

MAGICAL WORLDVIEW

ANTH/SOC 4163

Spring 2005

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Office Hours: MWF 11:00 a.m.-1:00 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, 5th ed. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Company.

class date

Jan 12	INTRODUCTION/ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELIGION Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp vii-x, 1-15
Jan 19	INTRODUCTION/ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELIGION Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 16-34
Jan 26	MYTH, RITUAL, SYMBOLISM, AND TABOO Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 35-55
Feb 2	MYTH, RITUAL, SYMBOLISM, AND TABOO Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 56-85
Feb 9	SHAMANS, PRIESTS, AND PROPHETS Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 86-109
Feb 16	SHAMANS, PRIESTS, AND PROPHETS Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 110-119 (<u>Exam 1</u> , 5:30-6:30 p.m.)
Feb 23	THE RELIGIOUS USE OF DRUGS Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 120-149
March 2	ETHNOMEDICINE: RELIGION AND HEALING Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 150-172
March 9	ETHNOMEDICINE: RELIGION AND HEALING Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 173-203
March 16	SPRING BREAK!
March 23	WITCHCRAFT, SORCERY, AND OTHER FORCES OF EVIL Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 204-248

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March 30	DEMONS, EXORCISM, DIVINATION, AND MAGIC Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 249-299 (<u>Exam 2</u> , 5:30-6:30 pm.)
April 6	GHOSTS, SOULS, AND ANCESTORS: POWER OF THE DEAD Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 300-323
April 13	GHOSTS, SOULS, AND ANCESTORS: POWER OF THE DEAD Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 324-343
April 20	OLD AND NEW RELIGIONS: THE SEARCH FOR SALVATION Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 344-380
April 27	OLD AND NEW RELIGIONS: THE SEARCH FOR SALVATION/ THE OCCULT: PATHS TO THE UNKNOWN Read: Lehmann and Myers, pp 381-410
May 4	<u>Exam 3</u> , 5:30-7:20 pm.

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 term paper must comply with the Term Paper Guide posted on my website; note that any plagiarized paper will result in an "F" for the course. The paper is due by class time, **April 6**. Papers will not be accepted after that time. Failure to complete the paper will result in an "F" for the course. **PLAGIARISM:** a plagiarized term paper will result in an "F" for the class. (3) **ATTENDANCE:** 20% of final grade. This is not a correspondence course, please plan to attend. 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: April 9 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."

Warning: Anyone caught cheating on an exam will receive an "F" for the course and will be turned in to the Office of Student Affairs.

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.