

## ANTHROPOLOGY 2285G-650

### *Clothing and Culture: The Anthropology of Fashion*

#### Department of Anthropology

#### BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE

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**Credit Value:** 0.5 credit

**Mode of Delivery:** This course is conducted online. It is *asynchronous*, meaning that students will be provided with a variety of lesson materials and activities that can be done throughout the week, although there may be tasks that must be completed by specific times.

**Antirequisite:** Anthropology 2293F/G taken in 2015-16.

**Prerequisite:** 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:**

In North America, the way we dress is often considered as a form of self-expression. However, as we will see, dressing is not simply an individual endeavor or done solely for practical purposes, but it is shaped by wider cultural, social and political-economic contexts. This course will focus on the anthropological study of clothing, dress and fashion. We will critically examine the meaning of clothing, the role it plays in the formation of identities (e.g., clothing as a marker of ethnicity, gender and religion), and the ways it is used to negotiate and resist power inequalities. We will further discuss ethical and environmental concerns in regards to clothing production and consumption, focusing on issues such as working conditions in the garment industry, second-hand clothing and questions of copying and appropriation.

***A detailed course outline, including specifics on assignments, a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings, and further course specific information will be available on the course's OWL site before the first day of class.***

#### **Course Materials:**

Required readings (such as journal articles and book chapters) will be accessible through the "Course Readings" feature on the OWL course website.

**Evaluation:**

Grades will be based on the following:

- Activities such as participation in discussion forums
- 5 Quizzes
- Proposal
- Research Paper
- Final Exam in the form of a take-home essay

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