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ANTH 5004 [0.5 credit]
Ecological Anthropology
Theoretical and ethnographic approaches to the production of nature across disciplinary categories and natural-cultural configurations. Specific topics considered may include ecological crisis, indigenous rights and posthuman ethnography.

ANTH 5005 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Visual Anthropology
Anthropological approaches to the study of visual cultures, visuality, and the role of visual media in ethnography. Topics may include film, photography, illustration, comics and graphic novels, animation, visual performance, multimodal approaches, digital modes and other visual media that challenge the primacy of textual representations.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4550, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5100 [0.0 credit]
Thesis Writing Seminar
This seminar will meet on a regular basis for students who are writing their master's theses to present draft chapters for constructive critical discussion. Graded Sat/Uns.
Also listed as ANTH 6100.

ANTH 5101 [0.5 credit]
Ethnographic Field Course
In this class, we explore a significant issue in our communities, learning how ethnographic methods can add new perspectives to our own experience and help us appreciate the experience of others. Students learn-through-doing their own small ethnographic projects, peer-to-peer feedback, and reflective discussion.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4100, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5109 [0.5 credit]
Ethnography of Gender
Ethnographic focus on topics may include: global political-economy, colonialism and post-colonialism, racialization and racism, work and labour, expressive and music cultures, as well as social movements as they intersect with gender and sexualities. Topics and approaches may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4109, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5205 [0.5 credit]
Language, Place and the North
An investigation of language, places, spaces, and environment, focussing on Indigenous peoples and the Arctic and subarctic regions of Canada. Topics include critical understandings of language use, northern environments, Indigenous homelands, and the role of Indigenous languages in defining and transforming cultural and geographic space.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4205, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5208 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of Indigeneity
For the purposes of this course, Indigenous cultures are cultures that have been transformed through the struggles of colonized peoples to resist and redirect projects of settler nationhood. This course looks at those transformations and resistance in a variety of social, political and economic contexts.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4610, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5209 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Ethnography of Contemporary Africa
Research-based seminar that explores the debates related to ethnographic research in (a) selected region(s) of Africa. Topics may include social movements, expressive cultures, religious practices, conflict, identity politics, political economy, colonialism and postcolonialism, migration and diaspora, health, race, gender, and climate change.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4620, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5355 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of Natural Resources
Anthropology of natural resources. Topics may include the economies, ecologies, cultural and social dynamics of fishing, forestry, lands, mining, oil, wildlife, at varying analytical scales, including a critical examination of the term "natural resource" itself.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4355, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5401 [0.5 credit]
Theory in Anthropology
Introduction to the practice of theory in anthropology. Discussion of how anthropologists have engaged and formulated theoretical discussions and developed conceptual frameworks in relation to longstanding theoretical concerns, ethnographic practice, and the problems they care about, including calls to decolonize anthropology.
Prerequisite(s): enrolment in the MA program in Anthropology or permission of the Department.

ANTH 5402 [0.5 credit]
Research in Anthropology
Issues in the design and methods of anthropological inquiry, including how to conceptualize and shape a project, the relationship between theories and methods, the process of writing a proposal, and creative, responsible, and decolonial approaches to research.
Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5401 or permission of the Department.

ANTH 5403 [0.5 credit]
Symbolic and Semiotic Anthropology
The role of signs and symbols in social life, including the properties of signs, the workings of symbolic systems, the construction of social reality, and the role all these play in actors' practice.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4403, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5501 [0.5 credit]
Phenomenology for Anthropologists and Sociologists

This seminar builds theoretical and methodological bridges between phenomenology and anthropology/sociology. Students read key texts from, among others, Husserl, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Plessner, Schultz, and Waldenfels and learn to apply concepts in research. Topics include body and senses, intersubjectivity and life-world, selfhood and otherness.
Also listed as SOCI 5501.
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ANTH 5505 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of Performance
The seminar introduces students to the anthropological concept of performance and its foundations in speech act theory, practice theory, semiotics and phenomenology. Topics range from the cross-cultural study of diverse performance genres to reflections on the performative nature of social life and cultural reality.

ANTH 5560 [0.5 credit]
Economic Anthropology
Anthropology's holistic, comparative and critical contribution to the study of livelihood. How practices and understandings of production, circulation, consumption, and property vary cross-culturally. Relevant theoretical debates including those among formalist (neo-classical), substantivist, Marxist, and interpretive approaches over the applicability of capitalist thinking.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4560, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5570 [0.5 credit]
Political Anthropology
Can anthropology help us understand politics? Can ethnographic encounters help us approach political theory and political action differently? This seminar will focus on concepts (power, authority, equality) and practices (resistance, subjection, solidarity) through which anthropologists invite us to rethink the way we live together.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4570, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5701 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of Religion
Anthropological literature and theories on religion in light of current debates in anthropology.

ANTH 5704 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of the Body, Health, Illness and Healing

Issues and applications in medical anthropology. How the body, health, and illness are understood and managed in the context of culture, social relations and inequalities, structural violence, political-economic forces, and global relations.

ANTH 5706 [0.5 credit]
Contemporary Material Cultures
The study of material culture and its potential for addressing contemporary social and cultural conditions in a variety of local and transcultural contexts.

ANTH 5708 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Anthropology
Topic varies from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

ANTH 5808 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in North American Ethnography
Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

ANTH 5809 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in the Anthropology of Development
Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4809, for which additional credit is precluded.

ANTH 5900 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial
A tutorial is designed to permit students to pursue individual research on a relevant topic. Topics will be chosen in consultation with at least one faculty member, the student's supervisor, and the Anthropology graduate coordinator.

ANTH 5907 [0.5 credit]
Placement in Anthropology
This course provides master's students with the opportunity to apply academic skills and knowledge while working within an organization in the community, in an area relevant to anthropology.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

ANTH 5908 [1.0 credit]
M.A. Research Essay
Students will normally enrol in this course for a maximum of three consecutive terms of study, including one summer term. Students must normally enrol in this course not later than the beginning of the second full year of study.

ANTH 5909 [2.0 credits]
M.A. Thesis

ANTH 6000 [1.0 credit]
Doctoral Seminar: Theory and Method in Contemporary Anthropology
An in-depth exploration of theory and method in contemporary socio-cultural anthropology with special emphasis on engaged anthropology and calls to decolonize the discipline. This course is required of all first year doctoral students in anthropology.

ANTH 6002 [0.5 credit]
Research Design
Issues in the design and methods of anthropological inquiry, including questions of positionality, proposal-writing, research ethics, and research funding. Required of all first-year Ph.D Anthropology students.

ANTH 6100 [0.0 credit]
Thesis Writing Seminar
This seminar will meet on a regular basis for students who are writing their doctoral theses to present draft chapters for constructive critical discussion. Normally required for all Ph.D. Anthropology students who have completed their doctoral research, until the completion of their theses.
Also listed as ANTH 5100.

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Ph.D. Thesis