

**FIRST SEMESTER 2020-2021**

# Course Handout Part II

Date: 17-08-2020

In addition to part-I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table), this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

*Course No.* : HSS F318

## Course Title : Introduction to Anthropology

## Instructor-in-Charge : Suchismita Satpathy

**Scope and Objective of the Course:** This course is an introduction to the field of Anthropology. This course aims to construct a holistic understanding of the human species by integrating research on the cultural, biological, evolutionary, linguistic, and historical aspects of our kind. Anthropologists study living cultures and languages in detail by using a different set of methods, usually ethnographic, archeological, observation, social survey, etc. In the process, it documents in detail the diversity of human lifeways, modes of thought, beliefs, and languages. This course tries to lay the foundation for understanding the universal underpinning of our societies, cultures, and languages in its own value than its relative importance.

**Textbooks:**

1. Madan, T. N., and Mazumdar, D.N. (2010) *An introduction to Social Anthropology,* Mumbai: Asia Publishing House

**Reference books**

1. Moore, Jerry D. (2009). *Vision of culture: An Introduction to Anthropological Theories and Theorists.* U.K: AltaMira Press
2. Hasnain Nadeem (2010) *Indian Anthropology.*  New Delhi: New Royal Book
3. Relevant material from journals will be used and provided and relevant documentaries will be shown in the class

**Course Plan:**

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| **Lecture No.** | **Learning objectives** | **Topics to be covered** | **Chapter in the Text Book** |
| 1-3 | Introduction to Social and Biological Anthropology | What is Anthropology?  Meaning and Nature of Anthropology  Major Branches of Anthropology  Anthropology vis-à-vis other disciplines.  What do anthropologists do?  Relevance of Anthropology  Origin and Development of Anthropology | TB  RB 2 |
| 4-12 | Evolution of society and culture:  Analyze the existing theories and concepts | 1. Edward Tylor: The Evolution of Culture  2. Lewis Henry Morgan: The Evolution of Society  3. Franz Boas: Culture in Context  4. Émile Durkheim: The Organic Society  5. Leslie White: Evolution Emergent  6. Julian Steward: Cultural Ecology and Multilinear Evolution  7. Marvin Harris: Cultural Materialism | RB 1  Handout |
| 13-19 | Cultural Anthropology: nature of culture, and Cultural Relativism.  Examine the perspectives to understand the culture | Culture: concept, type, and nature  Configurations of Culture, Patterns of Culture, Cultural Relativism, The Individual and Culture  Marshall Sahlins: Culture Matters  Postscript: Current Controversies  Bronislaw Malinowski: The Functions of Culture  A. R. Radcliffe-Brown: The Structures of Society  Giving and Receiving: Potlatch and Kula  Marcel Mauss: Exchange, Elemental Categories, Total Facts | RB  TB |
| 20-25 | Understand Human Nature, Race  Nature of Language. | Language, and the Individual,  Claude Lévi-Strauss: Structuralism | RB |
| 26-30 | Archaeology | Archeological Anthropology  Edward Evans-Pritchard: Social Anthropology, Social History | TB |
| 31-35 | Describe the application of different methods of research in Anthropology  Discuss the linkages between Domestication, Agriculture, and Civilization | Doing Fieldwork- Ethnography  Pierre Bourdieu: An Anthropology of Practice  Writing and Pain  Todas of Nilgiri, The Nuer of the Sudan,  Jarwas of Andaman, | TB  Handouts |
| 36-40 | Sex, Gender, Family; Analyze various Social Institutions | Race and Biological Difference  The family, Marriage, Kinship, Village | TB |
| 41-42 | Discuss the concept of tribe critically the problems in tribal society in India today | ‘Tribe’ as a conceptual category  Transformations in tribal society  Tribes in India: Problems, resistance, movements  Tribes of North East India | TB  Handout |

**Evaluation Scheme:**

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| **Component** | **Duration** | **Weightage (%)** | **Date & Time**  **Tentatively** | **Nature of Component** |
| Test 1 | 30 minutes | 15 | September 10 – 20  (During scheduled class hour) | Open book |
| Assignment | 30 minutes | 20 | August 29th, 2020 | Open book |
| Test 2 | 30 minutes | 15 | October 09 – 20  (During scheduled class hour) | Open book |
| Test 3 | 30 minutes | 15 | November 10 – 20  (During scheduled class hour) | Open book |
| Comprehensive | 120 minutes | 35 | TBA | Open book |

**Chamber Consultation Hour:** Chamber Number K- 126, HSS department, Time: 4-5 pm every day. A Google Meet link along with consultation hours will be shared on the CMS

**Notices:** Notices, if any, will be displayed on CMS.

**Make-up Policy:** The make-up for an evaluation component will be given only in genuine cases.

**Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:** Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

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