

ANTHROPOLOGY (AY)

AY 0010 Introduction to Four-Field Anthropology

3 Credits

Attributes: WDIV World Diversity

Who are we, where do we come? Why is life unfair, and why do intolerance, poverty and inequality persist? Anthropologists hold no monopoly on truth or explanation, but they do employ a wide range of methods to explore what it means to be human. In this introductory anthropology course we survey the four sub-fields that comprise this multi-disciplinary science: biological anthropology, archaeology, sociocultural anthropology, and linguistics. Over the course of the semester, we will explore what anthropology and its sub-fields contribute to our understanding of ourselves, our histories, and our world.

AY 0052 Culture and Political Economy

3 Credits

This course examines the ways in which global political economic dynamics impact local cultures. Students will begin with classic texts in social theory, examine how this theory informs contemporary debates, and look to small-scale societies in the Global South for an intimate, ethnographic perspective of our global era.

AY 0110 Biological Anthropology

3 Credits

The study of natural selection, primate evolution, and living primate societies provides a baseline from which to study the evolution of the human species. The course also traces human cultural and social development from the foraging bands of the first humans to the civilizations that appeared at the dawn of written history. Students also examine physical variation among living populations. This course meets the core natural science requirement and not the social science requirement.

AY 0111 Cultural Anthropology

3 Credits

Attributes: WDIV World Diversity

Why is there such variety in the way people live, dress, speak, eat, love and fight? This course explores the shared patterns of thought, behavior, and feelings - that is, the cultures - of a number of peoples and presents explanations for the forms they take and the differences between them. The course helps students develop a new perspective on the values and institutions of Western culture.

AY 0115 Biomedical Anthropology

3 Credits

Attributes: HSSS Health Studies: Social Science

This seminar-style class explores biological anthropology to examine the dynamic relationship between health, biology, and culture. Across cultures, geography, and time, we uncover the underlying processes that inhibit or enhance human health. From the biology of stress to the eradication of tuberculosis and Ebola, we'll see biological anthropology's invaluable contributions to modern medicine, public health, and global health management. Students will learn theoretical and applied approaches to understand the evolution and ecology of disease; human development and metabolism; and sexuality and gender; as well as health policy and medical practice (in terms of cultural universals, differences, and disparities). This course meets the core natural science requirement and not the social science requirement.

AY 0130 Cultures of Africa

3 Credits

Attributes: BSFC Black Studies Focus Course, BSSS Black Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences, WDIV World Diversity

This course explores the wealth of cultural traditions and histories from Africa. It begins with an abridged review of African history from the dawn of humankind to 21st century challenges and achievements. Then the focus shifts to regional case studies through African literature, film, and music. For the final segment of the class, students conduct and present original research on the cultural dynamics of critical issues facing contemporary Africans. Students learn and practice research methods in African Studies and Anthropology.

AY 0135 Refugees and Culture in the Modern World

3 Credits

Attributes: HACA Humanitarian Action Minor Context Course, WDIV World Diversity

Prerequisite: Junior standing.

This course provides students with an overview of refugee movements with a focus on cultural encounters across the world. Students will focus on the social integration and identity adjustments of refugees in their host communities and/or country. The course will also allow students to learn about cultural adjustments of both refugees and host communities whether it is in the United States, Europe, Middle East, or Africa. Students will explore how features of the specific societies serve to inhibit or augment cultural adjustments and meet the new needs and realities of populations in movement.

AY 0140 Anthropology of Latin America and the Caribbean

3 Credits

Attributes: WDIV World Diversity

This course examines cultural diversity in Latin America and the Caribbean. Adopting a cross-cultural, anthropological perspective the course examines Latin American and Caribbean societies before European contact, as well as the processes of conquest and colonialism. Special consideration is given to gender and gender relations, race and ethnicities, religion and religiosity, health and folk medicine, food and food cultures, globalization, tourism and trade, poverty and inequality, labor, popular culture, music, violence and security, social movements, people and the environment, and migration.

AY 0145 Anthropology of Food

3 Credits

The way humans make and consume food shapes our lives and transforms our world. From our hunter-gatherer past to your family's most recent holiday dinner, in this course we explore the relationship between food, society, and our environment. Through cross-cultural, historical, and ecological studies, the anthropology of food reveals fascinating patterns of cooperation, inequality, and human diversity. The class is divided into three parts: making food (food production), eating food (food consumption), and being food (relationship between food and identity). Our semester includes three feast days and an off-campus field trip.

AY 0152 Islamic Societies and Cultures

3 Credits

Attributes: WDIV World Diversity

This is an anthropological inquiry into a number of Muslim societies. This course investigates the cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity within Muslim societies, while seeking to understand what they have in common with each other and with their non-Muslim neighbors.

AY 0163 Culture and Inequality**3 Credits****Attributes:** PJST Peace and Justice Studies

This course focuses on the concepts of "culture" and "inequality," two terms employed to deal with "difference" in a range of intriguingly different and morally charged ways. The course explores recent work in anthropology, economics, and sociology using culture and/or inequality as a lens through which to view various issues in contemporary social theory. In the process, students work to discover what kind of lens culture and/or inequality provides, how our implicit understandings of these ideas shape how we think about the world, and how we might better use such ideas to do our thinking.

AY 0168 Sex, Gender, and Sexual Orientation**3 Credits****Attributes:** WDIV World Diversity, WSGF Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Gender Focused

Through a comparison of selected Asian, Middle Eastern, African, and Native American societies, this course explores the ways that culture can mold the biological facts of sexual difference into socially accepted behavior, creating two, and sometimes more, genders. Topics include the allocation of work, power, and prestige between men and women; the belief systems that legitimate gender roles; and some possible causes for the wide variation that exists among cultures.

AY 0175 Sustainable Development: Anthropological Perspectives**3 Credits****Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective

This course examines the concept of sustainability from anthropological perspectives. With a focus on the contested meaning of both "sustainability" and "development," students will grapple with various theoretical, methodological, and ethical perspectives on how to build a just future on a planet with finite resources. Learning is practice driven; students write blogs and reflective essays, they learn ethnographic research methods, and pursue independent research on sustainability in our campus community. Students integrate experiential learning with readings on ecology and economic development to critically examine the values, assumptions and data that underpin different perspectives on social change and the future of humankind.

AY 0180 Grant Writing for the Social Sciences**3 Credits****Attributes:** EVAP Environmental Studies: Applied Professional Skills, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective, HASM Humanitarian Action Minor Skills/Method Course

This course will introduce students to the practicalities of international research, with particular emphasis on qualitative social science methods and the eventual aim of producing a viable grant proposal. The course will be taught from an anthropological perspective, but the skills developed should be broadly applicable to the social sciences and humanities.

AY 0189 Theory and Practice in Anthropology**3 Credits**

This course focuses on the production of ethnographic knowledge, a form of intellectual inquiry at once art and science, evocation and explication. Emerging in the 20th century as the preeminent form of anthropological expression, ethnographies are one of the few scholarly means of understanding other cultures and societies in meaningful depth. At the same time, ethnographies reveal as much about the disciplines and societies in which they are produced as they do about distant "others."

AY 0199 Philosophy and Economic Anthropology**3 Credits****Attributes:** PMMP Philosophy Major: Major Philosopher**Prerequisite:** PH 0101.

This course examines the economy from philosophical and anthropological perspectives. We will investigate why people produce and exchange things, why they seek to amass things in some circumstances and give them away in others, and how our modern understandings of value, debt, and rationality emerged.

AY 0200 Anthropological Research Methods**3 Credits****Attributes:** HASM Humanitarian Action Minor Skills/Method Course

How does anthropological field research help us understand our lives, our communities, and our world? How might anthropological research methods help you explore and pursue your own passions or professional ambitions? In this course students conduct original anthropological field research, write an original journal article manuscript, and they develop an online portfolio to share results and conclusions beyond our classroom. Over the course of our semester, students learn and practice techniques for designing, proposing, conducting, analyzing, and sharing anthropological field research. The class is divided into four sections: Developing Your Research Question, Your Anthropology Toolkit, Anthropological Analysis and Writing, and a final Research Symposium.

AY 0390 Special Topics (Shell)**3 Credits**

Special Topics in Anthropology provides an opportunity for students and faculty to explore compelling themes that are not covered in the department's regular course rotation and curriculum.

AY 0390C Special Topics: Anthropology and Education**3 Credits**

This course addresses key topics in anthropology and education including: the study of schools and school systems, informal education, cross-cultural early childhood education, race, class, and the production/reproduction of inequality, (dis)ability, communication, and technology. Course readings focus on classic and contemporary anthropology and education texts including philosophies of education, ethnographies, and accounts of informal education in families, neighborhoods, and communities. Course requirements will be student-driven to expand upon and enhance research interests in a collaborative environment.

AY 0399 Independent Study**1-3 Credits**

Independent studies experiences provide intellectually curious students with opportunities to take the reins of their education, and delve deeply into the ideas and subjects that truly inspire them. Upon request and by agreement of an individual professor in the department, students undertake a one-semester independent study on a defined research topic in anthropology.