

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 348: 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

Presentation of the major schools of thought in the history of anthropology and related social sciences from the 19th and 20th centuries. The course includes discussion of evolutionism, historicism, functionalism, structuralism and contemporary social theories.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/07/2002 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. 1. Science and anthropology
2. 2. Epistemology
3. 3. 19th Century Evolutionary thinking
4. 4. Relativism and Historicism
5. 5. Culture and Personality
6. 6. Functionalism
7. 7. 20th century evolutionary thinking
8. 8. Cultural Materialism
9. 9. Structuralism
10. 10. Symbolic anthropology
11. 11. Feminist critiques of anthropology
12. 12. Postmodern critiques of anthropology

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. 1. To examine the nature of epistemology and its role in explaining the world.
2. 2. To understand the essential role of theory in anthropological explanation.
3. 3. To examine the major paradigms within 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