

# SYLLABUS

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**CODE:** ANTH 106

**TITLE:** Cultures of the World

**Institute:** Business and Social Science

**DEPARTMENT:** Anthropology

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course investigates the common and distinctive features of culture in each of several broad zones around the world, including native North America, native South America, northern Asia, southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. It provides a descriptive overview with emphasis on the variety of human experiences and achievements. The course is intended for students who are interested in the various cultures of the world; satisfies the general education, diversity and cross-cultural requirements; helps students recognize and appreciate the nature and impact of cultural diversity in their communities and work environments.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**PREREQUISITES OR COREQUISITES:** None

**COREQUISITES:**

**CREDITS:** 3

**LECTURE HOURS:** 3

**LAB/STUDIO HOURS:**

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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS:** King, Glen E. 2002. Traditional Cultures: A Survey of Nonwestern Experience and Achievement. Illinois: Waveland Press, Inc. and Readings in Cultural Anthropology (Eleventh Edition): Pearson Education, Inc.  
Ethnographies: to be determined by Instructor

**ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS:** None

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of the course, through oral and written discussion and examination, the student will be able to:

- Describe and classify basic worldwide cultural patterns: material culture, social relations, and knowledge and expression. (CG)
- Examine four ways of life/patterns of subsistence in traditional societies: horticultural communities, chiefdoms, agricultural states and forager bands. (CG)
- Consider key cultural traits and institution peculiar to each of the Domains, Zones or Areas. (CG)
- Appraise how these traits and institutions contribute to the development of contemporary culture around the world. (CG)

Learning Outcomes support the (CG) Cultural and Awareness General Education Knowledge Area.

**GRADING STANDARD:**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS AVAILABLE: 300**

Mid-Term Exam = 100 points

Final Exam = 100 points

Quizzes = 40 points

Assignments = 40 points

Ethnography = 20 points

**POINTS REQUIRED FOR EACH GRADE**

GRADE                      POINTS OR HIGHER

A                              =                      281-300

A-                             =                      271-280

B+                            =                      261-270

B                              =                      251-260

B-                             =                      241-250

C+                            =                      231-240

C                              =                      221-230

D                              =                      211-220

F                              =                      Below 210

Late assignments will not be accepted.

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## **COURSE CONTENT:**

### PART I: UNDERSTANDING OTHER CULTURES

UNIT 1: WORLDWIDE CULTURAL PATTERNS: MATERIAL CULTURE, SOCIAL RELATIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPRESSION

UNIT 2: THE FOUR WAYS OF LIFE/PATTERNS OF SUBSISTENCE: HORTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES, CHIEFDOMS, AGRICULTURAL STATES, FORAGER BANDS

### PART II: THE NEW WORLD DOMAIN

UNIT 3: MODAL PATTERNS AMONG NEW WORLD CULTURES: NORTHERN ZONE: EASTERN AREA, NORTHWEST COAST AREA, SUBARCTIC AREA, GREAT BASIN AREA, CALIFORNIA AREA, PUEBLO AREA

UNIT 4: SOUTHERN AMERICAN ZONE: SUBAMAZON AREA, TUPINAMBAN AREA, SUPRA-AMAZON AREA, BRAZILIAN HIGHLAND AREA, ARGENTINE AREA

UNIT 5: NUCLEAR AMERICAN ZONE: MESOAMERICA AREA, ANDEAN AREA, INTERMEDIATE AREA

### PART III: THE OLD WORLD DOMAIN

UNIT 6: MODAL PATTERNS AMONG OLD WORLD CULTURES: CENTRAL ZONE: MIDDLE EAST AREA, INDIAN AREA, CONFUCIAN AREA, TIBETAN AREA, SOUTHEAST ASIAN AREA

UNIT 7: AFRICAN ZONE: FOREST AREA, CATTLE AREA, GREATER SUDANIC AREA, SWAHILI AREA

UNIT 8: CIRCUMPOLAR ZONE: SIBERIAN ZONE, ESKIMO ZONE

### PART IV: THE OCEANIC DOMAIN

UNIT 9: MODAL PATTERNS AMONG OCEANIC CULTURES: PACIFIC ISLAND ZONE: GREATER POLYNESIAN AREA, MELANESIAN AREA

UNIT 10: AUSTRALIAN ZONE: AUSTRALIAN DESERT AREA, AUSTRALIAN RIM AREA

PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTOR ADDENDUM FOR SPECIFIC UNIT OBJECTIVES.

## **DEPARTMENT POLICIES:**

- Tests and papers need to be taken as scheduled or made up (turned in) within two weeks of the scheduled test date. The time allowed for make-up testing or submission of papers may differ in semesters of less than 15 weeks. In that case, refer to the instructor's syllabus.
- Attend all class sessions. Absences may be excused, but all work must be made up. It is the student's responsibility to see the instructor for make-up assignments. If more than 20% of class time is missed, a passing grade will not be assigned. For distance learning sections, attendance only applies to the mandatory orientation session.
- When questions arise regarding clarification of scheduled assignments or evaluations, the student is expected to initiate communication with the instructor.
- Exams will be given in class. Typically you will have at least two weeks notice for an exam. There will be **no make-up tests** for unsatisfactory grades. Missed exams may be taken in the Testing Center or with Leila Wollman, the Learning Assistant for Anthropology

## **COLLEGE POLICIES:**

For information regarding:

- ◆ Brookdale's Academic Integrity Code
- ◆ Student Conduct Code
- ◆ Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the **STUDENT HANDBOOK AND BCC CATALOG.**

## **NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify, must contact the Disabilities

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Services Office at 732-224-2730 or 732-842-4211 (TTY), provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/LABS:**

Instructor: Isaac Kanu (732) 224-2916 [ikanu@brookdalecc.edu](mailto:ikanu@brookdalecc.edu)  
<http://www.brookdalecc.edu/fac/anthropology/ikanu/> Office: MAN114

*The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arises.*