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ANTHROPOLOGY 1021B-001 & 002

Introduction to Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology

Department of Anthropology

Brief Course Outline

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Mode of Delivery: This course is planned for in-person delivery. Lectures are on Mondays. Tutorials are on Wednesdays. You must attend the tutorial section for which you are enrolled.

Class day/time: **LECTURES**

Section 001: Mondays 9:30 am-11:30 am

Section 002: Mondays 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

TUTORIALS

Wednesdays at a range of times (please check your enrollment information)

Credit value: 0.5

Requisites:

Prerequisites: None.

Antirequisites: Anthropology 1020 (formerly Anthropology 1020E), Anthropology 1025F/G.

Please note: if you are interested in pursuing a module in Anthropology, you should pair this course with Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Archaeology, either Anthropology 1022A/B (non-essay) or Anthropology 1026F/G (essay).

Course Description:

This course offers an introduction to anthropological approaches to the study of humanity. Taking into account the diversity of human experience across time and space, this course will emphasize two subfields of anthropology. *Sociocultural anthropology* focuses on variation in social and cultural systems including kinship, politics, identity, economics, and belief systems. *Linguistic anthropology* explores the role of language in forming identities and participating in social life, and the various ways language organizes cultural beliefs and understandings of the world. This course is intended to provide students with a comparative and critical framework with which to understand contemporary social issues.

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify the methodology, concepts, and approaches used in the anthropological study of humanity.
- Apply critical thinking and analytical skills to representations of human and cultural diversity.
- Reflect on the connections among diverse social processes (e.g. economic and political systems, language, identity formation, social organization, beliefs).
- Reflect on the purpose and usefulness of anthropological practice in the world.
- Illustrate how language and culture influence each other.
- Critically examine sociocultural contexts in which particular varieties of language are used.
- Describe the relationship between language and identity in political and cultural terms.
- Demonstrate how linguistic practices are linked to social meaning and categories such as race, gender, ethnicity, and class.

Course Materials:

The text for Sociocultural Anthropology is: John Monaghan and Peter Just, Social and Cultural Anthropology: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, 2000). This course textbook can be accessed free of charge through Western Libraries, or you can purchase it at the Campus Bookstore.

Readings for Linguistic Anthropology, supplementary readings for Sociocultural Anthropology, as well as any other assigned materials such as blogposts, films, or audio, will be made available on the course OWL site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Sociocultural Anthropology short assignments (5 assignments x 6% each)	30%
Linguistic Anthropology short assignments (5 assignments x 6% each)	30%
Cumulative final exam covering Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology	40%
Total	100%

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