Anthropology 191HC  
Data Analysis for Anthropology (Honors Course)  
Fall 2008: Tuesdays 9 -11:50 am

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Preliminary course syllabus (subject to change)

Course objectives:

The 191HC seminar (Fall Quarter) is the third class in the Anthropology Honors sequence. The course is directed toward the analysis of anthropological data collected during the preceding summer. Class objectives include providing guidance in the organization, analysis, and draft written presentation of Honors projects data. Students should have collected the project data sets before the start of the quarter, and the analysis of the data needs to be completed before the end of Fall. Students work individually or in working groups to acquire the skills needed to process their data. The final product of 191HC is thus a completed and organized analysis of the findings collected by the student, with those results embedded in an outline or rough draft of the rest of the Honors paper. The students’ individual Honors committee members should also be provided with the analysis and outline by the end of Fall quarter.

During the course students will:
- Develop a strategy for organizing and analyzing the data they have acquired for the Honors project
- Present the data and analysis plans to an audience of peers
- Respond to constructive feedback by the instructor and classmates on the first stages of analysis
- Provide peers with constructive critiques of their ongoing analyses
- Complete all analytical work and all basic interpretations by end of the Fall quarter

Course milestones, requirements, grading:
+ Attend class meetings and individual meetings and actively participate in discussions
+ Assemble all project data for week 3 (in-class discussion)... (10%)
+ Complete a sample data analysis for week 4 (and turn in 3-5 page write-up) ... (20%)
+ Complete all data analysis for week 8 (in-class discussion; no written assignment)... (20%)
+ Complete analysis and preliminary interpretations, with results embedded in an outline or rough draft of the rest of the Honors paper for week 9 (turn in 8-10 page write-up)...(35%)
+ Students will also give an informal presentation (15 minutes) during week 10. The class and instructor will provide feedback. This will clarify how to improve the final project for next quarter.

Course text: No assigned book.