

ANTH399

Anthropology of Community Development in Northern Japan

Spring 2022

Location: Nibutani, Shiraoi, and Sapporo in Hokkaido, Japan

Date of Departure: June 4, 2022 (tentative)

Date of Return: June 17, 2022 (tentative)

Pre-Departure Class in Calgary: February 25, March 25, May 9, 11, and 13 (tentative)

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Course Description

This course is an application of ANTH357: Anthropology of Development. ANTH357 explores various theories and case studies regarding international-level development/aids. Compared to this, this course narrows the scope of development down to the local level. We will visit two rural communities in Hokkaido, northern Japan: Nibutani and Shiraoi. Nibutani is a small community with a population of about 400. It is the so-called "Ainu village," where many residents identify themselves as Ainu descendants. In Shiraoi (pop. about 16,000), meaningful collaboration between Ainu and non-Ainu (Japanese) is just starting. We will look into the social, ecological and historical conditions of each community and discuss a better way of community development for them. After that, we will have a workshop at Hokkaido University, Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido.

Course Goals (Learning Outcomes)

The goal of this course is to introduce students to a better understanding of "community" and to have them practice entry-level methods of community development.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, successful students will be able to:

- understand some theoretical frameworks and approaches towards community development;
- understand how the practice of community development works by way of actually entering communities in rural Hokkaido, Japan;
- acquire communication skills necessary for discussing with community people and research team members;
- develop analytical skills and presentation skills at a community meeting; and
- reflect critically on their own communities to which they belong.

Course Format

This course consists of pre-departure classes, the tour to Japan, and after-tour classes.

Pre-departure classes

- *Classes in February and March*
 - We will meet community people in Shiraoi via Zoom. Shiraoi residents and we introduce ourselves, introduce our communities to each other, and develop curiosity and questions on each other's towns.
- *Classes in May*
 - Lectures on community development; the making questions on community people in Nibutani and Shiraoi (See "Methods of Evaluation" below); and discussion on community development
 - In-class exam (60 min.) in the afternoon of the final class (May 13, 1-2 PM)

Tour to Nibutani and Shiraoi

- Visiting Hokkaido; Meet residents of the two communities; Exploring the towns with local people (with translators); and discussing with residents on community development.
- Discussion
- Group presentation

Required textbook

TBA

Prerequisite

ANTH203 or DEST201

Methods of Evaluation

Pre-departure assignment	10%	Group work	The making of a list of questions to the communities/
In-class exam	10%	Essay-format, 60 min., In the afternoon of the final session (May 14), 1-2PM	At the same time as the in-class exam of DEST403.02
Group activities during the tour	30%	Participation in discussion and group work	
Group presentation	40%	Oral presentation (with visual aid if necessary)	
Participation	10%		

Grading scheme

A+ 100–94.9%	A 94.8–89.9%	A- 89.8–84.9%
B+ 84.8–79.9%	B 79.8–74.9%	B- 74.8–70.9%
C+ 70.8–66.9%	C 66.8–62.9%	C- 62.8–58.9%
D+ 58.8–54.9%	D 54.8–49.9%	F 49.8% and below

Test re-writes will ~~NOT~~not be offered except for documented medical and family emergencies. Non-academic activities, such as vacation plans and heavy workload are not valid reasons for rewrites. Course appeals (grades, missed exams) must be made in writing. Students unable to write an exam must inform the instructor or personnel in the main office of the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology ([403]220-6516) about their situation beforehand, not afterwards. A notification after the missed exam will NOT be accepted. ~~PA~~proper documentation must be provided within four (4) business days of the exam (For instance, if the exam takes place on Monday, the student needs to provide by Friday of the week. A make-up/deferred exam will be provided within a week after the exam.) According to Section G.6.4 of the University Calendar, a make-up exam, deferred or early, may be different in content and/or format from the original exam (~~see~~ <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6-4.html>).

Email Policy

Please include the word "ANTH357" in the title of email messages. I appreciate concise, appropriate email messages. I will attempt to respond to emails in a timely fashion, that is, within two working days. The volume of messages I receive may mean responding beyond this period. Please don't send an email about an exam an hour before and expect a response. Also, general questions regarding the course outline, the format of exams and quizzes, and so forth can be addressed in the forum of D2L, so students can share FAQs.

Conduct in the Classroom

All cellphones must be turned off during class-time. If you expect to receive a call, sit by a door and leave the room in a non-disruptive manner prior to answering. I encourage note-taking by hand. I will allow the use of computers for note-taking as long as the use of computers does not interfere with the academic environment generated through lecture and class discussion. I will ask students to leave the classroom if their use of computers is a distraction to others, and I will not allow those students to use computers again in class. Please note, not only is this distracting to you, most importantly it is distracting to the students around you (who see everything you are doing) and your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Student Accessibility Services (formerly the Disability Resource Centre), contact their office at (403)220-8237. Students who have not registered with the SAS are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Intellectual Honesty

Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offences that will be dealt with seriously in this course and by this university. Students must not submit the words or ideas of another person as their own for any assignment in this course. Students are reminded to review the Arts Faculty's policies on Intellectual Honesty and Plagiarism. See <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/plagiarismcheating> .

Emergency Evacuation

In the event that we need to evacuate the classroom due to an emergency please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Food Court in the Social Science Building. FYI: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/home/evacuation-assembly-points/assembly-points> .