

Anthropology Course Descriptions

- 2301. Introduction to Archeology (ANTH 2302)** 3(3-0)
General introduction to the field of archeology. Emphasis on methods of data collection, analysis, and a world review of major events in the development of past human civilizations.
- 2302. Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 2346)** 3(3-0)
Major aspects of culture (social organization, economics, religion, etc.); cultural patterns and sociocultural change; prehistory of humans and the development of their culture.
- 2303. Introduction to Physical Anthropology (ANTH 2301)** 3(3-0)
An introduction to the origins and evolution of humans as reconstructed from the fossil record and from patterns of anatomical, behavioral, and genetic similarity among living primates. Laboratory fee, \$5.
- 3301. Pre-Columbian American Cultures** 3(3-0)
Development of American Indian cultures of Central and South America to time of Spanish Conquest. Maya, Inca, Aztec, and related cultural traditions. Optional field trip when possible. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology or Southwest Borderlands Studies. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 3301 and SWBS 3301.)
- 3302. Principles of Cultural Anthropology** 3(3-0)
Major approaches in the field of cultural anthropology and the major influences on the discipline; introduction to research methodology used in both primitive and modern societies. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302.
- 3303. Introduction to Folklore and Folklife** 3(3-0)
Survey of the major forms of folklore and folklife and the methods of collection and study. Examines traditional verbal art forms, customs, and material culture. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302.
- 3304. Fundamentals of Archaeology** 3(3-0)
Methods of data collection, analysis and theory in anthropological archaeology. Case studies of cultural development in selected ancient and historic societies. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science.
- 4301. Social Theory** 3(3-0)
Development of social theory as represented by Comte, Spencer, Durkheim, and Weber, to contemporary schools of thought, including functionalism, conflict, symbolic interactionism, structuralism, and world systems theory. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 6 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 4301 and SOCI 4301.)
- 4303. Folk Medicine** 3(3-0)
An examination of the folk medical system of Mexican Americans from an anthropological perspective. Includes an exploration of household remedies (including herbal remedies), folk illness syndromes, various folk healers (including parteras, or midwives, and sobadores, or massagers), curanderismo (folk healing) and brujeria (witchcraft) in present-day Mexican American culture in South Texas and the Southwest. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology or Southwest Borderlands Studies. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 4304 and SWBS 4304.)
- 4305. Language and Culture** 3(3-0)
Introduction to the social and cultural aspects of language and provides framework and methodology for studying and analyzing the many elements which make up verbal and nonverbal communication in various speech communities in the United States. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology or Southwest Borderlands Studies. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 4305 and SWBS 4305.)

4306. Mexican-American Folklore

3(3-0)

Examines the various types of culture from an anthropological perspective and provides an in-depth look at various genres of Mexican-American folklore, including folk narrative, folk belief, folk medicine, folk music, folk speech, and folk material culture. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology or Southwest Borderlands Studies. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 4306 and SWBS 4306.)

4308. Latin American Culture

3(3-0)

Origin and development of contemporary cultural forms in Latin America. Industrialization, socioeconomic and demographic change are examined from several theoretical perspectives. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtain in both ANTH 4308 and SWBS 4308.)

4309. Mexican Border Subcultures

3(3-0)

Analysis of social processes such as competition, accommodation, and cooperation occurring in the American Southwest and in Northern Mexico, with attention to such variables as ethnicity and stratification. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology or Southwest Borderlands Studies. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 4309 and SWBS 4309.)

4350. Selected Topics in Anthropology

3(3-0)

Literature and research in anthropological areas not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once for credit when topics differ. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 6 semester hours of social science.

4382. Methods of Social Research

3(3-0)

Introduction to the study of the scientific method as applied to social research, including the logic of science, covering the nature of data, hypotheses, concepts, and objectivity. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 4382 and SOCI 4382.)