

# ANT 210 General Anthropology

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090 or DRE 098; or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course introduces the physical, archaeological, linguistic, and ethnological fields of anthropology. Topics include human origins, genetic variations, archaeology, linguistics, primatology, and contemporary cultures. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the four major fields of anthropology. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for the general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.* Course Hours per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the scope of anthropology based on the four subfields and theoretical orientations.
2. Trace the evolution of humans as a species and our relationship to living primates.
3. Discuss the concept of culture and give examples of cultural development and adaptation.
4. Compare across cultures similarities and differences in basic social systems to include family organization, subsistence, political systems, belief systems and expressive culture.
5. Identify agents of culture change and their effect and critique the practice of applied anthropology.

## OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Four Subfields of Anthropology
  - A. Physical Anthropology
  - B. Archaeology
  - C. Linguistics
  - D. Ethnology
- II. Evolution and Variation
  - A. Principles of Natural Selection
  - B. Primate Evolution
  - C. Living Primates
- III. Hominization
  - A. Australopithecines
  - B. H.habilus-H.sapiens-sapiens
  - C. Upper Paleolithic
  - D. Human Variation
- IV. Development of Culture
  - A. Origins of Agriculture
  - B. Rise of the State
  - C. Concept of Culture
  - D. Theories of Culture
- V. Ethnology
  - A. Social Patterns across Cultures
  - B. Subsistence Strategies
  - C. Political Systems
  - D. Language

- E. Belief Systems
- F. Expressive Culture

- VI. Applications of Anthropology
  - A. Assessing Culture Change
  - B. Applied Anthropology

**REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS:**

To be selected by the instructor/discipline chair.