Honors Seminar:
DATA ANALYSIS

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The goal of this class is to help students in the Anthropology Honors Program organize, analyze, interpret and present the data that they have gathered in their research and to write the first draft of their honors thesis. Class meetings will usually be in the form of workshops. Each week students will report on their progress, describe the analysis strategies they are using, how they came to choose those approaches, what advantages those strategies offer and any difficulties they are encountering. Students will learn the crafts of presentation and of offering supportive and constructive critiques. We will begin with an overview of selected methodologies for analyzing anthropological data.

Goals

* To develop and implement a plan and strategy for analyzing the data for your honors thesis
* To present the data and analysis plans to an audience of your peers
* To respond to critical commentary by the instructor and your classmates on your strategy and plans for analysis.
* To provide your peers with constructive and supportive critique of their work in progress
* To produce the first draft of your honors thesis.

Requirements

A first draft of your honors thesis is due in 9th week; this will give me time to comment on it. I expect to meet with each of you individually during the quarter to review your progress and data analysis plans.

#1 September 28 Introductions, Preliminaries

Discussion of Course Goals and Design
Preliminary Presentations of Research Progress
#2 October 5 Description, Analysis, and Interpretation


#3 October 12 Individual Projects 1

More detailed discussion of Data, Analysis, and Interpretation in Specific Projects.

#4 October 19 Local Knowledge and More Project work


#5 October 26 Individual Projects 2

#6 November 2 Individual Projects 3

#7 November 9 Individual Projects 4

#8 November 16 Individual Meetings—
sign up for times within class meeting time.

NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 30 NO CLASS—AAA Meetings
#9 December 7  Presentation of Final Project to class—
All papers due.

Grading is based on the satisfactory completion of the term project: a first draft of the honors thesis including a methods section, data presentation and analysis, and interpretation. Also relevant are attendance, participation, and discussion of assigned readings. Finally students will be evaluated on presentational and commentary skill development.

Papers must be presented in both electronic and hard-copy formats.