**Anthropology 536A: THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF BODY, HEALTH AND ILLNESS**

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**Course Requirements:**

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| 1. | The course is conducted as a graduate seminar. This requires students to be familiar with required readings which averages 150 pages per week. Readings are primarily articles and book chapters. Many, **but not all**, will be discussed in class. Supplementary readings are suggested for those who have special interest in a particular topic or who are preparing for prelims in anthropology. Additional readings for class papers will be suggested by the professor during students meetings. Packets of required readings will be made available on a week-by-week basis. |
| 2. | One coherent, well- structured class paper on a) a subject related to the themes covered in class and negotiated between student and professor; **or** b) Two critical book reviews on subject related to issues raised in class -- from books suggested as supplementary reading or approved by the professor. Topics should be **selected** by the **1st week of November.** |
|   |   | a. | length: 20 typed pages [or two 10 page book reviews] |
|   |   | b. | due date: before December 10th: **this is a firm date.** |
|   |   | c.  | references: to be included in AAA format. |
|   |   | This paper will be counted as 50% of the final grade. |
| 3. | Critical reviews of articles assigned to students in class. Students should be prepared to give short, **concise** **oral reviews** of these articles in class. Students are advised to speak from an outline and not read from the text. **A written review** (3-5 pages) will be expected either the night of the class or the week following discussion of the theme in class. This review should be **submitted both as a paper copy and as an e-mail attachment**. When submitting the e-mail attachment **label the review**: **536A wk \_ followed by your name**. Written reviews should be organized by subtitle and include: |
|   |   | a. | A brief summary of the major points raised in the article (short illustrative quotes if you wish) |
|   |   | b. | Short note on methods used. |
|   |   | c. | Your impression of the study presented. This should include strengths, critical comments, and links to other articles discussed in class. It is expected that latter reviews will reflect an increased depth of knowledge. |
|   |   | d. | Questions the article raised for you/the class. |
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| \* These summaries and oral reports will count for 40% of your grade. (20% oral and 20% written).   |
| 4. | Class participation: |
|   |   | a. | Class discussion is required. You will be asked to comment on articles not assigned for you to review. |
|   |   | b. | Field assignment -- two to three short field assignments which generally take two-hours as a research exercise. You will be expected to write up and turn in your field notes. |
|   | This will comprise 10% of your grade. |

\*Field assignments and article reviews **will not be returned to students if satisfactory.** **Unsatisfactory assignments will be returned** with critical comments. Students will then be asked to redo the review/ assignment.

**\*\*Note on grading policy of late papers**: Papers that are late and handed in before the spring semester are penalized half a grade. Papers handed in after this time, are penalized one full grade.