



Course Description

ANT2000 | Introduction to Anthropology | 3.00 credits

In this course, students will learn the foundations of anthropology as the study of human variation in its biological, social, and cultural dimensions. Students will learn about anthropological concepts, principles, and methodologies to understand and explore past and present human behavior. They will apply the anthropological approach to analyze issues pertaining to past and contemporary cultures, and develop intellectual skills and habits to understand behavioral, social, and cultural issues from multiple disciplinary perspectives. Student learning outcomes: students will explain scientific approaches to the study of human variation and human origins, including primatology, extinct and extant human cultures, language, and ethnicity; students will explain the origins of anthropology as a foundation discipline in the social sciences that examines the nature and definition of culture; students will apply anthropological concepts, principles, and methods to the scientific study of past and present human behavior; students will explain how anthropology incorporates multidisciplinary knowledge and perspectives; and students will describe contemporary anthropological contributions.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate an understanding of anthropological foundations by:

1. Defining key anthropological concepts and principles
2. Explaining the origins and development of anthropology as a discipline
3. Outlining the four anthropological subfields
4. Comparing scientific approaches to the study of human origins
5. Examining the role of primatology in understanding human development
6. Investigating the nature and definition of societal practices and beliefs.
7. Exploring the interconnections between language and social groups.

Competency 2: The student will apply anthropological methodologies by:

1. Utilizing anthropological research techniques in field studies
2. Implementing data collection methods specific to anthropology
3. Analyzing archaeological evidence to interpret past human behavior
4. Conducting ethnographic interviews and observations
5. Interpreting genetic and fossil evidence in biological anthropology
6. Evaluating the ethical considerations in anthropological research
7. Synthesizing multidisciplinary perspectives in anthropological studies

Competency 3: The student will engage in critical analysis of anthropological issues by:

1. Examining contemporary issues through an anthropological lens
2. Comparing extinct and extant human societies
3. Assessing the impact of globalization on society and human behavior
4. Analyzing the role of anthropology in addressing complex challenges
5. Evaluating the contributions of anthropology to other disciplines
6. Critiquing anthropological theories and their applications
7. Investigating the relationship between human behavior and community context
8. Synthesizing anthropological knowledge to propose solutions to global issues

Learning Outcomes:

1. Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society.