SOCIOLOGY 1202E

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Spring, 2014 (Block 4)

Course Description: "An introduction to the theories, methods, and concepts of cultural anthropology, with an emphasis on global and historical cultural diversity" (Catawba College Catalog).

This course will examine the evolution of human societies. Special emphasis will be placed on cultural development and the revolution of societal change. Societies such as hunting and gathering, horticultural, agricultural, and industrial will be explored from an historical, comparative, and macro-organizational approach. The ecological-evolutionary theoretical framework will be used. Film presentations will be used to supplement text reading, lecture, and collaborative class discussion.

Sociology 1202E (Cultural Anthropology) is certified for Social and Behavioral Science and Non-Western credit.

Required Course Material: Textbook- Nolan, Patrick and Gerhardt Lenski, Human Societies, (Eleventh Edition). Boulder: Paradigm Publishers, 2009

Student Learning Objectives: Students successfully completing this course will be able to do the following:

1. Understand the perspective of cultural anthropology in explaining cultural development and societal change.
2. Know the characteristics of the four main societal eras.
3. Compare the social institutions of the four main societal eras.
4. Discuss the factors that initiated the transition of each societal era.
5. Critically analyze the evolutionary path to modern society.
6. Apply course information to real world experiences.

Class Expectations and Policies:

1. Completion of all reading assignments by the scheduled due date.
2. Discussion of reading assignment and film content.
3. Demonstrated knowledge, understanding, and application of course material through performance on two scheduled examinations.
4. Application of course material to films, readings, and discussion through completion of two assigned essay papers.

Performance Evaluation and Grading:

1. Two examinations accounting for 60% of final grade (30% each).
2. Two essay papers accounting for 40% of final grade (20% each).

Grading Scale:

92-100	A	72-77	C
90-91	A-	70-71	C-
88-89	B+	68-69	D+
82-87	B	62-67	D
80-81	B-	60-61	D-
78-79	C+	Below 60	F

Course Schedule:
Use textbook for completing reading assignments.

April 10 (Thu.) Chapter 5 – Hunting and Gathering Societies (***First Class***) ☺

April 14 (Mon.) Chapter 6 – Horticulture Societies

April 17 (Thu.) Chapter 7 – Agriculture Societies

April 21 (Mon.) ****Easter Break – No Class***

April 24 (Thu.) **Catch-up day, Film, Review and Essay Paper #1 due**

April 26 (Sat.) **Examination #1,** Chapter 8 – Specialized Societies, Film

April 28 (Mon.) Chapters 9 and 11 – Industrial Societies

May 1 (Thu.) Chapter 14 – Industrial Hybrid Societies

May 5 (Mon.) **Catch-up day, Film, Review and Essay Paper #2 due**

May 8 (Thu.) **Examination #2** (***Last Class***) ☺