



SYLLABUS

Subject name: Anthropology of America

Subject code: EKANI18

Responsible lecturer:

Type: lecture

Level: BA/ MA

Credit: 2

Course description:

The overall objective of the course "Anthropology of America" is to introduce students to the native cultures of the Americas . It aims to present, beyond the archaeological periods and cultures, the various Indian peoples living today, their ethno-history and their contemporary life forms. It also takes upon the task of analyzing today's Indian, mestizo peasant cultures and the influence of African-American culture.

Course outline:

Geographic environment, the historic changes in the population of the continent ; Early archaeological cultures, anthropological images , languages, language families ; North America's peoples and cultures; Mesoamerican peoples and cultures ; Tropical jungle tribes today ; African-American culture.

Assessment:

The students receive their grade based on their performance at the written or oral exam at the end of the semester. Home assignments might replace the exam if the instructor indicates such an option on the first lecture and in the syllabus on Coospace. If the instructor sets dates for in-class test writing at the beginning of the semester, writing the tests is mandatory – upon failing to comply with this requirement the instructor may refuse to give a grade. The instructor is responsible for clarifying the requirements at the beginning of each semester and publishing it for the given semester on Coospace.

Required readings:

§ Hope, John and Starr, Franklin 1967 *The Negro in 20th Century America*. Vintage Books. New York

§ Spencer, Robert F. Jesse D. Jennings 1977 *The Native Americans: Ethnology and Backgrounds of the North American Indians*. Harper and Row. New York

§ Thompson, Hunter S. 2003 *Hell's Angels*. Penguin Books ltd. London

§ Tyler, Alice Felt 1944 *Freedom's Ferment. Phases of American Social History from the Colonial Period to the Outbreak of the Civil War*. Harper Torchbooks. New York