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## ANSO 321-01, Ecological Anthropology, Fall 2006

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**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%

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**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 .....	<b>LABOR DAY</b>
Wednesday 6 .....	Chaco, continue readings and Frazier, Ch. 8-11
	<b>Discuss possible projects</b>
Friday 8 .....	Chaco, Sabastian, Ch. 5 and Frazier, Ch. 12
	<b>PICK PROJECT</b>
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 .....	<b>Hand out EXAM I</b>
Wednesday 4 .....	<b>Work on Projects</b>
Friday 6 .....	<b>Work on Projects</b>
Monday 9 .....	<b>Work on Exam</b>
Wednesday 11 .....	<b>EXAM I DUE – PACK FOR TRIP</b>
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 .....	<b>NO CLASS</b>
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	.....	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
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
		<b>EXAM II, HANDED OUT, PAPER DUE</b>
F-W 8-13	.....	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION – EXAM II DUE AT</b>
		<b>SCHEDULED EXAM TIME</b>
Friday 15	.....	Final grades due to Registrar by 5:00 pm