ANTHROPOLOGY

CREDIT HOURS: 0.5  COURSE LENGTH: 1 Semester

COURSE DESCRIPTION

What can students learn from other ways of life? What can the study of how other people make sense of their world help students to understand their own? This course examines family and kinship, religion, economics, politics, survival of indigenous groups, and western influences from an anthropological perspective to gain appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity. Students gain an understanding of the differences and similarities, both biological and cultural, in human populations and recognize the characteristics that define their own culture while gaining an appreciation for the culture of others.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

World History

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Introduction to Anthropology
2. Participant Observation
3. Ethnographies
4. Ethics of Anthropology
5. What is Culture?
6. Human Origins: Bipedalism
7. Australopithecines: Early Hominids
8. The Piltdown Man
9. The Evolving Brain
10. Late Hominids and Homo Sapiens
11. Evolution of Spoken Language
12. Expression and Art
13. Evolution of Written Language
14. First Farmers
15. Ancient Bodies and Modern Customs
16. Case Study 1: Fertile Crescent
17. Race and Ethnicity
18. Ritual
19. Religion and Society
20. Case Study 2: The !Kung
21. Kinship and Societies
22. Taboos
23. Marriage
24. Case Study 3: Inca
25. Gender and Language
26. Music and Nature
27. Ethnobotany
28. Spotlight on Paul Farmer
29. Issues of Global Nutrition
30. Spotlight on Guatemalan Nutrition
31. Anthropology in Action