

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 312: Anthropology of Tourism

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

Anthropological examination of the global tourist industry, with particular emphasis on impacts on local populations and ecosystems. The ethical dimensions of tourism will be the primary concern in this course. Case studies will be used to illustrate principles of sustainable, responsible, participatory tourism. MNTC Goal 9.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 09/16/2016 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. The political economy of tourism
2. Ecotourism
3. Medical tourism: weighing the pros and cons
4. Identity and authenticity in tourism: what constitutes reality and who decides?
5. Pilgrimage/heritage tourism: is it possible to go home again?
6. Thanatourism or Dark grief tourism
7. Tourist industry workers: who are they and what do they derive from tourism?

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Articulate specific standards for the practice of sustainable, responsible, participatory tourism.
2. Describe and appraise some of the multiple effects of tourism on local communities and ecologies.
3. Identify and compare major types of tourism and describe the differences between them.
4. Recognize the divergent motivations of hosts, guests, and tour operators and discuss the uneven distribution of power between them.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

1. Examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.
2. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.
3. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted