

Montgomery County Community College  
ANT 205  
Environmental Anthropology  
3-3-0

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Environmental anthropology explores human cultures and societies as they both adapt to their environment as well as transform it. This course studies the history and theoretical underpinnings of environmental anthropology as a sub-field within the discipline of anthropology. Students will apply the concepts of ecosystem sustainability and indigenous knowledge as a component of society. Students will also personally engage with environmental problems through independent research, field trips, and/or service learning.

**REQUISITES:***Previous Course Requirements*

- ENG 010A, ENG 011 Basic Writing II or ESL 011 Basic Writing II

*Concurrent Course Requirements*

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Differentiate the cultural, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainability.	Active Discussions Lectures Videos and Films Assigned Readings	Exams Annotated Bibliography Discussion Boards Essays
2. Explain human adaptations to and/or transformations of diverse ecosystems.	Active Discussions Lectures Videos and Films Assigned Readings	Exams Annotated Bibliography Discussion Boards Essays Research Project Student Presentation
3. Evaluate the sustainability of a rural development project in an indigenous culture.	Active Discussions Lectures Videos and Films Assigned Readings Individual and Group Projects	Exams Annotated Bibliography Essays Research Project Student Presentation

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
4. Apply the perspectives of environmental anthropology to an environmental problem.	Active Discussions Videos and Films Assigned Readings Field Trips Service Learning	Exams Essays Research Project Student Presentation Personal Reflection Essay

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

#### SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Introduction to Environmental Anthropology
2. Cultural Ecology
3. Ethnoecology
4. Ecosystems and Amazonian Hunters
5. Agriculture
6. Political Ecology
7. Mining
8. Ecotourism & Globalization
9. Climate Change
10. Ecotheology
11. Population & Environment
12. Biodiversity & Health
13. Environmentalism
14. Consumer Cultures

#### LEARNING MATERIALS:

*Environmental Anthropology: From Pigs to Policies, Third Edition.* Townsend, Patricia. 2018. Waveland Press.

*Made in Madagascar: Sapphires, Ecotourism, and the Global Bazaar.* Walsh, Andrew. 2012. University of Toronto Press.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

Prepared by: Lynn O'Brien

Date: 6/15/2016

VPAA/Provost or designee Compliance Verification:

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Revised by: Lynn O'Brien, PhD

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*This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.*