

**Anthropology 3715
Plagues and Peoples
Winter 2015**

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Office Hours: *by appointment** OR you can phone, email or drop in anytime to see if I am free – just be prepared to come at another time if I am busy with something I cannot interrupt*

I cannot guarantee that I will respond in a timely fashion if messages are left on my voice mail rather than email and students should NOT expect less than 24 hour turnaround time to email messages. Please do NOT assume that your message has been received unless you receive an acknowledgement.

Course Description:

An examination of selected historic, recent and emerging infectious disease epidemics within an evolutionary, ecological and epidemiological context, and considers the complex biological, social and economic repercussions for human populations.

Required Readings:

Text → Barnes E. 2005. Diseases and Human Evolution. [University of New Mexico Press. [ISBN-13: 978-0826330666]

Additional Readings→ (available through links on D2L) – see weekly list on the course D2L site that will normally be available at least 1 week ahead of time.

Evaluation:

Your final grade will be based on:

Pandemic II Assignment	13% 7 pm Jan 13
News Assignment	15% 7 pm Feb 3
Midterm	15% Feb 10
Plague Assignment	20% 7 pm Mar 17
Class participation	12%
Final Exam	25% Final Exam period scheduled Between Apr 10-23 with contingency date of Apr 24

Class participation – This grade will be based on attendance, punctuality and individual contribution to the discussion in class. Each week, some themes and/or questions to consider while reading the assigned papers will be provided (check D2L) and *discussed* in an *interactive* manner by both students and instructor at the end of the lecture. A question/discussion period will also follow at the end of each seminar. Grades will be assigned with quality and preparedness being given more weight than quantity.

Midterm test – This test will be comprised of a mix of multiple choice, matching, definitions, fill-in-the-blank, and short answer questions and will be based on the course material covered up to this date.

Final exam – will be similar in format to the Midterm. The exam is cumulative (covers material for the entire term).

Assignments: details will be provided in class on appropriate dates.

- **NOTE – Referencing and in-text citations** will follow the format outlined for the American Journal of Physical Anthropology. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Instructions can be found at the journal web site under the link: Author Guidelines
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291096-8644/homepage/ForAuthors.html>
- This style is to be adhered to for all written assignments and grades will be reduced if other styles are used.

***** All written assignments are also to be done in 12 point font and double spaced***

Please note that Friday, March 6, 2015 is the last date for withdrawal without academic penalty from this course. Students will have received feedback on at least 28% of the course mark by that date.

Missed tests will not be made-up unless official documentation of a reasonable excuse is submitted (e.g. student or family illness, death of family member, car accident). The same policy applies to **missed due dates for assignments**. Please note that that going off on holidays for the STUDY WEEK or leaving early at the end of term OR similar do not constitute a reasonable excuses. Please contact me within **48 hrs.** of any missed due date or test. Late assignments without reasonable excuses will be subject to a late penalty of 5% per day up to one week then completely not acceptable. **But always contact me ASAP regardless to see if circumstances warrant leniency.**

In case of snowstorm, hwy closures and warnings – these are acceptable and verifiable reasons to miss class – but again, contact me ASAP.

Assignments are due at 7pm on the given due dates after that they are considered late. Early submissions are welcome. The fate of any assignment shoved under my office door is the sole responsibility of the student. Assignments can be handed during class, to me personally in my office or the anthropology secretary in the Anthropology office from 9-4 each day (excepting the lunch hour).

Students are directed to LU's policy: code of student behaviour and disciplinary procedures that can be found at <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>. **All students should familiarize themselves with this policy** which covers such misconduct as plagiarism, cheating, and disruption of teaching.

Weekly Topics and Readings:

The first 2 weeks are listed here – check the course D2L site regularly to get reading lists and other information. Readings will be available at least 1 week in advance.

Week 1 - Sept 13 → Introduction to course and Pandemic II assignment

Week 2 – Sept 20 → Overview of history of the study of infectious diseases and some key terms regarding infectious diseases

Barnes text - chapters 1 & 2