

## **ANTH 196C: HONORS STUDIES IN ANTHROPOLOGY Spring 2018**

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Office hours: Mondays 1-2pm or by appointment

**Class Meetings:** W 10-12:50pm in SSB 105

**Grading:** Letter grade or P/NP

**Aim of Course:** A weekly research seminar for students to share and discuss research findings resulting from ANTH 196A and 196B along with selected background literature used in each individual thesis. Students are taught how to turn their thesis into brief presentations for both specialized and broader audiences.

### **Awards and Distinctions:**

All students enrolled in this course will become Ambassadors of Anthropology 2018 (<http://anthro.ucsd.edu/undergraduate-studies/opps/ambassadors.html>).

In addition, participants of ANTH 196C will have increased chances to be considered by the Anthropology Faculty for Highest Departmental Honors and for the Department's Excellence Awards in Biological, Archeological, and Sociocultural Anthropology (<http://anthro.ucsd.edu/undergraduate-studies/opps/awards.html>).

### **Requirements:**

Students are expected to attend class on a weekly basis, share their thesis findings with their class peers, participate in class discussions, prepare a 15' oral presentation for the Anthropology Annual Honors Thesis Presentations and Awards, as well as a shorter presentation for the Ambassadors of Anthropology Outreach events, as outlined below.

#### Anthropology Annual Honors Thesis Presentations and Awards

Toward the end of the academic year, an event takes place that showcases undergraduate student achievements, including honors thesis presentations, recognition of academic achievements by our graduating majors, recognition of activities by the AnthroClub, activities by the Ambassadors of Anthropology, awards to outstanding graduating seniors, and a special salute from alumni via video clips or messages presented during the ceremony. The annual event is being recorded and placed on the departmental website (see [Annual Honors Thesis Presentations and Awards Ceremony](#) for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 events).

Students enrolled in ANTH 196C are required to make a 15' oral presentation in this event that summarizes their honors thesis work (ANTH 196A, B). They are also required to design and prepare a flier that advertises the event (see above link for past fliers from

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017). And, prepare a single electronic and hard copy document that includes their work in the Honors program (proposal, thesis and presentation from ANTH196A-C). This year the event will take place in Week 8 on **Wednesday May 23 at 3-5pm in SSB107**.

### Ambassadors of Anthropology - Outreach

All students enrolled in the course will become this year's Ambassadors of Anthropology. This group of dedicated, academically outstanding honors students will promote UCSD Anthropology and the Honors program by sharing their educational and research experience with other students. Students will participate in several community outreach events during the Spring quarter. The outreach events aim to attract on- and off-campus students to UCSD Anthropology.

Specifically, Ambassadors are hosted during lecture time of other UCSD courses ([Ambassadors of Anthropology](#)) to make presentations with the aim of attracting students to our major. Other outreach events include participation in onsite visits by community college students and their faculty mentors (for example, Palomar College, Miramar College, Mira Costa College, etc.). The aim of these events is to attract future transfer students to our major and reach out to our partners outside UCSD (see link above).

Ambassadors will design & order Ambassadors T-shirts paid for by the Department.

#### \*\*List of outreach opportunities\*\*

- Triton Day, Saturday April 14
- Transfer Triton Day, Saturday May 5
- Local community college student visits to UCSD Anthropology (dates pending; weekdays)
- Several on campus presentations in large lecture courses (dates pending; weekdays)
- Passing the torch - Mingle with prospective next year Anthropology Honors students (Monday 12-12:50pm, choose one of following ANTH 192 dates: 4/23, 4/30, 5/7)

Given that most of the above events take place on dates/times other than the scheduled class time for ANTH 196C, students will participate in as many outreach events as possible, depending on their schedule and other obligations. Students will determine their availability during the first meeting of the quarter in consultation with the Vice Chair of Undergraduate Education and their peers.

### **Recommended (Highly):**

#### Participation in the Annual UCSD Undergraduate Research Conference (URC)

Students who provide the VCUE with a coherent, high quality seven page (double space) summary of their thesis by the first day of classes in the Spring quarter will be

considered for nomination to the campus wide Undergraduate Research Conference (<https://students.ucsd.edu/sponsor/urc/>) where each student presents the results of their work to their peers. The VCUE and the students in the class will provide feedback to this summary during the course. A revised, coherent, high quality seven page long summary of the thesis is necessary, as it will form the basis of the 15' presentation for the conference that takes place early in Week 5 of the Spring quarter (May 5, 2018). The DUS will work with the nominees in the Spring quarter ANTH196C to transform the word document into a power point presentation in preparation of the conference.

The UCSD wide research conference is a great opportunity for Anthropology students to share their results with their peers from other majors and to practice their presentation skills in a small, more intimate environment in preparation for the larger event in the department at the end of the year.

### **\*\*Weekly Schedule – Tentative\*\***

**Week 1 (4/4):** Students share a seven page, double spaced summary of their thesis with instructor and their peers. Class plans participation for all Spring quarter events, starting with Triton Days and URC, discuss availability for other outreach events, reviews presentations of events from previous years, etc., design & order Ambassadors T-shirts, prepare flyer for departmental honors presentations event.

**Weeks 2-5:** Preparation of 15' presentations for URC. In-depth discussion and critique of research findings, literature review. Ambassadors of Anthropology outreach activities.

**Weeks 6-8:** Preparation for departmental event including revisions to URC presentation based on feedback received. Ambassadors of Anthropology outreach activities.

**Weeks 9,10:** Ambassadors of Anthropology outreach activities, formatting and binding of proposal, thesis and ppt.