

ANTH-121
INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

3 Units
54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 90 with a minimum grade of C or better

This introductory course positions culture as a key concept for understanding diverse ways of life both internationally and in American communities. Primary anthropological methods and concepts of kinship, gender, ethnicity, race and class will be explored as formative elements of society and culture. Through analyzing the intersections between global processes and identity making, this class will explore what it means to be “American,” as well as to be human, in the contemporary world.

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- A. Recognize the varied contributions of diverse cultural groups and the interplay of global and local processes in shaping the everyday lives of people around the world.
- B. Actively resist the tendency to formulate opinions and judgments based on emotional or "gut" reactions in favor of evidence-based approaches to exploring a problem or issue.
- C. Understand the relevance of theories and methods in anthropology that are applicable in many academic fields and "real-world" employment.