

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 380: Traditional Cultures

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

An examination of traditional cultures before widespread westernization, including a review of the anthropological literature, such as ranking, non-market exchange and systems of production, domestic organization, power, authority, and traditional religious systems.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/01/1995 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Subsistence patterns/adaptive strategies
2. Economic systems
3. Kinship, Family, Marriage
4. Political organization and social control
5. Religion and the supernatural

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To be able to appreciate the integrated nature of basic elements of traditional cultures and anticipate impact of sociocultural change with industrialization and modernization.
2. To comprehend the nature of preindustrial economies and subsistence patterns.
3. To understand the basic principles of social organization and kinship patterns in traditional, small-scale societies.
4. To understand the nature of political organization in pre-state societies and its intersection with kinship, economics, and religion.
5. To recognize the multifaceted role of supernatural beliefs and behaviors in the lives of people living in traditional societies.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted