Nature of course request C01892:
New course Undergraduate

First term offered: Spring 2012
Course Prefix&Number Descriptive Title Credits/Hours
ANTH 455 Human Nutrition in Evolutionary Perspective 4 -

Catalog Description:
Food matters. It is a biological necessity for our survival but not just a biological necessity. In all societies, in many diverse ways, food and eating are also culturally important. In this course we examine foodways across time and space, from a holistic perspective. We will discuss how biology and culture have interacted throughout our evolution forming a biocultural interface with our foodways, the meanings and values associated with food structure identity and our relationships with natural and social environments.

Course Goal and Objectives:
- become fluent in the language and terminology of human nutrition in evolutionary perspective.
- be able to critically evaluate key methodological and theoretical debates concerning the human diet.
- be able to critically evaluate the ways biological, cultural and political variables interact to influence human nutrition.
- keep a journal of class notes, free writing assignments, reading, film, research notes and class reflections.
- write a research paper abstract.
- prepare an annotated bibliography.
- write a critical book review.
- write and revise a research paper.
- conduct and record field notes from an ethnographic interview.

Justification for adding the course (e.g. alignment with other institutions, program revision, etc.):
Provides upper division elective in Anthropology.

Faculty and facilities needed:
N/A

Brief Course outline:
Week 1 Introduction to the Course The Biocultural Framework for the Study of Diet and Nutrition
Week 2 The Paleolithic Diet ¿ What did early Hominids eat? Week 3 The Agricultural Revolution ¿ Nutritional Consequences
Week 4 The Agricultural Revolution ¿ Social and Political Consequences
Week 5 The Industrial and Scientific Revolutions ¿ New foods, New Methods Week 6 Food and Culture
Week 7 Food Technologies ¿ How People get Their Food
Week 8 Food and Social Organization
Week 9 Global Food Issues
Week 10 Dietary Practices Feast!

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