ANTH 499: Honours Seminar

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Course Description and Objectives
The Honours seminar has two primary objectives. First, the seminar is a capstone class that provides students with a collaborative intellectual community in which to bring both sub-field knowledge and integrative anthropological thinking to bear on current issues, ideas and debates. Second, the course provides students with guidelines, preparatory work, and deadlines for the research, writing and presentation of the Honours essay. Meetings will be arranged during the fall term for students enrolled in this spring term course in order to discuss possible research topics with the course instructor.

Skills Development
- Critical and integrative thinking, evaluating arguments, synthesizing information, comprehending the context of academic debate and argument.
- Development and application of research skills including defining a research problem, creating a manageable research question, developing a research plan, identifying relevant sources, composing a literature review, generating relevant data, and analysing data.
- Verbal and written communication skills including summarizing information, synthesizing data, structuring an argument, offering constructive peer review, and revising work in progress.
- Presentation skills including summarizing and communicating research results in conference-style presentations with Powerpoint.