Class day/time: Wednesdays 7:00-10:00 pm
Classroom: UC-3220
Instructor: Douglass Campbell (he/him)
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Credit Value: 0.5

Requisites:
Antirequisites: Indigenous Studies 2212F/G
Prerequisites: Any Arts and Humanities or Social Science 0.5 or 1.0 Essay course.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Course Description:
Taking the idea of the Pacific as a starting point this course is an exploration of the diverse ways members of different Pacific societies participate in, and respond to, some of the fundamental issues facing humanity. We will critically investigate the work of anthropologists as well as filmmakers, artists, writers, and pop media producers who turn Pacific peoples into an array of spectacles, dangers, lost and found lives, survivors, victims, warriors, protectors, performers, seers, healers, magicians, consumers, producers, activists, beacons, and whatever else we can imagine. Through selected examples from Melanesia, Polynesia, and Micronesia, this course will reveal how people often understood as peripheral, are at the centre of global processes.

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course’s OWL site before the first day of class.

Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- analyze the underlying assumptions of Western representations of the Pacific
- recognize how Pacific peoples’ lives are lived at the intersection of global processes
- interpret anthropological knowledge about Pacific cultures
- gain insights into how Pacific peoples make meaning of their lives and experience
• have an awareness of our mutual struggles for identity and self-determination as contemporaries grounded in local specificities and experience

**Course Materials:**
Registered students will be able to access course readings and media through the course site in OWL before the first day of class.

**Evaluation:**
- In-class Reading Response Quizzes: 20% (10 X 2%)
- Ethnographic Exercise 1: 10%
- Midterm Test: 20%
- Ethnographic Exercise 2: 10%
- Ethnographic Exercise 3: 10%
- Final Exam: 30%

**Academic and Accommodation Policies**

**Statement on Plagiarism**
Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing. It is also a scholastic offence to submit the same work for credit in more than one course. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

In order to pass an essay course, the student must exhibit some minimal level of competence in essay writing and the appropriate level of knowledge of the content of the course.

**Statement on Seeking Special Accommodations**
No accommodations will be granted retroactively more than 10 days after an assignment’s due date or a missed quiz or test. Please see your academic counsellor immediately if you will be seeking accommodations based on medical or compassionate grounds.

**Accommodation Policies**

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and
cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities.

**Academic Consideration for Student Absence**

Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student’s final grade. Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus. Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- assessments worth more than 30% of the student’s final grade,
- if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are *not* met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical, or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty.

For Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see

**Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs**

and the [form for the Student Medical Certificate](#) (SMC).

**Religious Accommodation**

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

**Institutional Statements and Policies**

All students should familiarize themselves with Western's current academic policies regarding accessibility, plagiarism and scholastic offences, and medical accommodation. These policies are outlined in Western’s academic policies by clicking on this link: Western’s academic policies

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