

Anthropology Courses for Fall 2006

070.103 (H,S,W) Africa and the Museum (3)

Guyer Limit 20 MTW 11

An introduction to Africa, artistic creativity, collection and exhibition: as African history, as anthropology of art and objects, and as public controversy in our national institutions. Works with the Baltimore Museum of Arts.

Cross-listed with Africana Studies and Program in Museums and Society

070.216 (H,S,W) The Logic of Anthropological Inquiry (3)

Reynolds Limit 30 T 12-3

A close look at ethnography as a mode of inquiry and as a genre of writing. This will count as a required course for Anthropology majors but open to all undergraduates.

070.221 (H,S) Language, Culture, and Society (3)

Haeri Limit 50 ThF 10:30-12

Provides a basic understanding of the different ways in which language interacts with culture and society. Contemporary social problems will be examined through the lens of language. This is hands-on course that emphasizes skills in textual, narrative and conversation analysis.

070.318 (H,S,W) The Work of Comic Art (3)

Carpenter Limit 12 T 1-4

This course will look at comic books in terms of creative acts, identity, intellectual property law, production processes, and social concerns. While comic characters often reflect the views, experiences, and reference material of their creators and publishers, once produced, comic characters take on a life and meaning of their own amongst reading publics. Students can expect to read, theorize, and even make comics as a part of this class.

070.320 (H,S,W) Film, Fate, and Law: Comparative perspectives on the outlaw in Mexican and Indian films (3)

Khan/Poole Limit 35 W 1-4

What fates befall filmic bandits? What do these fates tell us about the ordinary experience of law and time? We explore these questions through Mexican and Indian films about banditry and crime.

Cross-listed with Latin American Studies

070.330 (H,S) Anthropology and Human Rights (3)

Selby Limit 15 W 12-3

This course examines the central debates on human rights, while emphasizing the contributions anthropology has made to those debates, and to providing innovations within the field of human rights scholarship.

070.370 (H,S) The Anthropology of Work (3)

Mulla Limit 25 ThF 9-10:30

This course examines the social aspects of work in everyday life, specifically in relation to the religious belief systems and values that work rewards, conflicts with, perpetuates, imparts, or absorbs.

070.381 (H,S) Transformations in Post-Soviet Societies (3)

Fournier Limit 25 Th 1-4

This course examines the complexities of post-Soviet societies as they undergo radical social change. It focuses on local engagements with Western constructs such as 'market', 'democracy', and 'civil society'.

Anthropology Graduate Courses for Fall 2006

070.616 Proseminar on Anthropological Theory

Guyer M 3-5

This course will consist of close reading of anthropological texts in order to elicit the relation between knowledge and institutions. Will not provide a survey but will select one or two salient concepts and place them within the conceptual and institutional history of various anthropologies.

070.617 Anthropological Research Methods

Poole T 1-3

An introduction to basic ethnographic and historical methods for anthropological fieldwork. Required course for all second year anthropology graduate students. Will build on fieldwork conducted during the previous summer.

070.654 On the Question of Ethics

Das M 6-8

How are questions of ethics posed in relation to knowledge? This course looks at classical and contemporary writings on this issue.

070.656 The Anthropology of Religion

Cannell W 1-3

This course has two aims: Firstly, it examines a range of central topics in the anthropology of religion through classic and new readings. Secondly, it interrogates the rootedness of anthropological approaches to religion in 'methodological atheism' (Gell), asks what the limitations of this paradigm might be, and what alternatives are proposed in both 'faith' and 'scientific' perspectives.