

**Eastern Oregon University**  
**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Example Only - Course Syllabus**

**Number of Course:** ANTH 315

**Name of Course:** Anthropology Through Film

**Catalog Description:** This course is designed to explore cultural anthropology through ethnographic and popular film.

**Instructor:** Linda Jerofke, PhD  
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**Required Text:**

Heider, Karl G.

2007. Seeing Anthropology: Cultural Anthropology through Film.

**Learning Outcomes:** To explore cultural anthropology through ethnographic and popular film. Students will develop:

- A more complex understanding of the components of human culture as presented through film.
- An understanding of how film may or may not present the emic and etic points of view.
- An understanding of film as a means of communication.

**Outline of Course:**

**WEEK 1** Introduction and Human Diversity

Heider Chapter 1

Film: China's Lost Girls

**WEEK 2** Understanding Culture

Heider Chapter 2

Film: Rabbit Proof Fence

**WEEK 3** Doing Anthropology

Heider Chapter 3

Film: Shamans of the Amazon

**WEEK 4** Communication

Heider Chapter 4

Film: Star Trek TNG: Darmok

**WEEK 5** Medical Anthropology

Heider Chapter 14

Film: Medicine Man

**WEEK 6** Consumption

Midterm: Monday

Heider Chapter 7

Film: Tampopo

**WEEK 7** Marriage and the Family

Heider Chapter 8

Film: My Big Fat Greek Wedding

**WEEK 8** Power and Politics

Heider Chapter 10

Film: Hotel Rwanda

**WEEK 9** Gender and Sexuality

Heider Chapter 12

Film: Whale Rider

**WEEK 10** Culture Change

Heider Chapter 13

Film: Born into Brothels

**FINALS WEEK**

Final Exam

**Course Requirements and Information:**

**Exams:**

There are two exams – a midterm and a final. Exams will be on any material covered as part of the class (lectures, book, articles, films, websites and guest lectures). Exams will consist of a combination of short answer, list, and essay questions. No make-up exams will be offered unless due to a documented emergency.

**Attendance:**

It is highly recommended that you attend class.

**EOU Related Travel:**

You must inform me if you participate in EOU activities (such as sports) that will require you to miss class.

**Grading:**

100 points Midterm exam

100 points Final exam

200 total points

**Grading Scale:**

94-100	A
90-93	A-
87-89	B+
84-86	B
80-83	B-
77-79	C+
74-76	C
70-73	C-
67-69	D+
64-66	D
60-63	D-
0-59	F

**Means of Assessment:** There are two exams (a mid-term and final) that assess student understanding of cultural anthropology through film.

**General Education Category:** N/A

**University Writing Requirement Outcomes:** N/A

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<http://www.eou.edu/saffairs/handbook/honest.html>

**Statement on Americans with Disabilities:** If you have a documented disability or suspect that you have a learning problem and need reasonable accommodations, please contact the Disability Services Program in Loso Hall 234. Telephone: 541-962-3081.

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE:** Class schedule and assignments may be altered during the course of the term as needed.

**Syllabus Prepared by:** Linda Jerofke, PhD

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