

San José State University
HUMAN LIFECOURSE IN CONTEXT Fall 2010 (3 Units, E)
SYLLABUS – Anthropology 25, Section 3 (#49480)

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Course Description

Introduction to Human Lifecourse In Context

Catalog: Human development and its physiological, psychological and sociocultural contexts. Cross-cultural perspectives on infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age. The role of university education in the life span. No prerequisites.

Supplement: In this lower-division lecture course on the human life-cycle, you will study and compare the life stages that all human beings experience. You will also examine your particular life experience as an undergraduate student at San José State University. Since this is an anthropology course, particular emphasis will be placed on viewing the human experience in a holistic way from a cross-cultural perspective, particularly as it relates to your life as a student and your relationship to your peers. We will examine the physiological, psychological, and cultural changes that individuals from various societies experience in their life times. This will include infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, aging, and death. We will investigate these topics in lectures, discussions, readings, films, and through individual and group projects. Emphasis will be placed on proper academic writing and research paper development.

Learning Objectives and Activities for this Course

This course qualifies as an Area E (Social Sciences-Human Understanding and Development) course in your General Education requirements. It is designed to enable you to achieve the following learning outcomes:

Learning Objective 1: Students shall recognize the physiological, social/cultural, and psychological influences on their well-being.

Learning Objective 2: Students shall recognize the interrelation of the physiological, social/cultural, and psychological factors on their development across the lifespan.

Learning Objective 3: Students shall use appropriate social skills to enhance learning and develop positive interpersonal relationships with diverse groups and individuals.

Learning Objective 4: Students shall recognize themselves as individuals undergoing a particular stage of human development, how their well-being is affected by the university's academic and social systems, and how they can facilitate their development within the university environment.

Learning Objectives of the Anthropology Department

- Understand culture, and the relationships of human life, biology
- Awareness of past/present cultures
- Knowledge of significant findings: archaeology, cultural anthropology, physical anthropology
- Knowledge of the history of anthropological thought and its place in modern intellectual history
- Comprehension of multiculturalism as central phenomenon in modern society
- Familiarity with forms of data, literature, ability to access
- Awareness of anthropology's importance to issues of contemporary society; ability to apply knowledge to social issues
- Knowledge of qualitative & quantitative research methods in one sub-discipline
- Ability to present & communicate anthropological knowledge, results to different audiences

Course Requirements

Required Text

Nathan, Rebekah. 2005. *My Freshman Year*. New York: Penguin Group. (ISBN 0 14 30.3747) It is available as an e-book at: <http://search.barnesandnoble.com/My-Freshman-Year/Rebekah-Nathan/e/9781101036815> (\$11.99)

Grading

A total of 200 points for **written** work are possible in the course. **No late work will be accepted. The assignments are on the class website. Be prepared.** Ten written points are awarded for completing the "Five Year Planner." The instructor reserves the right to take class participation into consideration when determining the final grade. As many as 15 additional points may reflect participation in class discussion, extra effort taken to improve writing, etc.

1. Ethnographic Interview (15 points, 7.5% of total grade) (800 words minimum) Due Tuesday, September 7. This assignment assesses your ability to meet Area E Learning Objective No. 3.

2. Autobiographical Worksheet (15 points, 7.5% of total grade) (800 Words minimum) Due Tuesday, September 14. This assignment assesses your ability to meet Area E Learning Objective No. 1.

3. "Five Year Plan for Incoming Freshmen" (10 points, 5% of total grade). Due Tuesday, October 19. You must do this even if you are a senior! This assignment assesses your ability

to meet Area E Learning Objective No. 4.

4. Portfolio (50 points total, 25% of total grade, 10 points per assignment) (800 words minimum for each assignment.) #1 due Tuesday, September 21, #2 due Tuesday, September 24, #3 due Tuesday, November 2, #4 due Tuesday, November 16, #5 due Tuesday, November 23. These assignments assess your ability to meet Area E Learning Objectives No. 2 and 4.

5. Life History (20 points, 10% of total grade) (1000 words minimum) Due Tuesday, November 30. This assignment assesses your ability to meet Area E Learning Objective No. 2 and No 3.

6. Open Note (Not open book) Midterm (40 points, 20% of total grade) Given Tuesday, October 26.

7. Comprehensive Open Note Open Book Take-Home Final Exam (50 points, 25% of total grade) Due in our classroom Wednesday, December 15, 2:45-5:00 PM.

You must bring hard copy to class, no email submissions! No late submissions!

Incompletes

Incompletes will be granted only if the instructor has been notified and has approved. Students with missing major assignments (over 50 points) will receive a WU (unauthorized withdrawal). NO WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FINAL

Notification of grades

If you wish to know your final grade before grade reports are issued, give Dr. Anderson a stamped self-addressed postcard or email a grade request (please do not phone).

Marking Criteria for Written Work (Instructor reserves the right to take class participation into consideration in calculating the final grade)

A+ 98- A 94-97 A- 90-93

An “A” demonstrates originality, addresses the tasks effectively, shows effective organization and logical argumentation, uses clear, appropriate and accurate examples and a high level of writing competence and knowledge. Completes the task and consistently does extra work.

B+ 88-89 B 84-87 B- 80-83

A “B” may show a good level of competence, but uneven development of tasks. It may be generally well organized, uses appropriate examples, displays facility, with a few gaps, in argumentation, and demonstrates a good level of writing and knowledge. Completes the task and does some extra work.

C+ 78-79 C 74-77 C- 70-73

A “C” may show a fair level of competence, but may be uneven. It will address the task adequately, but only with parts of the task. It is adequately organized and may occasionally use examples. Argumentation may be inconsistent and writing and knowledge competence may be unclear.

D+ 68-69 D 64-67 D- 60-63 F<60

A “D” will demonstrate poor competence with inadequate organization, task and argumentation

development and inappropriate examples. It will display difficulty in using adequate academic language and errors in knowledge will be in evidence. A failure will only occur if no effort is made to address the question or topic.

Participation and Miscellaneous Activities

Attendance and participation in class discussions is required.

To Be Excused if you cannot make it to class to participate in an exercise, please leave an E-mail message THAT day or earlier, giving your name, class and reason for missing the activity. You will receive full credit (E) as long as the reason is significant and the privilege is not abused. Failure to participate might result in a significant loss of overall points.

Other Class Policies

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity statement (from the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development): “Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at San José State University, and the University’s Academic Integrity Policy requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development.” The policy on academic integrity including definitions of plagiarism and cheating and sanctions for violations can be found at: http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/download/judicial_affairs/Academic_Integrity_Policy_S07-2.pdf

“If you would like to include in your paper any material you have submitted, or plan to submit, for another class, please note that SJSU’s Academic Integrity policy F06-1 requires approval by instructors.”

Late Papers

No late papers will be accepted unless a genuine emergency arrives and the student notifies the professor in advance.

Adds/Drops/Incompletes, etc.

You are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, withdrawal, etc. The SJSU procedure for adding classes can be found at <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-2251.html>

The procedure for dropping a class can be found at: <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-2254.html> and <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-2253.html>

The policy regarding incompletes can be found at: <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-1993.html>

Disabilities

If you require accommodation, please advise me. I will be happy to help. “Campus policy in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act:

“If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities register with DRC to establish a record of their disability.” For more information on accommodations contact the Disability Resource Center at <http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/>.

Cell phones

Please turn off all cell phones at the beginning of the class and keep them off. If you have a family emergency that may require you to keep the cell phone on, inform me at the beginning of class. Text messaging in class will not be tolerated.

Laptops – Students are permitted to use laptops in class for note-taking **only**. Students who abuse this policy by surfing the web or playing games during class will be asked not to use laptops in class. If you want to use a laptop, you must sit in the front row of class and sign a contract saying that you will not abuse the privilege of using a laptop.

Internet Resources

Anthropology 25 readings and assignments are posted to the class website:

<http://www.sjsu.edu/people/jennifer.anderson/courses/c5/>

Any changes to the schedule will be printed to the website syllabus. Please check it regularly.

Schedule

(The schedule may be changed on fair notice. Readings are to be done before the class with which they are associated.)

Tuesday, August 31

- Lecture: “Course Overview” and “Introduction to Anthropology”
- Bring “Ethnographic Worksheet” to class which was downloaded from the class website as per my email. .
- Lecture: “Ethnographic Interviewing”
- Practice: Ethnographic interview of classmate

Tuesday, September 7

- **Typed version of Ethnographic interview form due (15 points). Use full sentences and include detail.**
- Download Autobiographical Worksheet from class website. (Ask a peer mentor for help if you have trouble downloading or accessing the class website. They can be found in the peer mentor center on the first floor of Clark Hall. The worksheet must be typed and answered in full sentences. It is due at the next class period.
- Lecture: PP1 “The Game of Life”
- Lecture: PP2 “Like a Virgin” (Virginity)
- Read: Nathan, 1-40

- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.
- Download and bring to class: “Authoritative Knowledge” and “Eight Kinds of Logic”

Tuesday, September 14

- **Autobiographical Worksheet due in class (15 points)**
- Lecture: PP3 “Birds, Bees, and Petri Dishes” (Fertility)
- Lecture: PP4 “All You Need is Love” (Love and Sex)
- Read: Nathan, 41-66,
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.
- Download and begin filling out **“Five Year Plan for Incoming Freshmen” due Tuesday, October 19. (10 points)**. This may take some time and you will need an appointment with either an SJSU counselor or an advisor in your major department. Their signature is required on your form. Start now! You must do this even if you are a senior! If you need help finding an advisor or information about a major, ask someone at the peer mentor center to help you. It would be best to find a peer mentor who has declared the major you are interested in.

Tuesday, September 21

- **Portfolio Assignment 1 Due (10 points)** (Download from class website)
- Lecture: PP5 “In The Family Way” (Pregnancy)
- Lecture: PP6 “Always Something New” (Birth)
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, September 28

- **Portfolio Assignment 2 Due (10 points)**
- Movies: *Adhiambo: Born in the Evening*, *Giving Birth: Challenges and Choices*
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, October 5

- Lecture: PP7 “Babies: Gotta Love’em!” (Infant Development)
- Lecture: PP8 “Child’s Play” (Child Development)
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, October 12

- Lecture: PP9 “No Way Back” (Child labor, Child soldiers, Sex trafficking)
- Lecture: PP10 “Negotiating Difference” (Bullying, disabilities, gender variant children)
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, October 19

- **Five Year Plan for Incoming Freshmen Due**
- Lecture: PP11 “Betwixt and Between” (Adolescence)
- Movie: *The Devil’s Playground*
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

- Reading: Nathan, 67-89

Tuesday, October 26

- Midterm Questions and Answers
- **Mid-term (40 points)**

Tuesday, November 2

- **Portfolio Assignment 3 due (10 points)**
- Lecture: PP12 “At the Ready . . . “ (Military Life)
- Lecture: PP13 “All Work and No Play . . . “ (Student Life)
- Read: Nathan, 89-106
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, November 9

- Lecture: PP14 “Just Perfect” (Body Image in a Cross Cultural Context)
- Movie: *The Beauty Academy of Kabul*
- Read: Nathan, 107-156
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, November 16

- **Portfolio Assignment 4 due (10 points)**
- Lecture: PP15 “Catching the Brass Ring” (Relationship Choices)
- Lecture: PP16 “The Happiest Day of Your Life” (The Complexities of Marriage)
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, November 23

- **Portfolio Assignment 5 due.**
- Lecture; PP17 “Breaking Up is Hard to Do” (Divorce Cross-Culturally)
- Lecture: PP18 “Caught in the Middle” (Middle Age)
- Download and Read: Readings on Class website to be announced.
- **Do not forget to interview a family member at Thanksgiving for your life history assignment!**

Tuesday, November 30

- **Life History Assignment is due.**
- Lecture: PP19 “Silver Hairs Amongst the Gold . . .” (Old Age)
- Lecture: PP20 “The Keys to the Kingdom” (Death and Freedom of Choice)
- Download and Read: : Readings on Class website to be announced.

Tuesday, December 7

- Film: *Departures* (131 minutes)
- Review for Final Exam
- Final to be Handed Out

Wednesday, December 15, 2:45-5:00
OPEN BOOK, OPEN NOTE FINAL DUE IN CLASS – 50 Points
NO EMAIL SUBMISSIONS, NO LATE SUBMISSIONS!