

# ANTH 200 - Lecture

## CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This course provides students with an overview of social and cultural anthropology – its origins, its distinctive methods and concepts, and its place in the contemporary world. In this course, you will learn how to think about contemporary events from an anthropological perspective and how to better understand yourself in relation to others. You will also learn to appreciate the diversity of topics that contemporary socio-cultural anthropology explores and the extent to which it can help you better understand a world where peoples and societies are increasingly interconnected. By the end of the course students should:

- learn to think about contemporary events from an anthropological perspective;
- apply anthropological theories and concepts to real-world problems;
- have a greater degree of familiarity with the field of socio-cultural anthropology, its key concepts, theoretical orientations and methods;
- understand the historical developments that have shaped the subfield of sociocultural anthropology;
- learn to challenge their cultural biases and ethnocentric assumptions;
- demonstrate greater awareness of the cultural and social bases of human prejudice and discrimination;
- gain a better understanding of Indigenous peoples, histories and cultures, and the impact of colonization on individuals, families and communities;
- understand the ethical standards that anthropologists uphold.

### **SKILLS DEVELOPEMENT**

Because this is an introductory course, it will offer the opportunity to exercise a wide variety of skills that are crucial in students' academic and professional careers. These include critical reading, analytical thinking, intercultural communication and the ability to undertake effective secondary research using online and traditional research sources. In addition, the course will provide students with a supportive environment to develop effective communication skills.

**Note: Tutorials mandatory**