

## I. Comparative Cultures

ANT 200

3 credit hours - 3 contact hours

### Catalogue Description

A comparative approach to the content and processes of culture as adaptation. This course will examine and describe the ways selected pre-literate and complex societies have used culture to adapt to their environments. Case studies drawn from American, Asian, African, and European societies will be the basis for engaging in cross-cultural studies.

## II. Course Objectives and Outcomes

1. Examine the concept of culture, and understand how the different elements of culture are expressed in different cultural contexts.
2. Relate patterns of culture around the world to each other, to gain insight into human similarities and differences, and further understanding of our own culture.
3. Develop a better sense of cultural relativism, sensitivity to difference, and personal intellectual growth in a more connected world.
4. Develop skills and strategies to improve financial and personal success in the global marketplace.
5. To continue to improve research, critical thinking, problem-solving, reading, writing, and oral communication skills.

### College Competencies

Reading, Writing, Computer Literacy, Ethics/Values, Citizenship, Global Concerns, Information Resources, Computer Literacy

## III. Methods of Instruction

Materials: may include textbook, internet readings, additional readings, other materials

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Assessment Measures: upon completion of the class, students will have been assessed to measure the following:

Students will conduct basic participant observation or field study of a particular cultural event and write a paper describing the research.

Students will develop and apply hypotheses to common cultural phenomena such as subsistence, economics, kinship, and social control

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Students will present an analysis and evaluation of their own participant observation research

Students will complete objective test items that demonstrate understanding of major concepts in cultural anthropology

Methods of Evaluation: may include quizzes, exams, research papers, visual and oral reports, topic summaries and abstracts

#### IV. General Topics Covered

Introduction

Culture Profiles

Language

Enculturation

Life cycle

Subsistence

Economics

Sex

Marriage

Family and Household

Kinship

Religion

Arts

Social Structure

Politics

Culture Change