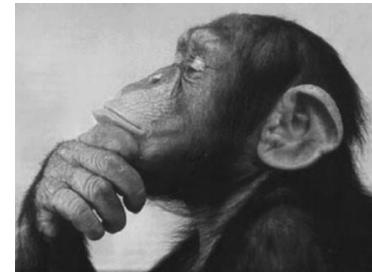


ANTH 4010 (Current Issues in Anthropology)

Winter 2020 semester



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What's the purpose of this course?

This course was developed to give students an opportunity to learn more about 'hot topics' that aren't covered in depth by the core Anthropology curriculum at Lakehead University. Students are responsible for leading twice-weekly seminars on a rotating basis. This process is designed to help you develop your communication, organizational, and critical-thinking skills, as well as providing a deeper understanding of current research in anthropology. All required readings will be uploaded to myCourseLink, and students are responsible for making sure that they thoroughly read the posted articles and come to class prepared to discuss them.

Course Evaluation

Research Paper 1: 30%

- Length: 10-15 pp (double-spaced)
- Subject: Any anthropology topic of interest
- Due: February 13 before 4:30 pm.

AutoBiography: 5%

- Length:
- Subject: tell me about yourself in terms of where your interests lie in anthropology, if and how your view of anthropology has evolved, your career aspirations, and the topic(s) you lead your seminar on, and wrote your paper on for the first portion of the course. Why did you choose the topic and what will you choose for your second paper?
- Due: Wed., February 26 before 4:30 – upload to the DropBox on MyCourseLink

Research Paper 2: 20%

- Length: 12-15 pp (double-spaced)

- Subject: Any anthropology topic of interest but cannot be the same as your first paper – can be on the same topic the second seminar you will lead
- **Due: Thurs., 2 before 4:30 – upload to the DropBox on MyCourseLink**

Seminars 1 and 2: 30% (total)

- for Seminar 1, you will have a pre-selected topic (if you wish); assist in selecting appropriate readings, and lead the discussion.
- for Seminar 2, you will select the topic, have it approved, select appropriate readings, and lead the discussion.

Class participation: 15%

- Grade will reflect our assessment of the extent and quality of your participation in the seminars.
- Attendance of weekly seminars is required.

Schedule

Date	Suggested topic	
Jan. 7	Course introduction	
Jan. 9	Is anthropology dead?	Leader: M. Boyd
Jan. 14	Anthropology & colonialism	Leader:
Jan. 16	Community-oriented research	Leader:
Jan. 21	Community-oriented research	Leader:
Jan. 23	Public anthropology	Leader:
Jan. 28	The Anthropocene: what is it? Is it real?	Leader:
Jan. 30	Sustainable archaeology	Leader:
Feb. 4	Transmedia storytelling	Leader:
Feb. 6	New directions in method and theory	Leader: M. Boyd
Feb. 11	New directions in method and theory	Leader:

Feb. 13	Anthropology and the Big Data revolution	Leader:
Feb 18	February Break - no class	
Feb 20	February Break – no class	
Feb 25	Part 2 – Introduction/Organization	Leader: T. Varney
Feb 27		Leader: Guest
Mar 3		Leader:
Mar 5		Leader:
Mar 10		Leader:
Mar 12		Leader:
Mar 17		Leader:
Mar 19		Leader:
Mar 24		Leader:
Mar 26		Leader:
Mar 31		Leader:
Apr 2		Leader:

Accommodations: Lakehead University is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and register as early as possible. For more information, please visit: <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-services/accessibility/>

Regulations – General Information from the [Academic Calendar](#)

“It is the responsibility of each student registered at Lakehead University to be familiar with, and comply with all the terms, requirements, regulations, policies and conditions in the Lakehead University Academic Calendar. This includes, but is not

limited to, Academic Program Requirements, Academic Schedule of Dates, University and Faculty/School Policies and Regulations and the Fees and Refund Policies and Schedules.”

Please note that **Friday, March 6, 2020** is the last date for withdrawal without academic penalty from this course. Students will have received feedback on 20% of the course mark by that date.

Students are directed to LU’s policy: code of student behaviour, disciplinary, and appeal procedures that can be found at the following links:

[Student Code of Conduct - Academic Integrity](#)

[Student Code of Conduct - Non-Academic](#)

[Student Code of Conduct - Appeal Policy and Judicial Panel Procedures](#)

All students should familiarize themselves with these policies which cover such misconduct as plagiarism, cheating, inappropriate behaviour, and disruption of teaching. More information on academic integrity can be found at:

<https://teachingcommons.lakeheadu.ca/AcademicIntegrity>

Absence and missed due dates for assignments 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, poor weather events that cause closure of campuses).. Please note that that going off on holidays for the STUDY WEEK or leaving early at the end of term does not constitute a reasonable excuse. Please contact us within 48 hrs. of any missed due date or absence. Late assignments without reasonable excuses will be subject to a late penalty of 5% per day