

ANTH-122
MAGIC, RITUAL, AND BELIEF

3 Units
54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

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

Cross-cultural study of magic, ritual, myth, ancestor worship, and witchcraft using the theories and methods of anthropology. Emphasis is on understanding the role of belief and ritual within a given cultural context, as well as broader comparisons to derive insight into the general functions of belief and ritual in human life..

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- A. Assess anthropological approaches to data gathering and the analysis of ceremonial, magical, and supernatural practices and beliefs.
- B. Analyze the sociocultural contexts of magic, witchcraft, and ritual practices using an anthropological perspective.