Anthropology Courses



ANTH 1100 Becoming Human - Tracing our Origins (3 credits)

Humans as biological and cultural organisms. The physical origin of humans and the primates; the interplay of biological and cultural factors in our evolution; physical variations among modern human populations. Liberal Education Goal Area 5.

ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)

Comparative study of a variety of modern human groups serves to illustrate the methodology of Cultural Anthropology. Analyses of technologies, family forms, social organizations, religions, and cultural change. Liberal Education Goal Area 8

ANTH 2510 Visual Anthropology: Films and Culture (3 credits)

This course examines visual communication through the medium of films. We will employ a visual anthropology framework to understand how cultures shape knowledge making through visual elements. We will focus on films made around the world in order to examine how cultural values are embedded in film. We focus on subjectivity, authority and value formation and the ideas of authenticity and representation. As we explore world cinema, the primary objective of the course remains to understand how cultures around the world see themselves and are seen by others. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

ANTH 2610 Women around the World (3 credits)

This course explores the concepts of sex, gender and of gender identity around diverse countries in the world. We will survey how womanhood is defined in cultures around the world. We will focus on issues connected to women, on transgender issues as they relate to identification as women. The course surveys the embedded nature of women's lives in cultural institutions like family, community, patriarchy and the state. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

ANTH 2710 Anthropology of Religion (3 credits)

This course examines world religions from an anthropological lens. In addition to understanding major religions of the world and their practices, we will study how religions affect culture and how culture in turn affects religions. Liberal Education Goal Areas 7 & 8.

ANTH 2810 Anthropology of Current World Issues (3 credits)

Uses anthropological theory to analyze current world events and focus on interconnected nature of global economics, politics, religion, development and cultures. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS