



**Course Name:** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

**Course Number:** ANT\* 105

**Credits:** 3

**Catalog description:** A study of anthropological theories and methods, of the evolution of people from pre-industrial to postindustrial cultures; the study of environmental and economic factors and their influence on the development of diverse cultures, and the effect of family structure, kinship systems, religion and art on culture.

**Prerequisite:** ENG\* 101

**General Education Competencies Satisfied:**

**HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):**  
None

**Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:**  
Global Knowledge

**Embedded Competency(ies):**  
None

**Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):**  
 BHEL Behavioral Science elective



### **Course Specific Objectives:**

1. Understand and use concepts like culture, diversity, ethnicity and race.
2. Use an anthropological perspective to apply critical thinking and comparative analysis to anthropological and globalization issues.
3. Define key terms and concepts in anthropology in your own words, and recognize some prominent anthropologists and their contributions to our understanding of the contemporary world.
4. Apply theories and methods to develop an understanding of the ways anthropologists use ethnography to understand social institutions and cultural similarity and differences.
5. Understand and evaluate the historical development of anthropology from its founding as a discipline to the present.

### **Course Content:**

1. What is cultural anthropology?
2. Defining humankind.
3. The precursors of culture.
4. Language
5. Symbolic systems and cultural logics.
6. Religion
7. Kinship and the family.
8. Social and political organization.
9. Cultural ecology
10. Demography
11. Anthropological economies
12. Biocultural equilibria