Anthropology (ANTH) Courses

ANTH 1001 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Anthropology
An examination of a range of anthropological approaches to the study of humankind and culture; may include discussions of human evolution, the study of cultures and societies past and present, and the study of language and symbolism.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 1000 (no longer offered), HUMS 1005.
Lectures/discussions three hours a week.

ANTH 1002 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Issues in Anthropology
Examination of anthropological issues in the study of social institutions such as the family, economy, politics and belief systems. Debates about gender, development, cultural differences, health and the environment may also be examined.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 1000 (no longer offered).
Lectures and discussions three hours a week.

ANTH 2001 [1.0 credit]
Foundations in Socio-Cultural Anthropology
Exploration of basic anthropological concepts and analytical strategies through case studies. Emphasis on socio-cultural diversity as documented by ethnographic research with attention to the role of culture in articulating gender, kinship, economic and political relations.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 or ANTH 1002.
Lectures and discussions three hours a week.

ANTH 2020 [0.5 credit]
Race and Ethnicity
Introduction to some of the recent theoretical literature and research on the issues of race, racism and ethnicity. Concepts, controversies and definitions dealing with race and ethnicity from the Canadian context and internationally.
Also listed as SOCI 2020.
Lectures and workshop three hours a week.

ANTH 2040 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology and Gender
The study of gender in anthropology, including its theoretical, cross-cultural and ethnographic aspects. Emphasis on gender as a sociocultural process that is at once discursive and embodied, and that varies in distinct cultural, socio-historical, geopolitical, and economic contexts.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 2408 (no longer offered).
Lectures and workshop three hours a week.

ANTH 2060 [0.5 credit]
Girlhood in Contemporary Contexts: Anthropological and Sociological Perspectives
Drawing on anthropological and sociological approaches, students will explore girls’ lives in diverse cultural, political, economic, and social contexts. Topics may include: movement and migration, education, media, imaging and humanitarianism, consumerism, agency and activism, health, and violence.
Also listed as SOCI 2060.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Two hour lecture plus one hour tutorial per week.

ANTH 2070 [0.5 credit]
Psychological Anthropology
Exploration of the relative and the universal in relations between the psychological self and the cultural environment. Topics may include anthropology of psychiatric institutions and practices, the cultural relativity of emotions, the self in everyday life and ritual.
Lecture/discussion groups three hours a week.

ANTH 2080 [0.5 credit]
Humans/Animals: the More-than-Human in Anthropology
Examination of relationships between humans and animals in the anthropological canon, including: multispecies ethnography, the role of the ‘more than human’ in Indigenous legal orders, posthumanist and STS theory, relationships between humans and animals and other non-human entities in the Anthropocene.
Lecture/discussion groups three hours per week.

ANTH 2500 [0.5 credit]
Culture and Symbols
The representation and construction of culture through symbols. Topics may include material culture, rituals, archetypes, myths and mythmaking.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 3304 (no longer offered).
Lectures and workshop three hours a week.

ANTH 2510 [0.5 credit]
Theories of Human Nature
Critical, cross-cultural exploration of theories of human nature. Begins with a survey of western anthropological models of human consciousness and examines scientific, philosophical and religious perspectives with reference to ethnographic research on myth, religion and science produced by western and non-western cultures.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.
ANTH 2550 [0.5 credit]
Religion and Society
Cross-cultural survey of religious institutions, focusing on theories and methodologies in the study of religion. Topics may include myth, totemism, cults, ritual, belief systems, altered states of consciousness, new religious and/or new age movements and the relationship of religion with other social institutions and processes.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Also listed as RELI 2736.
Lectures and workshop three hours a week.

ANTH 2610 [0.5 credit]
Examination of a range of issues related to particular indigenous communities and regions of North America. Topics include political, socio-economic, and cultural transformations, Aboriginal title and rights, collaborative research, and other topics relevant to indigenous communities and indigenous - non-indigenous relations.
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 3610 (no longer offered).
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2620 [0.5 credit]
Ethnography of Sub-Saharan Africa
Examination of selected areas of contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa through current anthropological research. Topics may include war and displacement, religion, politics, international development, history, popular culture, colonialism, witchcraft, health and kinship.
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 3620 (no longer offered).
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2630 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Asian Societies: Current Issues in Anthropological Research
Examination of contemporary Asia through anthropological research. Topics may include cultural practices, religion, health issues, economics, politics, history, colonialism and social change. Emphasis will vary by sub-region from year to year, e.g., focusing on South, East or Southeast Asia.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2635 [0.5 credit]
Tradition and Modernity in the Pacific
Relationships between contemporary Pacific societies and the rest of the world. Topics may include colonialism and its aftermaths, cultural revival, mining, Christianity, alternative modernities, diasporas, and indigenous media.
Lecture/discussion groups three hours a week.

ANTH 2640 [0.5 credit]
Andean Ethnography
Ethnographic survey of the Andes. The formation of “indigenous” communities and their relation to urban centres and nation-states. Topics may include state formation, social movements, agrarian reform, political economy of food, class, ethnicity and racism, rural-urban migration, community.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2650 [0.5 credit]
Ethnography of Mesoamerica
Ethnographic survey of Mexico and Guatemala focusing on a variety of rural and urban communities throughout the area with emphasis on indigenous groups. Topics may include nationalism, ethnicity, social organization, gender, cosmology and material culture.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2660 [0.5 credit]
Ethnography of North Africa
Introduction to societies and cultures of North Africa. Topics may include: history and socio-cultural role of Islam, the relations between Arabs and Berbers, ethnography of religious institutions, ritual practices, everyday life, gender, colonialism and post-colonialism, problems of state and religion.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2670 [0.5 credit]
Ethnography of Brazil
Examination of selected areas of contemporary Brazil through current anthropological research. Topics may include: processes of nation-formation, colonialism, gender and sexuality, race and racism, health, everyday life, urban ethnography, popular culture, social movements, and institutions such as religion, the family and the state.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2680 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of "Mainstream" North America
Examination of contemporary North American society. Topics may include social class, success myths, schooling, immigration, cities, the self, television, romance, youth sub cultures; how what is seen as "mainstream" is determined.
Lectures/discussion groups three hours a week.

ANTH 2690 [0.5 credit]
Ethnography of a Selected Area
Ethnography of a selected area. Area to be announced.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 2815 [0.5 credit]
Selected Topics in Anthropology
Selected topics in anthropology not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. The choice of topics varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.
Lecture/discussion groups three hours a week.
ANTH 2825 [0.5 credit]
Selected Topics in Anthropology
Selected topics in anthropology not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. The choice of topics varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered. Lectures/discussion groups three hours a week.

ANTH 2850 [0.5 credit]
Development and Underdevelopment
International development and its socio-cultural practices with consequences at local, national and international levels. Topics may include modernization, dependency, globalization, and development as discourse, political ecology, gender, indigenous knowledge, social movements, and non-governmental organizations. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Lectures and workshop three hours a week.

ANTH 2875 [0.5 credit]
Course-Related Tutorials in Anthropology
Consult the Department for information.

ANTH 3005 [0.5 credit]
Ethnographic Research Methods
Exploration of methodological issues in ethnographic research through lectures, discussion, individual research projects. Research design, ethical review, participant observation, ethnographic interviewing, writing/analyzing fieldnotes, and examining how a researcher's subject position and relation to the community under study influence the creation of ethnographic knowledge. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Lectures three hours a week.

ANTH 3027 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Globalization and Human Rights
Examination of the various dimensions and meanings of globalization and its relationship with human rights. Main emphasis will be on the implications of the emerging global economy for economic, social, political and cultural rights. Also listed as SOCI 3027, PSCI 3802. Prerequisite(s): 0.5 credit 2000-level ANTH, or SOCI 1001 and SOCI 1002, or SOCI 1003 [1.0], or HUMR 1001 [1.0]. Lectures three hours a week.

ANTH 3025 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology and Human Rights
Examines the concepts of “cultural relativism” and “universalism.” What are human rights? Who has them? How do notions of “human rights” evolve? What about other, non-Western concepts of “individual,” “collectivity,” “rights” and “responsibilities”? What about human rights violations and abuses?. Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor. Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3030 [0.5 credit]
Contemporary Theories in Anthropology
Contemporary trends in anthropological analyses. Discussion of anthropological theory in its contemporary, interdisciplinary context. Precludes additional credit for ANTH 3006 (no longer offered), ANTH 3100. Prerequisite(s): ANT 2850. Lecture/discussion groups three hours per week.
ANTH 3035 [0.5 credit]  
Science, Culture and Society: Social Studies of Science  
Principal theories and methods used by Science and Technology Studies scholars to examine the social construction of scientific knowledge. Topics may include the demarcation of science from non-science, the relationship between experts and laypersons, and the study of scientific controversies. Also listed as SOCI 3035.  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3037 [0.5 credit]  
Studies in Information Systems and Social Power  
Knowledge/power relations in historical and comparative perspective, with attention to information devices, techniques, and practices.  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3040 [0.5 credit]  
The Global Middle Class  
The growing numbers of people who could be considered “middle class” are central to both “cultural” and “economic” globalization. This course examines what it means to be middle class theoretically, historically, and cross-culturally.  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture/discussion groups three hours a week.

ANTH 3045 [0.5 credit]  
Children and Childhood in a Globalized World  
A socio-historical and cross-cultural exploration of constructions, deconstructions, and the experience of childhood in Canada and internationally. Compulsory schooling, child labour, protection and regulation in law, the commodification and equalization of childhood, children's social movements, and the emergence of children's rights discourses. Also listed as SOCI 3045.  
Prerequisite(s): 0.5 credit ANTH, or SOCI 1001 and SOCI 1002, or SOCI 1003 and third-year standing.  
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3215 [0.5 credit]  
Selected Topics in Anthropology  
Topics not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. The choice of topics varies from year to year. Check with the Department regarding the topic offered.  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3225 [0.5 credit]  
Selected Topics in Anthropology  
Topics not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. The choice of topics varies from year to year. Check with the Department regarding the topic offered.  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3310 [0.5 credit]  
Studies in Medical Anthropology  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3355 [0.5 credit]  
Anthropology and the Environment  
Environmental concerns affect everyone, unevenly. How does anthropology illuminate the cultural, social, political and ecological differentiation resulting from and constituting environmental processes? The range of responses considered may address issues of resource access and exploitation, as well as transnational transformations in the concept of nature.  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lectures three hours a week.

ANTH 3360 [0.5 credit]  
Jokes, Humor, Laughter  
Anthropological inquiries into the phenomenon of humor. Psychoanalytic, semiotic and phenomenological perspectives are applied to ethnographic materials from a variety of cultural contexts.  
Lecture/discussion groups three hours per week.

ANTH 3510 [0.5 credit]  
Ritual  
Cross-cultural study of ritual, religious and secular, its role in various social processes and relation to other activities. Exploration of variability of ritual and the range of theories that have been developed to account for what ritual does, including intellectualist, functionalist and performative.  
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.
ANTH 3550 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Visual Anthropology
Examination of the anthropological experience as reflected in film/video and still photography. A number of problems are considered, including selectivity, bias, the effect of the observer's presence, and problems in reconstructing past events in film. Issues of media-literacy will be examined. Precludes additional credit for ANTH 3107 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3570 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Art, Culture and Society
Thematic investigation of genres, forms and styles of art, culture and society. Topics may include current debates on social structure and artistic creativity; ideology, cultural memory and politics, patronage and art; cross-cultural representations, taste, social mobility and art; modernism and the avant-garde.
Also listed as SOCI 3570.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3580 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of Material Culture and Museums
How diverse societies are materialized in a wide range of cultural materials from clothing, housing and memorials to more ephemeral materializations such as food, gardens, dance, ritual props and music-making. Emphasis on museum practices and the cultural politics of display.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

ANTH 3600 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Anthropology and Indigenous Peoples
Problems in the interpretation and analysis of various forms of encounters between indigenous peoples and colonizing powers will be examined. Topics may include patterns and practices of contact, cultural syncretism, conquest, domination, relations of ruling, cultural hegemony, resistance and non-compliance.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 3109 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3800 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Applied and Participatory Anthropology
History, significant approaches, and key topics of applied anthropology and participatory research. Participatory and non-participatory anthropological research on social problems within activities of intervention, which may include policy processes, development projects, evaluation exercises, impact assessments, and advocacy work.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Lecture three hours a week.

ANTH 3915 [0.5 credit]
Course-Related Tutorials in Anthropology
Consult the Department for information.

ANTH 3925 [0.5 credit]
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ANTH 3999 [0.0 credit]
Co-operative Work Term
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ANTH 4000 [0.5 credit]
Field Placement in Anthropology
This course is intended to provide students with practical experience through a field placement equivalent to one day a week. Students are responsible to secure their field placement in a relevant organization with the approval of a Faculty member acting as Field placement coordinator.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours Anthropology standing and permission of the Department.

ANTH 4005 [0.5 credit]
Health and Globalization
An anthropological examination of the health impacts of global processes, relationships, and movements. May include topics such as economic development and disease, migration and health, medical tourism, transnational reproduction, and the global circulation of bodies, organs, medical technologies, drugs, and pathogens.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Seminar three hours a week.
ANTH 4006 [0.5 credit]  
Decolonizing Methodologies in the 21st Century: Practicing Engaged Anthropology  
Examination of the breadth of critical literature on ‘decolonizing methodologies’ within and adjacent to anthropology in the 20th and 21st centuries. The course will equip students with an in-depth understanding of critiques of the discipline’s methods and ethics while practicing an engaged anthropology.  
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Seminar three hours per week.

ANTH 4007 [0.5 credit]  
Advanced Studies in Anthropological Theory and Methods  
The course examines debates in theory and methodology currently facing the discipline through a survey of leading-edge issues and approaches.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4020 [0.5 credit]  
Advanced Studies in Race and Ethnicity  
An advanced seminar that explores selected topics in race and ethnicity in an international context. Specific topics will vary according to instructors' research interests.  
Also listed as SOCI 4020.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4036 [0.5 credit]  
Science and Technology Studies: Selected Topics  
The course is concerned with broadening students’ understanding of Science and Technology Studies (STS) by focusing on a relevant topic. Topics may vary from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.  
Precludes additional credit for SOCI 4401 (no longer offered).  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4109 [0.5 credit]  
Ethnography, Gender and Globalization  
Intersections of gender and globalization; ethnographic focus on how the movements of people, goods, ideas, and capital are transforming existing formations of gender and sexualities. Topics and approaches may vary from year to year.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 5109, for which additional credit is precluded.  
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4200 [0.5 credit]  
War, Security and Citizenship  
Critical theoretical and multidisciplinary examination of violent conflict, security and citizenship. How wars produce a variety of abject and new subjects, create and reproduce citizenship hierarchies, and expand and contract citizenship entitlements.  
Also listed as SOCI 4200.  
Prerequisite(s): fourth year standing.  
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4215 [0.5 credit]  
Selected Topics in Anthropology  
Topics not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. The choice of topic varies from year to year. Check with the department regarding the topic offered.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4225 [0.5 credit]  
Selected Topics in Anthropology  
Topics not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. The choice of topic varies from year to year. Check with the department regarding the topic offered.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4355 [0.5 credit]  
Anthropology of Natural Resources  
Anthropology of natural resources. Topics may include 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.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 5355, for which additional credit is precluded.  
Lectures and discussions three hours a week.

ANTH 4500 [0.5 credit]  
Advanced Studies in Culture and Symbols  
Contemporary debates in theory and methods regarding analysis of the symbolic processes.  
Precludes additional credit for ANTH 4705 (no longer offered).  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.  
Seminar three hours a week.
ANTH 4550 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Studies in Visual Anthropology
Exploration of media representations of the cultural other through student projects based on contemporary anthropological analysis of cross-cultural multimedia: video, photography, mapping and the Internet. The role of media in the dissemination of anthropological research and as the subject of anthropological analysis.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4560 [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.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 5560, for which additional credit is precluded.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4590 [1.0 credit]
Capstone Seminar in Globalization, Culture, and Power
This course is dedicated to developing individual student research projects. Through seminar discussions, these student projects will benefit from an introduction to research design and methodologies, analysis and interpretation, as well as issues surrounding ethics, representation, and knowledge production.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the BGINS Globalization, Culture and Power program with a minimum 9.0 GPA or permission of the instructor.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4610 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Studies in Indigenous Peoples
This research-based seminar focuses on specific conceptual and methodological issues pertaining to contemporary anthropological research involving Indigenous peoples and communities. Topical focus may vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4620 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Studies in Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa: Current Issues in Anthropological Research
Research-based seminar that explores the issues and debates related to anthropological research in contemporary sub-Saharan Africa with emphasis on theoretical, methodological, analytical, ethical, practical and applied problems in anthropological research in that area.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4730 [0.5 credit]
Colonialism and Post-Colonialism
Comparative ethnographic and historical approaches to colonialism including topics such as the formation of colonial regimes, colonial governmentality, servile labour systems, missionization, anti-colonial resistance, cultural hybridization and post-colonial memory. Exploration of debates over the relation between colonialism and the production of social scientific knowledge.
Also listed as SOCI 4730.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4750 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Studies in Globalization and Citizenship
Selected topics on the confluence of processes of globalization, development and citizenship. Examination of debates about the meaning and impact of globalization on patterns of inequality and citizenship both internationally and within Canada, and about strategies for progressive development.
Also listed as SOCI 4750.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4780 [0.5 credit]
Anthropology of Personhood
Exploration of anthropological approaches to personhood and diversity in constructions of the self in various socio-cultural and historical contexts.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the instructor.
Seminar three hours a week.

ANTH 4900 [1.0 credit]
Honours Research Paper in Anthropology
Candidates with a GPA in ANTH of 9.0 or above, can present a research essay. Students develop their essay proposal and HRP through seminar discussion. Problems of style, sources, conceptualization, design, analysis and interpretation are discussed. Students are strongly encouraged to take this course.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing.
ANTH 4915 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in Anthropology
Consult the Department for information.

ANTH 4925 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in Anthropology
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