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**ANTHROPOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY 321
ECOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Fall 2005**

**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 24	.....	Classes begin/Convocation
Friday 26	.....	Introduction to Course
Monday 29	.....	Chaco Canyon Film, Sebastian, Ch. 1 & 2
Wednesday 31	.....	Chaco Introduction-cont. Sebastian

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2	.....	Chaco, Sebastian, Ch. 3, 4 & 5
Monday 5	.....	LABOR DAY
Wednesday 7	.....	Chaco, continue readings – Discuss possible projects
Friday 9	.....	Chaco, Chapters 6 & 7 – PICK PROJECT
Monday 12	.....	Introduction to Ecological Approach – Sahlins, Steward & Murphy
Wednesday 14	.....	Rappaport
Friday 16	.....	Harris (cows)
Monday 19	.....	Harris (Cannibals), Sahlins (rejoinder)
Wednesday 21	.....	Bennett (Adaptation)
Friday 23	.....	Rappaport, pp. 27-93
Monday 26	.....	Systems continued
Wednesday 28	.....	Rappaport 97-143
Friday 30	.....	Continued

OCTOBER

Monday 3	.....	Work on projects
Wednesday 5	.....	Hand out exam I, outline of project talk due
Friday 7	.....	No Class
Monday 10	.....	Work on Exam
Wednesday 12	.....	EXAM I DUE – PACK FOR TRIP
Friday 14	.....	Fall Recess begins at 5:00 pm – Leave for SW at 3:00 pm
Monday 17	.....	Mid-term grades due at 9:00 am, SW
Wednesday 19	.....	SW
Friday 21	.....	SW
Monday 24	.....	NO CLASS
Wednesday 26	.....	Work on paper
Friday 28	.....	Work on paper
Monday 31	.....	Detailed outline due

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2	.....	Descola, Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2
Friday 4	.....	Continue
Monday 7	.....	Descola, Ch. 3 & 4
Wednesday 9	.....	Continue
Friday 11	.....	Work on paper
Monday 14	.....	Work on paper
Wednesday 16	.....	Hand in draft of paper
Friday 18	.....	Descola, Ch. 5
Monday 21	.....	Continue

W-F 23-25
 Monday 28
 Wednesday 30

Thanksgiving Break
 Thanksgiving Recess ends
 Descola, Ch. 6 & 7
 Continue

DECEMBER

Friday 1
 Monday 5
 Wednesday 7
 F-W 9-14
 Friday 16

Work on paper
 Descola – finish book
 Last day of class, Descola – finish book
EXAM II, HANDED OUT, PAPER DUE
FINAL EXAMINATION – EXAM II DUE AT
SCHEDULED EXAM TIME
 Final grades due to Registrar by 5:00 pm