Anthropology and Cultural Anthropology

A. Course Description

Credits: 4
Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent, or have instructor’s permission.
Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None
Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci , Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course introduces the study of humanity from a comparative and cross-cultural perspective. Students learn what anthropologists do, how they do it, and why. Exposure to the range of human possibilities, differences, and similarities will highlight the processes of enculturation in all societies. The course explores topics such as kinship, economics, religion, social control, globalization, culture change, and contemporary cultural issues affecting all humans.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - 05/01/2002 05/02/2002 - 05/06/2013 05/07/2013 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understands the concept of culture as a holistic system of economic, political, religious, and ideological strategies for adapting to the social and physical environment at an upper division college level.
2. Can analyze and evaluate, at an upper division level, the role changing political and economic relations around the world have on the theories and methods of social science.
3. Can apply these approaches to contemporary life including such issues as cultural change, social stratification, globalization, economic systems, religion, worldview, and social/individual identity.
4. Critically analyzes and writes about the study of diverse cultures in relationship to one’s own values and perceptions at an upper division college level.
5. Understands core concepts, methods, and selected theories of human differences and similarities from anthropology and related fields.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None
Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

Goal 08 - Global Perspective
1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

G. Special Information

None