ANTH 302 : Gender and Culture

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent, or have instructor's permission.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci , Goal 08 - Global Perspective

What is gender? How can we understand differences in gender and sexuality? Through the perspective of cultural anthropology, students examine how gender is perceived and realized in a range of human societies. Discussions on the biological/cultural determinants of gender are considered. Ethnographic materials explore how gender varies cross culturally and historically and is related to social power. Students engage with contemporary debates surrounding such themes as marriage, family, human rights, and sexuality.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - 05/06/2013 05/07/2013 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understands the concept of culture as a holistic system of economic, political, religious, and ideological strategies for adapting to the social and physical environment.
2. Can analyze the role of social and physical environments in constructing cultures' gender ideologies and evaluate resulting social issues and problems, especially in terms of contact between cultures.
3. Can evaluate, at an upper division college level, how cultural change, social stratification, globalization, economic systems, religion, worldview, and social/individual identity impact sex roles and gender across culture and through time.
4. Critically analyzes and writes about, at an upper division college level, one's own gender ideology in relation to others', and the rapidly changing global environment.
5. Understands methods and concepts from anthropology and related fields used to analyze sex and gender within and across cultures.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

Goal 08 - Global Perspective
1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

G. Special Information

None