



## UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN PRAGUE

**Course:** Current Topics in Cultural Anthropology (4 ECTS)

**Semester:** Winter 2019

**Prerequisites:** None

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### 1. Catalogue Description

Basic concepts, issues, and case studies from cultural anthropology, focused on both Western and non-Western cultures and societies.

### 2. Course Purpose

The course Current Issues in Cultural Anthropology will be focused on basic problems and issues of anthropological thinking and research including ethnography, study of kinship and marriage, language and communication, applied anthropology, etc. In this course, students will develop critical thinking in key anthropological concepts and theories and will be able to distinguish between various forms of anthropological approaches to the study of culture and society.

### 3. Required Readings:

**Text: Fundamentals of Management**

*Cultural Anthropology. Appreciating Cultural Diversity.*

Conrad Phillip Kottak

New York: McGraw-Hill.

ISBN-10: 978-0-07-122155-9

Year: 2011

**It is up to you to purchase this book before the class. We will be using it from the first day of class onwards.**

### 4. Additional Readings:

Gellner, E.: Nations and nationalism. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1983.

The instructor will provide case studies, articles, chapters, and students are encouraged to keep abreast of actual management issues and developments by their own research and readings.

## 5. Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- have a solid understanding of the field of cultural anthropology (methods and central concerns);
- have increased knowledge of the many ways in which people around the globe create meaningful worlds.

## 6. Course Schedule:

1st Block (Oct. 18)	Basic anthropological terms, concepts, approaches
2nd Block (Nov. 17)	Applied Anthropology and Its Use, Case Studies
3rd Block (Dec. 14)	Case Studies from Cultural Anthropology, Presentations
4th Block (Dec. 15)	Presentations, evaluation, summary

## 7. Course Requirements and Grading – the course will be graded on the basis of:

Participation	10%
Essay	20%
Presentation	20%
Final Exam	<u>50%</u>
Total	100%

## Grading scale

Letter Grade	Percent (%)	Generally Accepted Meaning
A	95-100	Outstanding work
A-	90-94	
B+	87-89	Good work, distinctly above the average
B	83-86	
B-	80-82	
C+	77-79	Acceptable Work Below 75% failing grade
C	75-76	
C-	70-74	
D+	67-69	Work that is significantly below average
D	63-66	
D-	60-62	
F	0-59	Work that does not meet the minimum standards for passing the course

## 8. Key UNYP Policies

### **Attendance:**

-It is your responsibility to show up to class on time. If you are late you will be marked as absent for that hour. **If you miss more than 12 (twelve) hours of class, for any reason, you will automatically fail the entire course. Pay strict attention to this. The class policy is standard UNYP policy.**

### **Academic Honesty**

- The University's rules on academic dishonesty (e.g. cheating, plagiarism, submitting false information) will be strictly enforced. Please familiarize yourself with the STUDENT HONOUR CODE or ask your instructor for clarification.
- For examinations: copying from your neighbor, speaking to another student, using a phone or anything similar will result in you failing the test or quiz. On written papers properly note your sources with academic citations. Cutting and pasting from the internet may be considered plagiarism. If you have questions about this, please consult the instructor.

## 9. General Requirements

- Students are expected to attend each class session and participate in a positive way.
- Students are expected to come to class fully prepared to discuss homework readings and cases.
- Students are expected to turn in homework assignments at the beginning of the class period on the day they are due.
- Students are expected to leave their mobile phones, beepers, pagers, etc. switched off.
- Students may not use laptops or netbooks for any reason other than taking notes. Do not surf the WEB during class time. If you do, you will lose the privilege to use a laptop or netbook.
- In the event of illness or emergency, contact your instructor IN ADVANCE to determine whether special arrangements are possible.

## 10. Technology Expectations

Assignments, excluding those that are carried out exclusively in class, must be word-processed.

Students are assumed to be familiar with the use of internet and in particular with the gathering of data from the wide world web. This will be a necessary tool for carrying out some of the course assignments (i.e. long essay or class presentations).