Course Outcome Summary

General Education Satisfier Course

ANTHR 152 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Course Information
Division: Humanities/Social Sciences
Contact Hours: 45
Total Credits: 3

Prerequisites
RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests.

Course Description
Cultural anthropology provides the conceptual and methodological tools necessary to understand the diversity of human lifeways on a global basis. The course introduces such powerful concepts as culture and socialization and explores the effects of these on people’s worldview. This allows students to enhance their understanding of the underlying reasons why some societies have beliefs, lifeways, and customs vastly different from their own and allows them to see themselves and their own culture in a new light.

This course is a satisfier course for the Global Studies Degree Designation.
This course is approved as a General Education competency satisfier.

General Education Goal: Social and Cultural Awareness
Competency: Understand the processes that influence human values, thoughts, social systems, and behavior.
Learning Outcome: Students will examine the impact of social factors on personal beliefs, while considering alternatives to the dominate culture’s viewpoint.

General Education Learning Objectives
A. Recognize the processes by which individuals acquire social knowledge attitudes and beliefs.
B. Recognize major influences on social behavior and social systems.
C. Demonstrate knowledge of human diversity including characteristics of culture outside of the student’s own.
D. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one systematic method for obtaining knowledge about social influences according to a recognized social science discipline.

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, the students will be able to:

1. Analyze factors that shape a cultures worldview while assessing the impact of their own enculturation on their view of others.
   Applies to General Education Objective
   A. Recognize the processes by which individuals acquire social knowledge attitudes and beliefs.
   B. Recognize major influences on social behavior and social systems
   C. Demonstrate knowledge of human diversity including characteristics of culture outside of the student’s own.
2. Design a research program to answer an anthropological question.  
   Applies to General Education Objectives  
   D. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one systematic method for obtaining knowledge about social influences according to a recognized social science discipline.

3. Apply the principles of anthropology to analyze unfamiliar cultural systems in their appropriate cultural context.  
   Applies to General Education Objectives  
   A. Recognize the processes by which individuals acquire social knowledge attitudes and beliefs.  
   B. Recognize major influences on social behavior and social systems.  
   C. Demonstrate knowledge of human diversity including characteristics of culture outside of the student’s own.

4. Formulate a plan to integrate two key anthropological concepts into their own lives.