

ECOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Fall 1998

Class Meetings:11:30-12:30 MWF
Classroom:100 Clough
Office Hours: Most anytime, but
especially 2:30- 3:30 T,TH.

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COURSE STATEMENT:

This course will explore the complex and varied systems of interaction between people and their environment. Several competing models of ecological anthropology will be analyzed including materialist, symbolic, and systems approaches. The classroom approach will be that of a seminar in which we will all analyze and critique the various models and theoretical orientations put up for discussion. Participatory learning is assumed for a seminar of this type - it is not a spectator sport.

REQUIRED READING:

In The Society Of Nature, Philippe Descola
People Of Chaco, Kendrick Frazier
Imperial Eyes, Mary Louise Pratt
Ecology, Meaning, And Religion, Roy Rappaport
The Chaco Anasazi, Lynne Sebastian
Handouts and reserved readings as they apply

PARTICIPATION AND EVALUATION:

Exam I	30%
Exam II	30%
Project/Participation	40%

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AUGUST

Wednesday 26	Introduction to Course
Friday 28	Introduction to Ecological Anthropology - Cultural ecology (Sahlins, Steward)
Monday 31	Chaco Canyon Film

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2	Multi Linear Evolution (Steward, Steward And Murphy)
Friday 4	Neo-Evolutionism/Energy (White)
Monday 7	No Class
Wednesday 9	General and Specific Evolution (Sahlins)
Friday 11	Political Evolution (Witfogal, Fried, Carniero)
Monday 14	Cultural Materialism (Harris)

Wednesday 16	Cultural Materialism (Harner)
Friday 18	Cultural Materialism (Price, Sahlins)
Monday 21	Systems (Bolding)
Wednesday 23	Systems (Rappaport, p. 27, Rappaport-Nature...)
Friday 25	Systems (Ellan, Moran) -BBQ LUNCH
Monday 28	Adaptation (Bennett)
Wednesday 30	Adaptation (Jochim, Rappaport, p. 43)

OCTOBER

Friday 2	Adaptation (Cuyes example)
Monday 5	Cognized Models (Rappaport, p. 97) Exam I
Wednesday 7	Discussion of Chaco projects
Friday 9	Work on projects, read Sabastian, ch. 1-3, 5
Monday 12	<u>Exam I due</u>
Wednesday 14	Progress reports on projects
Friday 16	Last minute trip info.
	Leave for West in the afternoon
Monday 19	TRIP
Wednesday 21	TRIP
Friday 23	TRIP
Monday 26	NO CLASS
Wednesday 28	Discussion of trip
Friday 30	Work on trip papers

NOVEMBER

Monday 2	Work on trip papers
Wednesday 4	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, Intro., ch. 1, 2)
Friday 6	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 3, 4, Intro. II)
Monday 9	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 5)
Wednesday 11	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 6, 7)
Friday 13	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 8, 9, conclu.)
Monday 16	Imperial Eyes (Pratt, ch., 1, 2)
Wednesday 18	Imperial Eyes (Pratt, ch., 3)
Friday 20	Imperial Eyes (Pratt, ch., 6)
Monday 23	Imperial Eyes (Pratt, ch., 7, 8) <u>Projects Due</u>
Wednesday 25	Break
Friday 27	Break
Monday 30	Out of nature/into the museum (Haraway)

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2	Gendered Nature
Friday 4	Hand out Exam II Bringing it together
Monday 7	SUMMARY & EVALUATION
Wednesday 9	Flex Day - Exam II due

