

## MAGICAL WORLDVIEW

ANTH/SOC 4163

Fall 2004

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Office Hours: MWF 11:00 a.m.- noon, 1:00-2:00 p.m.; T Th 10:00-11:00 a.m.; or by appointment

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Required Textbook: Lehmann, Arthur C., and James E. Myers. *Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion*. 2001, 6th ed. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Company.

### week of

Aug 23	INTRODUCTION/ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELIGION Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp vii-x, 1-15
Aug 30	INTRODUCTION/ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELIGION Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 16-34
Sept 6	MYTH, RITUAL, SYMBOLISM, AND TABOO Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 35-55 (No class, Monday, September 6)
Sept 13	MYTH, RITUAL, SYMBOLISM, AND TABOO Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 56-85
Sept 20	SHAMANS, PRIESTS, AND PROPHETS Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 86-109 (First Exam, Friday, September 24)
Sept 27	SHAMANS, PRIESTS, AND PROPHETS Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 110-119
Oct 4	THE RELIGIOUS USE OF DRUGS Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 120-149
Oct 11	ETHNOMEDICINE: RELIGION AND HEALING Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 150-172
Oct 18	ETHNOMEDICINE: RELIGION AND HEALING Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 173-203 (No Class, Friday, October 22)

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Oct 25	WITCHCRAFT, SORCERY, AND OTHER FORCES OF EVIL Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 204-248 (Second Exam, Friday, October 29)
Nov 1	DEMONS, EXORCISM, DIVINATION, AND MAGIC Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 249-299
Nov 8	GHOSTS, SOULS, AND ANCESTORS: POWER OF THE DEAD Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 300-323
Nov 15	GHOSTS, SOULS, AND ANCESTORS: POWER OF THE DEAD Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 324-343
Nov 22	OLD AND NEW RELIGIONS: THE SEARCH FOR SALVATION Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 344-380 (Nov 24-28, Thanksgiving Break)
Nov 29	OLD AND NEW RELIGIONS: THE SEARCH FOR SALVATION/ Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 381-410
Dec 6	THE OCCULT: PATHS TO THE UNKNOWN
Dec 9	Final Exam, Wednesday, December 15, 1:00-2:50 p.m.

**Course Grades:** (1) **EXAMS:** Three exams (20% each) constitute 60% of the final grade. The final is non-cumulative. (2) **TERM PAPER:** 20% of the class grade is based on a 10-15 page paper discussing a topic related to the anthropology of religion. The paper must be turned in by class time, **Monday, November 8**. Papers must be compliant with the Term Paper Guide. Plagiarized papers will result in an “f” for the class. (3) **ATTENDANCE:** 20% of final grade. Students are responsible for class materials missed due to absence. All grades, including the course grade, are assessed by a “straight scale,” 100-90, 89-80, 79-70, 69-60, 59 and lower. Failure to meet all class requirements will result in an “F.”

**Warning:** November 12 is the last date to drop the class with a “W.” Do not play Russian roulette. Talk to me if you are considering dropping the course, so you don’t receive an “F.”

Note that the instructor maintains the right to make any changes in the course schedule.

If any member of the class feels that he/she has a disability and needs special accommodations, please advise the instructor of such disability at the first class attended.