

WESTERN SEMINARY – Portland
Applied Anthropology DIS 508
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SYLLABUS

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TEXT

Federal law now requires institutions to provide the ISBN numbers and retail prices for all required books. Western Seminary encourages students to visit our campus bookstore, Windows Booksellers, in order to obtain these titles at a reduced rate.

Grunlan, Stephen A. and Mayers, Marvin K. CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE
ISBN # 978-0801038877, \$29.99 retail price.

COLLATERAL READING LIST

On reserve in the Library:

- Hiebert, Paul. ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSIGHTS FOR MISSIONARIES.
- Hiebert, Paul. CASE STUDIES IN MISSIONS.
- Kraft, Charles H. CHRISTIANITY IN CULTURE, Second Edition.
- Loewen, Jacob. CULTURE AND HUMAN VALUES: CHRISTIAN INTERVENTION IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE.
- Smalley, William A. (ed.) READINGS IN MISSIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY.
- Smalley, William A. (ed.) READINGS IN MISSIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY II.
- Stott, John and Coots, Robert (eds.) GOSPEL AND CULTURE.
- Winter, Ralph (ed.) PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, Third Edition.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Concepts of culture and cultural effects on the communication of God's Word in different societies. Cultural assumptions and resulting patterns of attitudes and behaviors, as well as the need to use anthropological tools for field study are identified. 2 hours.

COURSE GOALS

Following the course you should be able to:

- Know how to begin the process of analyzing culture and society.
- Know how to develop effective interpersonal relationships in a different culture.
- Know how to apply the principles of anthropology in the context of ministry.
- Know how to be a sympathetic observer/participant in other cultures with an attitude of acceptance of the equality of all cultures.

- Understand the pervasive effect of culture and cultural differences in human affairs, specifically in the communication of Christian truth.
- Identify cultural assumptions and resulting patterns of attitudes and behaviors in your own culture, as well as in cultures other than your own.
- Recognize that all cultures are equally subject to the judgment of Scripture.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Text: read the assigned chapters for each class session. **Due on November 30.**
- Collateral reading: read 150 pages from at least three of the books on reserve. Write a 1-2 page summary for each book read. **Due on October 26.**
- Each week write a 1-2 page interaction paper on one of the designated discussion questions at the end of each chapter. The papers are due the week you read the chapter (i.e. Chapter 1 is due September 7). On November 16 and 23 select only one question from the two assigned chapters.
- Select an ethnic group or culture that is significantly different than your own. Read a novel (minimum 175 pages) and watch a movie about that group. Write 3-5 page summaries and reviews of both the book and the movie. **Due November 9 and 16.** Then write a 3-5 page paper with the insights you have gained, indicating how you would initially enter that culture and begin to build bridges in order to communicate the gospel. **Due November 23.**

GRADING

- Text reading 10%
- Collateral reading 20%
- Interaction papers 30%
- Novel and movie papers 30%
- Class participation 10%

Ten points will be deducted from any assignment that is one week late. Only in exceptional cases will any assignments be accepted more than one week late.

- A (100 - 93)
- B (92 - 86)
- C (85 – 78)
- D (77 – 70)

COURSE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Text Readings</u>
August 31	Class introductions; syllabus review	None
September 7	Anthropology and Missions	Chapter 1

September 14	Humanity, Culture and Society	Chapter 2
September 21	Fields and Theorists	Chapter 3
September 28	Enculturation and Acculturation	Chapter 4
October 5	Verbal and Nonverbal Communication	Chapter 5
October 12	Economy and Technology	Chapter 6
October 19	Role, Status, and Stratification	Chapter 7
October 26	Marriage and Family	Chapter 8 Collateral reading due
November 2	Kinship	Chapter 9
November 9	Groups and Communities	Chapter 10 Novel paper due
November 16	Social Control and Government/Religion	Chapters 11-12 Movie paper due
November 23	Anthropological Research/ Biblical Authority and Cultural Relativity	Chapters 13-14 Bridge building paper due
November 30	Anthropology and Theology	Chapter 15 Text reading due
December 7	Final Exam?	

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