

GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: **ANTH 443 Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Health and Healing**

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Indicate which of the following categories would be satisfied by this course by marking an “X” on the appropriate lines. Courses may be placed in up to two GE categories as appropriate. Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE courses may be placed in two categories plus the UDIGE category.

	A1: Oral Communication
	A2: English Writing
	A3: Critical Thinking
	B1: Physical Sciences
	B2: Life Sciences
	B3: Mathematics
	B4: Computers and Technology
	C1: Fine Arts
	C2: Literature
	C3: Languages & Cultures
X	D: Social Perspectives
	E: Human Psychological & Physiological Perspectives
X	Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE

Lab Included? Yes _____ No X

Please provide a brief explanation of how the proposed course meets each of the criteria for the selected General Education categories.

ANTH 443 provides a cross-cultural perspective on human health issues. Uses biological, cultural, and behavioral approaches to understanding the concepts of diseases and their treatment, ethnoscience, health, and complementary and alternative medicine placed in a global perspective.

Category D, Social Perspectives: This course examines human health issues from a cross-cultural perspective integrating knowledge and theories from throughout the social sciences. Medical anthropology studies how different cultures have viewed health, nutrition, and medicine. When that knowledge is applied to health care issues, the broader understanding improves health care delivery. The course examines methods as well as theory.

Category F: UDIGE: The course stresses interdisciplinarity by integrating knowledge from anthropology, geography, and ecology as these apply to medical anthropology. Students use critical thinking to evaluate and assess the interaction between humans and the environment through time. Students will be expected to produce a major written work synthesizing a selected topic via original research.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Outline the nexus of mind and body from a cross-cultural perspective.
- Outline the intersection of biology and culture.
- Analyze the role medical anthropology can play in improving health care.
- Explain the problems of access health care in a multicultural society.
- Compare health care from different cultures.

Hence we feel that this course meets each of the criteria in GE Categories **D and F**.