

**ANTHROPOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY 321
ECOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Fall 2006**

**Class Meetings: 3:00–3:50 MWF
Classroom: 100 Clough
Office Hours: Most anytime, but
Especially T, TH 10:30-12:00**

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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 (this will become obvious by the middle of October!).

REQUIRED READING:

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

PARTICIPATION AND EVALUATION:

Exam I	25%
Exam II	25%
Project/Participation	50%

CLASS INFORMATION

AUGUST

Wednesday 23	.....	Classes begin/Convocation
Friday 25	.....	Introduction to Course
Monday 28	.....	Chaco Canyon Film, Sebastian, Ch. 1 & 2
Wednesday 30	.....	Chaco Introduction-continued, also Lekson, “Chaco Matters”

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1	Chaco, Sebastian, Ch. 3, 4, and Frazier, Ch. 5, 6, & 7
Monday 4	LABOR DAY
Wednesday 6	Chaco, continue readings and Frazier, Ch. 8-11
	Discuss possible projects
Friday 8	Chaco, Sabastian, Ch. 5 and Frazier, Ch. 12
	PICK PROJECT
Monday 11	Introduction to Ecological Approach – Sahlins, Steward & Murphy
Wednesday 13	Rappaport handout
Friday 15	Harris (cows)
Monday 18	Descola & Palsson, “Introduction” and Descola “Constructing Nature.”
Wednesday 20	Rappaport, pp. 27-93
Friday 22	Systems continued
Monday 25	Rappaport 97-143
Wednesday 27	Continued
Friday 29	Continued

OCTOBER

Monday 2	Hand out EXAM I
Wednesday 4	Work on Projects
Friday 6	Work on Projects
Monday 9	Work on Exam
Wednesday 11	EXAM I DUE – PACK FOR TRIP
Friday 13	Fall Recess begins at 5:00 pm – Leave for SW at 3:00 pm
Monday 16	Mid-term grades due at 9:00 am, SW
Wednesday 18	SW
Friday 20	SW
Monday 23	NO CLASS
Wednesday 25	Work on paper
Friday 27	Work on paper
Monday 30	Detailed outline due

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1	Descola, Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2
Friday 3	Continue
Monday 6	Descola, Ch. 3 & 4
Wednesday 8	Continue
Friday 10	Work on paper
Monday 13	Work on paper
Wednesday 15	Hand in draft of paper

Friday 17	.....	Descola, Ch. 5
Monday 20	.....	Continue
W-F 22-24	.....	Thanksgiving Break
Monday 27	.....	Thanksgiving Recess ends
		Descola, Ch. 6 & 7
Wednesday 29	.....	Continue

DECEMBER

Friday 1	.....	Work on paper
Monday 4	.....	Descola – finish book
Wednesday 6	.....	Last day of class, Descola – finish book
		EXAM II, HANDED OUT, PAPER DUE
F-W 8-13	.....	FINAL EXAMINATION – EXAM II DUE AT
		SCHEDULED EXAM TIME
Friday 15	.....	Final grades due to Registrar by 5:00 pm