important debates concerning this process.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 09/17/2016 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Ethical responsibilities of research with human subjects
2. Anthropological fieldwork
3. Ethnographic research
4. Research design
5. Participant observation
6. Behavioral observations
7. Interviews vs. surveys
8. Life history
9. Writing ethnography

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand the importance of informed consent in research with human subjects.
2. Appreciate the unique and singular nature of anthropological fieldwork, ethnographic research and participant observation.
3. Be able to articulate a suitable research topic subject and develop an elementary design for conducting short-term ethnographic research.
4. Be familiar with basic elements of the ethnographic toolkit and be able to utilize those which are appropriate to the intended research.
5. Be able to conduct short-term ethnographic research on a topic mutually agreed upon in consultation with the instructor.
6. Be able to write up the results of the research project and present them both in writing and orally.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted