

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR: AN 1003 LE CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

(Updated Spring 2022)

**UK LEVEL 4
UK CREDITS: 15
US CREDITS: 3/0/3**

PREREQUISITES:

None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Introduction to the field of cultural and social anthropology. Comparative examination of cultural, economic, religious, and political dimensions in societies across time and space. The anthropological perspective, main methods and theoretical approaches in cultural anthropology.

RATIONALE:

This course introduces the students to the study of humanity, examining it from a comparative and holistic perspective. Through exposure to the theoretical developments of the field, its main methodological and theoretical approaches, the students are exposed to ethnographic studies of different societies and cultural groups.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- As a result of taking this course a student should be able to:
1. Demonstrate knowledge of core anthropological theories and ethnographic cases in the field of Cultural Anthropology.
 2. Demonstrate understanding of the use of methodological tools for the study of diverse societies from a holistic and cross-cultural perspective.
 3. Explain cultural variation and fluidity from an anthropological viewpoint.
 4. Demonstrate understanding of contemporary issues from an anthropological perspective.

METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:

In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used:

- Classes lectures, interactive learning (class discussions, video presentations and debates.
- Office hours: students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their lecturer, where they can address issues and ask questions pertinent to the course material.
- Use of a Blackboard site, where instructors post lecture notes, assignment instructions, timely announcements, as well as additional resources.

ASSESSMENT:

Summative:

First Assessment: Mid term Examination	40%	Essay questions (choice)
Final Assessment: Final Examination	60%	Essay questions (choice)

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<p>INDICATIVE READING:</p>	<p>REQUIRED READING:</p> <p>➤ Hendry, Joy (2016) <i>An Introduction to Social Anthropology: Sharing Our Worlds</i>. Palgrave: Macmillan (or latest edition).</p> <p>RECOMMENDED READINGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appadurai, A. (1986) <i>The Social Life of Things: Commodities in Cultural Perspective</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press • Bonvillain, N. (2007) <i>Women and Men: Cultural Constructions of Gender</i>. USD, NJ: Prentice Hall • Bourdieu, P. (2003) ‘Participant Observation’, <i>Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute</i> 9: 281-94 • Eriksen, T. H. (1995). <i>Small Places, Large Issues: An Introduction to Social Anthropology</i>. London: Pluto Press. • Ginsburg, F. D., Abu-Lughod, L., & Larkin, B. (Eds.). (2002). <i>Media worlds: Anthropology on new terrain</i>. Univ of California Press • Hendry, J. (2005) <i>Reclaiming Culture: Indigenous People and Self Representation</i>. NY: Palgrave • Wade, P. (2002) <i>Race, Nature, and Culture: An Anthropological Perspective</i>. Sterling, VA: Pluto Press 				
<p>INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)</p>	<p>REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A</p> <p>RECOMMENDED VISUAL MATERIAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bitter Melons (Foragers, Enculturation) • The Canela of Brazil (Culture) • Dream Girls (Gender) • Massai Women (Gender, modes of production, rites of passage, marriage) • A Poor Man Shames Us All (Economy) 				
<p>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<p>Verbal skills, use of academic / professional English.</p>				
<p>SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<p>Word, Blackboard.</p>				

<p>WWW MATERIAL:</p>	<p>WEBSITES, BLOGS, FORUMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.films.com/id/3441/Strangers_Abroad.htm ● https://raifilm.org.uk/films/firth-on-firth/ ● https://therai.org.uk/ ● https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/full/10.1146/annurev.anthro.29.1.1 ● Nordic Anthropological Film Association – NAFA [nafafilm.org]
<p>INDICATIVE CONTENT:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Sociocultural Anthropology 2. Theoretical Approaches and Schools 3. Ethnographic Methods 4. Ethical issues of representation 5. Classification Systems 6. Taboo and Purity 7. Symbols and Signs 8. Rituals, Rites, and Customs 9. Cosmology and Perceptions of the Supernatural 10. Religion and Belief Systems 11. Art and Performance 12. Exchange and Reciprocity 13. Power and Authority 14. Kinship and Family 15. Gender and Other Identifications 16. Media and Communication Technologies 17. Multiculturalism and Cosmopolitanism 18. Contemporary Issues in Anthropology