The purpose of anthropology is to make the world safe for human differences."  Ruth Benedict

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Welcome to Anthropology 103, Cultural Anthropology. The information below will acquaint you with the scope of the course and its requirements. Additional specific information, including assignments, dates of quizzes and examinations, and deadlines will be found in the course syllabus. This is an online using Blackboard 9. If at any time you have questions about the course email me immediately. michael.mauer@canyons.edu. I will respond to email communications as quickly as possible, usually the same day as they are received.

The class begins on Monday October 20 and ends on Friday, December 13, 2014. As this class is entirely online, there will be no on-campus meetings. The class will be covering the material presented in a full sixteen-week semester lecture class, so it is fast paced and requires regular attention to assignments and online participation (several times a week) and the completion of reading assignments (both from the text and from online sources) and the submission of assignments (online discussion boards) on regular basis. You should allow as much time for studying and class preparation for this class as for a traditional on ground one, plus an adequate amount of time for online participation. Online participation in discussion boards is mandatory and will be worth approximately one third (1/3) of the grade. The course Blackboard site will not be available until the morning of the first day of class.

To log onto Blackboard go to http://www.canyons.edu/offices/Distance_Learning/blackboard/login.asp and follow the directions given there. Enter your username and password. Once you are logged on, be sure
and check your email address in Blackboard. This is part of the initial log on process. Also, be sure to change your password from "Student" as this will not work.

Adds: Any waitlisted or other student wishing to add this class should email me at michael.mauer@canyons.edu before the add deadline shown in the College Catalogue. I will send you an add code for registration. Be sure are that you have registered and paid all fees prior to requesting an add code. It may take one to two days before your Blackboard account is created.

Cultural Anthropology is one of the four subfields of Anthropology, the others being Archaeology, Physical Anthropology, and Anthropological Linguistics. Some anthropologists consider Applied Anthropology to be a fifth subfield. Cultural anthropology is focused on the study of contemporary and historically recent cultures from around the world. The major concepts of Cultural Anthropology will be introduced in this class, and examples will be drawn from Native American (American Indian) groups as well as cultures from other areas.

COURSE WEBSITE: http://bb.canyons.edu. Please visit the Blackboard tutorial linked to websites linked to this syllabus. They are essential for understanding what to expect in this course and how to navigate the software.

TEXT: Peoples and Bailey, Essentials of Cultural Anthropology, 3nd ed. ISBN 9781133603566. $ 93.35 (New). Used and rental copies may be available at the college bookstore at the Santa Clarita campus.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This online Cultural Anthropology course will cover the same material as those taught in traditional on-campus lecture classes. You must have a reliable PC or Mac, College of the Canyons email address, Internet access, Google Chrome (which seems to work best for me), Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, or other web browser, a word processing program such as Microsoft Word. You will need to know how to attach files to emails for this class. You must have a current personal email address. STUDENT@CANYONS.EDU will not work! For any problems regarding online classes and computer related issues, as well as general information visit College of the Canyons Distance Learning Website: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/ There are several tutorials located here, along with much other information which will help you succeed in this class. These include Readiness Assessments, Blackboard Tutorial, Distance Learning Computer Tutorials, How to Succeed in Online Courses, Glossary of Terms, and Frequently Asked Questions (see below for links). Computer "malfunctions" are not acceptable reasons for incomplete assignments or missed deadlines. Back-up computers are available at College of the Canyons TLC lab, student center, and many public libraries. If you haven't taken an online course the following websites will be very helpful. If you have taken such classes before the information will provide a good "tune-up." Success in online classes is dependant upon self-motivation, and regular online interaction with fellow students and the instructor.
Please visit the following helpful links:

Distance Learning Homepage: http://www.canyons.edu/distancelearning

Counseling 070 Information: this link gives beneficial information to students contemplating online learning for the first time: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/COUNS070.asp

Blackboard Tutorial: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/blackboard/Bbtutorial.asp

Readiness Assessments: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/Assessments.asp. There are two assessments, the first how well prepared you are for distance learning, and the second assesses your knowledge of necessary technology.

Distance Learning Computer Tutorials: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/minitutorial.asp

Additional resources which may be found at the Distance Learning website:

How to succeed in Online Courses: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/success.asp

Glossary of terms: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/glossary.asp

Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/OLclasses/FAQs.asp

Student Blackboard Tech Support:
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.
Email will be replied to within 24 business hours. If you are having problems within your course with assignments, tests and the like, please contact your instructor at michael.mauer@canyons.edu
Email: bbsupport@canyons.edu
Phone number: 661-362-3344

COURSE WEBSITE (required): http://bb.canyons.edu


Weekly assignments from the text and website and mandatory Discussion Boards will be posted on the class Blackboard Website: http://bb.canyons.edu. The Palomar Cultural Anthropology Tutorials may be found at: http://anthro.palomar.edu/tutorials/cultural.htm.
Online Etiquette: It is essential that all communications in this course conform to standards of politeness, clarity, and consideration. Please follow the suggestions for online etiquette which may be found at [http://www.kent.edu/dl/Technology/Etiquette.cfm](http://www.kent.edu/dl/Technology/Etiquette.cfm)

In all of your writing for this course, including email, use proper style. **Text message format will not be accepted!** For example: I *will not* accept “This is 4 U.” I *will* accept “This is for you.” I expect proper capitalization, punctuation, etc. No exceptions will be made.

Please see the syllabus on the course website for information on course content, schedule, grading and other requirements. If you have questions regarding the syllabus please email me at michael.mauer@canyons.edu.

GETTING STARTED IN ANTHROPOLOGY 103 ONLINE.

Be sure that you are properly enrolled and have paid your fees.

Class website: [http://bb.canyons.edu](http://bb.canyons.edu)

Follow the steps on the Blackboard Orientation web page to familiarize yourself with the system and log into the course at the beginning of the semester.

**Login information**

Username: first initial, last initial, student ID Number. Example: Charles Smith, SID # 0001234 would be CS01234.

Password: student (all lowercase letters. The password is case sensitive). Please change this password.

Be sure and check the Announcements area on the class website regularly for updated information.

Michael D. Mauer 5/8/14