

ECOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Fall 2000

Class Meetings: 3:00 - 4:00 MWF
Classroom: 100 Clough
Office Hours: Most anytime, but
Especially 4:00 - 5:00 M, W

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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 **D**
 - Nature and Society, Philippe Descola, ed. **DP (Dept. Library)**
 - People Of Chaco, Kendrick Frazier
 - Imperial Eyes, Mary Louise Pratt (selected chapters) **(Dept. Library)**
 - Ecology, Meaning, And Religion, Roy Rappaport **RR**
 - The Chaco Anasazi, Lynne Sebastian
- Handouts and reserved readings as they apply

PARTICIPATION AND EVALUATION:

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

AUGUST

Wednesday 23	Introduction to Course
Friday 25	Chaco Canyon Film (Begin Frazier, Sebastian, Ch. 1 & 2)
Monday 28	Chaco intro. (Sebastian ch. 1 & 2)

Wednesday 30

Introduction to Ecological Anthropology -
Cultural ecology (**DP** ch. 1, Sahlins, Steward,
Rappaport)

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1

Neo-Evolutionism/Energy (White, Steward &
Murphy)

Monday 4

No Class

Wednesday 6

Nature & Society (continue neo-evolutionism)

Friday 8

Cultural Materialism (Harris-cows)

Monday 11

Cultural Materialism (Harner)

Wednesday 13

Cultural Materialism (Price, Sahlins)

Friday 15

Adaptation (RR, pp.43-93, Bennett)

Monday 20

Systems – pigs (RR, pp.27-41)

Wednesday 22

Cognized Models – pigs (RR, pp. 97-143)

Friday 24

Finish Systems & Cognized Models–**BBQ LUNCH**

Monday 27

Nature & Society (DP, ch. 4 & 5)

Wednesday 29

Nature & Society (DP, ch 6 & 7) **EXAM I**

OCTOBER

Friday 1

Chaco Topics & Problems

Monday 4

Chaco **Hand in Exam I**

Wednesday 6

Chaco Progress (Sebastien ch. 3 & 5)

Friday 8

Work on projects

Monday 11

Progress reports on projects

Wednesday 13

Last minute trip info.

Friday 15

Leave for West in the afternoon

Monday 18

TRIP

Wednesday 20

TRIP

Friday 22

TRIP

Monday 25

NO CLASS

Wednesday 27

Discussion of trip

Friday 29

Work on trip papers

NOVEMBER

Monday 1	Work on trip papers
Wednesday 3	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, Intro., ch. 1, 2)
Friday 5	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 3, 4, Intro. II)
Monday 8	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 5)
Wednesday 10	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 6, 7)
Friday 12	"A Native Ecology" (Descola, ch., 8, 9, conclu.)
Monday 15	Imperial Eyes (Pratt, ch., 1, 2)
Wednesday 17	Imperial Eyes (Pratt, ch., 3 & 6)
Friday 19	AAA meetings No Class
Monday 22	Nature & Society (DP, ch. 9 & 14) <u>Projects Due</u>
	<u>Before break</u>
Wednesday 24	Break
Friday 26	Break
Monday 29	Out of nature/into the museum (Haraway)

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1	Gendered Nature
Friday 3	Hand out Exam II Bringing it together
Monday 6	SUMMARY & EVALUATION
Wednesday 8	Flex Day – Exam II due