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 dominant 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. Appreciate the importance of data gathering on anthropological interpretation
   Applies to General Education Objective
   D. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one systematic method for obtaining knowledge about social influences according to a recognized social science discipline.

2. Assess the effects of culture, socialization, and enculturation on diverse societies
   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.

3. Explain differences in family structure as they relate to cultural traditions
   Applies to General Education Objectives
Course Outcome Summary

General Education Satisfier Course

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A. Recognize the processes by which individuals acquire social knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs.
B. Recognize major influences on social behavior and social systems.
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4. Evaluate causes for the diversity of human lifeways in a cross-cultural perspective
   Applies to General Education Objectives
   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.

5. Elucidate the nature of cultural characteristics that provide meaning and purpose to life in various cultures
   Applies to General Education Objectives
   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.

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