ANTHROPOLOGY

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Anthropology

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Department Courses and Descriptions

AN 2331
Cultural Anthropology (3)
An examination of the unity and diversity of cultural patterns in both simple and complex societies, including consideration of their political, intellectual, technical, aesthetic, and other social institutions in cross-cultural perspective.

AN 2332
Introduction to Archaeology (3)
Introduction to scientific study of past human life through material remains. Insights into the evolution of civilization, past cultural, economic, and organizational systems, etc.

AN 3300
Special Topics in Anthroplogy (3)
Topics vary from semester to semester. AN 3300 may be retaken for additional credit when a dif ferent topic is offered.

AN 3301
North American Indians (3)
Survey of Indians from the time of European contact through the present, emphasizing the situation of contemporary Native Americans.

AN 3302
Ancient Civilization Americas (3)
Survey of prehistoric civilizations of the Americas, particularly the Aztecs, Mayas, and Incas. Deals with their development and histories, political and economic structures, religion, etc.

AN 3303
Human Origins (3)
This course covers come of the major components of biological anthropology with a ma jor focus on human evolution. It

presents scientific data tracing the emergence of humans as a culture-bearing species. It examines evolutionary processes, taxonomic principles, the fossil record and the early developments of human culture.

AN 3306
Qualitative Research Methods (3)
An introduction to the methods used to conduct qualitative research in natural social settings. An examination of the methods of ethnography, participant observation/non-participant observation, focus group, interview, and use of documentary sources will be included. Students may have the opportunity to engage in hands-on research. Additional topics include data coding, data analysis, and research ethics. Prerequisite: Junior standing and have completed nine hours of pscyhology or sociology related courses.

AN 3308
Sociology of Religion (3)
An introduction to basic issues in the sociology of religion, including alternative definitions of religion, the relationship of religion to economic, political and other social institutions, and the influence of religion on personal development, social order, conflict, and change. Religious institutions are viewed in historical and cross-cultural perspective.

AN 3309
Medical Anthroplogy (3)
This course examines a variety of issues related to health, illness, and health care from an anthropological perspective. It explores how people in various cultures, both Western and non-Western deal with illness, disease, birth, death, curing and maintaining health.

AN 3312
Language and Culture (3)
Examines the dynamics between language and culture in cross-cultural perspective. It explores the functions and use of language in society, the symbolic nature of language, theories regarding the evolution of human language, linguistic change, and how humans use language in social contexts.

AN 3320
Social Stratification (3)
An analysis of social stratification utilizing social class as the unit of study. The course will focus on the structure of social classes in the U.S. as a major factor influencing individual and group life chances with regards to education, crime, health, and disease, world views and life styles.

AN 3325
Criminology (3)

AN 3342
Social Organization&Social Sys (3)
An analysis of human behavior in organizations viewed as social systems. Topics include formal and informal structures, corporate cultures, organizational goals and problems, communication, interpersonal relations, adaptation, and change.

AN 3343
The Family (3)
A study of the family as an institution and social system, including discussions of dating and mate selection, premarital and

extramarital sex, birth control, abortion, illegitimacy, family planning, spousal relationships, interracial and interfaith marriages, socialization, social control, and change.

AN 3351
Social Psychology (3)
Theories and research on social factors in behavior, including such topics as attitudes, perception, leadership, and attraction.

AN 3355
Internship in Anthropology (3)
Experiential education related to the theoretical and researcch topics studied in sociology. The experience consists of pre-professional work in social agencies, community programs, and other appropriate settings approved by the department. Junior/Senior status and at least 9 hours of upper-division sociology are prerequisites. Involves written sociological analysis. 3 to 6 semester hours of credit, with a maximum of 3 hours per semester.

AN 3361
Urban Sociology (3)
An analysis of cities, their historical development and social organization. Topics include urbanization in developed and developing societies, urban stratification and lifestyles, and urban, metropolitan and regional planning.

AN 3362
Demography and Ecology (3)
The demographic study of human populations, including fertility, mortality, migration, age, sex, class composition. The ecological study of relations between human societies and their environments. Analysis of environmental problems and proposed solutions.

AN 3371
Minority Relations (3)
A study of ethnic, religious and racial relations in the U.S. and other countries. Topics include power relationships, prejudice, discrimination, ethnic stratification, migration, assimilation and pluralism. Minorities to be considered include Blacks, Mexican-Americans and Native Americans.

AN 3381
Introductory Statistics (3)
An introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics designed for the student of behavioral sciences.

AN 4300
Social Gerontology (3)
A study of the aging process, with emphasis on its social, cultural and psychological aspects. Topics include the effects of aging on personality, intelligence, sexuality and maturity; family relationships; the demography of aging; and the relevance of gerontology theory and research for social policy.

AN 4305
Death and Dying (3)
A holistic treatment of the dying person and his/her environment. Topics include cross-cultural differences in grief and mourning behaviors, psychological process of the terminally ill, funeral practices, hospice alternatives, and ethical problems related to the medical extension of life.

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