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2018-19 Academic Learning Compact Report

ALC - Anthropology (BA) (CIP CODE 45.0201)

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Assessment Committee Members: John Arthur, Kathryn Arthur

<i>Program Outcomes</i>	<i>Means of Assessment</i>	<i>Findings</i>	<i>Use of Findings</i>
<p>Content/Discipline Knowledge and Skills - a. Master concepts central to the anthropological perspective i.e. culture; human evolution, diversity of culture, physical type, language, gender/sex, cultural relativism, holism, historical and cross-cultural comparisons, kinship, globalism; b. Identify major figures in the history of anthropology, the major schools/orientation of anthropological theory, and important trends in contemporary anthropological theory and methods</p> <p>Outcome Status: Active</p> <p>Planned Assessment Cycle: 2017 -</p>	<p>Direct Measure - ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - 3 short essays, midterm & Final – group presentation.</p> <p>ANT 4312 - North American Indians - 2 essay exams and research paper</p> <p>ANT 4302 - Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - discussion of readings</p> <p>ANT 4495 - Methods in Cultural Research - Not applicable</p> <p>Criterion for Success: 70% of students will attain an average of 80% or better on these essays</p>	<p>Reporting Period: 2018 - 2019</p> <p>Conclusion: Exceeds Expectations</p> <p>ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - 84% of students 80% or better on exams</p> <p>ANT 4312 - North American Indians - 92% of students earned 80% or better on exams and paper</p> <p>ANT 4302 - Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - 95% of students earned 80% or better on reading discussions.</p> <p>ANT 4495 - Methods in Cultural Research - Not applicable (11/25/2018)</p>	<p>Use of Findings: Will continue to use this measure to assess students. (11/25/2018)</p>

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<p>2018, 2018 - 2019</p> <p>Communication Skills - Create and deliver effective oral presentations; Develop effective written presentations; Contribute effectively to group discussion</p> <p>Outcome Status: Active</p> <p>Planned Assessment Cycle: 2017 - 2018, 2018 - 2019</p>	<p>Direct Measure - ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - Student present discussion of readings each week and put on a play related to theory on the last day.</p> <p>ANT 4495 - Methods in Cultural Research - Presentation of research project, weekly discussions, and class participation.</p> <p>ANT 4312 - North American Indians - Giving an oral presentation on their research.</p> <p>ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - weekly presentations and class discussions</p> <p>ANT 4302 - Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - presentation of final research papers and group discussions</p> <p>Criterion for Success: 70% of students will attain an average of 80% or better on oral presentations</p>	<p>Reporting Period: 2018 - 2019</p> <p>Conclusion: Exceeds Expectations</p> <p>ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - 87% of students earned 80% or better on oral presentations.</p> <p>ANT 4312 - North American Indians - 92% of students earned 80% or better on exams and paper</p> <p>ANT 4302 - Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - 95% of students earned 80% on oral presentations.</p> <p>ANT 4495 - Methods in Cultural Research - 93% of the students earned 80% or better on presentation of research project. (11/25/2018)</p>	<p>Use of Findings: Will continue to use this measure to assess students. (11/25/2018)</p>
<p>Critical Thinking Skills - a. Demonstrate critical thinking and analytical abilities, and construct sound arguments regarding global human diversity, as well as commonality; b. Demonstrate familiarity with the standards of professional ethics espoused by the disciple of anthropology</p> <p>Outcome Status: Active</p> <p>Planned Assessment Cycle: 2017 - 2018, 2018 - 2019</p>	<p>Direct Measure - ANT 4312 North American Indians - Research Paper and essay exams</p> <p>ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - Not applicable</p> <p>ANT 4302 - Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - Action papers</p> <p>ANT 4495 - Methods in Cultural Research - Weekly research analysis and research proposal</p> <p>Criterion for Success: 70% of students will attain an average of 80% or better on these essays</p>	<p>Reporting Period: 2018 - 2019</p> <p>Conclusion: Exceeds Expectations</p> <p>ANT 4312 - North American Indians - 92 percent of the students earned 70 percent or higher</p> <p>ANT 4034 Theories of Culture - Not applicable</p> <p>ANT 4495 Methods in Cultural Research - 86% of the students earned 80% or better on weekly research analysis papers and research proposals.</p> <p>ANT 4302 Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - 95% of students earned 80% or better presentation on action papers. (11/25/2018)</p>	<p>Use of Findings: Will continue to use this measure to assess students. (11/25/2018)</p>
<p>Civic Engagement Skills - a. approach the solution of human problems</p>	<p>Direct Measure - ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - Not applicable</p>	<p>Reporting Period: 2018 - 2019</p> <p>Conclusion: Exceeds Expectations</p>	<p>Use of Findings: Will continue to use this measure to assess</p>

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<p>through anthropological methods; b. show ability to conduct basic anthropological research, under the supervision of faculty, involving research in the local community and/or analysis of existing scholarly resources</p> <p>Outcome Status: Active</p> <p>Planned Assessment Cycle: 2017 - 2018, 2018 - 2019</p>	<p>ANT 4312 - North American Indians - 2 essay exams and research paper</p> <p>ANT 4302 - Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - Final research paper.</p> <p>ANT 4495 - Methods in Cultural Research - Final research project.</p> <p>Criterion for Success: 70% of students will attain an average of 80% or better for this research</p>	<p>ANT 4034 - Theories of Culture - Not applicable</p> <p>ANT 4312 - North American Indians - 92 percent of the students earned 80 percent or higher</p> <p>ANT 4302 - Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective - 95% of the students earned 80 percent or higher on final research paper.</p> <p>ANT 4495 - Methods in Cultural Research - 92% of the students made an 80 % or better of final research project. (11/25/2018)</p>	<p>students. (11/25/2018)</p>