

ANTH 010: CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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Credit Status:

Credit - Degree Applicable

Subject:

ANTH - Anthropology

Course Number:

010

Catalog Title

Cultural Anthropology

Catalog Description

This course explores how anthropologists study and compare human culture. Cultural anthropologists seek to understand the broad arc of human experience focusing on a set of central issues: how people around the world make their living (subsistence patterns); how they organize themselves socially, politically and economically; how they communicate; how they relate to each other through family and kinship ties; what they believe about the world (belief systems); how they express themselves creatively (expressive culture); how they make distinctions among themselves such as through applying gender, racial and ethnic identity labels; how they have shaped and been shaped by social inequalities such as colonialism; and how they navigate culture change and processes of globalization that affect us all. Ethnographic case studies highlight these similarities and differences, and introduce students to how anthropologists do their work, employ professional anthropological research ethics and apply their perspectives and skills to understand humans around the globe.

Method of Instruction:

Distance Education
Lecture and/or Discussion

Course Units/Hours:

Course Units Minimum:

3

Lecture Hours Minimum (week)

3

Lab Hours Minimum (week)

0

Activity Hours Minimum (week)

0

Total Contact Hours Minimum (semester)

52.5

Total Outside Hours Minimum (semester)

105

Total Student Learning Minimum Hours (semester)

157.5



Repeatability:

No

Open Entry/Exit:

No

Field Trips:

Not Required

Grade Mode:

Standard Letter

TOP Code:

220200 - Anthropology

SAM Code:

E - Non-Occupational

Course Content

Methods of Assessment:

- Essay quizzes or exams
- Oral presentations
- Project
- Short answer quizzes or exams
- Skill demonstrations
- Written essays or extended papers

Course Topics:

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1	Anthropological theories, methods and perspectives
2	Applied anthropology
3	Professional ethics
4	Globalization and culture change
5	Social inequality and colonialism
6	Gender and sexuality
7	Ethnicity and race
8	Art and expressive culture
9	Belief systems
10	Family and kinship
11	Language and communication
12	Social, political and economic organizations
13	Subsistence patterns
14	Anthropological study of human cultures in comparative perspective

Course Objectives:

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1	Define the scope of anthropology and discuss the role of cultural anthropology within the discipline.
2	Recognize the methods, theories and perspectives used to study and understand human cultures.
3	Explain the importance of the ethnographic method in the study of culture.
4	Employ the relativist perspective while discussing cultural variation.
5	Demonstrate an understanding of anthropological concepts including ethnicity, gender, political organization, economic systems, kinship, rituals and belief systems.

6	Explain the interconnectedness of the economic, political and sociocultural forces of globalization amongst diverse cultural groups.
7	Analyze and evaluate the ethical issues anthropologists encounter, and professional ethical obligations that must be met in the study of and application in cultural groups different from their own.

Course Outcomes:

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1	Applying anthropology: Apply anthropological methods to research modern-day questions concerning, but not limited to: globalization, sustainable agriculture, social conditions, diversity in communities, etc.
2	Attitude of understanding: Demonstrate an attitude of understanding of the interconnectedness of ethnicity, gender, religion and the like in cultural identity.
3	Ethnographic techniques: Collect data from an informant using ethnographic techniques such as formal and informal interview.

Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	Chapters from the textbook, assigned weekly. Current scholarly research articles.
Writing	A mini-ethnography is an abbreviated participant observation study that includes the data analysis and a report. Provide short answer essays to prompts such as: According to linguists, which language will win the "battle" between English v. Spanish in the United States? Offer educated opinions after gathering data such as: the kinship patterns within one's family and what these patterns suggest.
Homework	Chapter summaries of assigned reading. Written/oral responses to scholarly articles. Internet research on topics such as: sustainable techniques in agriculture.

Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
Books	Essentials of Cultural Anthropology, WW Norton & Co., NY, 2nd ed., 2018

Transferable to CSU

Yes - Approved

CSU General Education

CSU GE D: Social Sciences
Transferable to CSU

This course will also be proposed for UC transfer.

Yes

Transferable to UC

Yes - Approved

UC/IGETC General Education

Transferable to UC

COS General Education

COS GE D: Social & Behavioral Science

Other Degree Attributes

Degree Applicable
Not a Basic Skills Course

Distance Learning Addendum

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Banner Title:

Cultural Anthropology

Curriculum Committee Approval Date:

02/01/2021

Academic Senate Approval Date:

02/10/2021

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