

Anth 152 Online Winter 2011  
Middle Eastern Peoples and Cultures  
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Hello! You have signed up for ANTH 152 Middle Eastern Peoples and Cultures for the Winter Semester. I wanted you to have some important information about the course while registration is still in progress so that you can decide if this course is right for you. Included is a list of questions to help you decide if you want to take this Middle Eastern Peoples and Cultures course. The current syllabus and the Fall 2010 course calendar and a check list are enclosed so that you can get a clear idea about the course. These will be revised before the class begins. In addition, you will be contacted in advance via e-mail with an updated syllabus and Orientation information for the course.

**You will be successful in this course if you can answer “yes” to each of the following questions...**

1. Are you interested in learning about, researching and reading about the Middle East in an in-depth manner?
2. Do you own your own computer and have hi-speed access to the Internet?
3. Do you like to use the computer?
4. Can you send email with attachments?
5. Are you comfortable downloading and uploading files?
6. Do you have Microsoft Word software for your computer?
7. Do you like to read and **do you have the time to prepare class assignments, including readings, research, and projects?**
8. **Do you like to do research on the Internet and do you have the time to spend at least three hours per week doing electronic research and completing assignments?**
9. Do you like to exchange thoughts and opinions electronically and **do you have the time to spend at least one hour per week in required on-line discussions?**
10. Do **you like to write and do you have the time to spend 6-8 hours writing, revising, and proofing an essay?** (There are 3 documented writing assignments assigned during the semester).
11. Are you **willing to submit your essays for rigorous grading** on content, structure, grammar and mechanics
12. Can you **follow directions without deviation?**
13. Are you familiar with the **MLA format** and **do you have a current English handbook?**
14. Are you willing to spend **\$100 or more for several required textbooks?**

Since this is an Anthropology course that emphasizes writing you will be writing a lot. You will also be doing a good deal of reading and research. In addition, all papers will be submitted to Turnitin.com are to be checked for plagiarism. This means that every paper you submit to the course will be matched to papers (word for word!) from previous semesters. It also means that references for the paper will be checked for accuracy. I will read every word you write and will grade each in terms of spelling, grammar, mechanics, structure, content and understanding. Each discussion posting will be read and each worksheet submitted will be reviewed for knowledge of the assigned material. My standards are very high, so be prepared for this challenge.

This class will be conducted as an on-line class, and will require several hours of participation on UCOMPASS a week, regular communication on UCOMPASS with myself and your peers. This class will require a great deal of self-discipline and time management skills. This class never meets on campus it is online only. I look forward to working with you this fall. Please feel free to e-mail me any questions or concerns.

All Best,

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