

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; students will describe contemporary anthropological contributions.

Course Competencies:

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

1. Explaining the scientific approaches to studying human variation and origins
2. Analyzing the role of primatology in understanding human evolution
3. Examining the development of language and its significance in human societies
4. Discussing the origins of anthropology as a social science discipline

Competency 2: The student will apply anthropological concepts and methods by:

1. Utilizing anthropological principles to analyze past and present human behavior
2. Implementing scientific methodologies in the study of human societies
3. Evaluating the effectiveness of various anthropological research techniques
4. Synthesizing multidisciplinary knowledge to address complex human issues

Competency 3: The student will explore human biological and social dimensions by:

1. Investigating the factors contributing to human biological variation
2. Analyzing the interplay between biology and behavior in human populations
3. Examining the role of social structures in shaping human interactions
4. Comparing extinct and extant human societies to understand cultural evolution

Competency 4: The student will assess contemporary anthropological contributions by:

1. Identifying key areas where anthropology informs current social issues
2. Evaluating the impact of anthropological research on policymaking
3. Applying anthropological perspectives to analyze global challenges
4. Proposing innovative solutions to societal problems using anthropological insights

General Education Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning