

# ANTH 483

## ANTHROPOLOGY OF MONEY IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This hands-on theory and practice course teaches: a) anthropological research methods, b) cutting-edge theory in economic anthropology and the anthropology of money, and c) how to use theoretical analysis to better understand empirical research. Through lab participation, students become part of the Counter Currency research team.

Based on cutting-edge theory in economic anthropology and in interdisciplinary social scientific research on money that calls for knowledge production by destabilizing materialist/idealist binaries, the Counter Currency Lab combines methods from the anthropology, history, sociology and other academic fields. The aim is to understand money and inequality through the development of a currency research platform.

Students work collaboratively with each other and professors to inventory and analyze archival materials in the anthropology of money and develop individualized research projects based on course materials.