

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 248: Ideas of Culture

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

Examination of some of the major ideas in the history of anthropology from the 19th and 20th centuries. This will include concepts such as evolution, culture, structure, function, and relativism.

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

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Science and Anthropology
2. Epistemology
3. Evolution of human culture
4. Cultural relativism and its limits
5. Symbolic basis of culture
6. Structure and function
7. Cultural materialism
8. Feminist and postmodern approaches

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To examine the nature of epistemology and its role in explaining the world.
2. Describe the role of epistemology in explaining the world.
3. Recognize the essential role that theory plays in all anthropological explanation.
4. Demonstrate familiarity with major paradigms in anthropology over the past 150 years.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted