

# ANTH& 206 : Cultural Anthropology

**Credits** 5

**Quarter Offered** Spring (even year)

Introduction to study of recent cultures and societies. Focus on development of anthropological thought, language, culture, and broad patterns of cultural behavior. Includes cross-cultural perspectives on belief systems, economic behavior, family, kinship, and sociopolitical structures. This class may include students from multiple sections. (Social Sciences, Elective)

**Prerequisites**

Eligibility for or completion of [ENGL& 101](#)

**Course Outcomes**

An orientation in cultural anthropology as an academic discipline;  
basic information on culture, cultures, and cultural behavior from an anthropological perspective; and  
a sense of culture, how culture shapes and patterns your every act, thought, and interaction.

What is cultural anthropology?

Lectures and readings will place cultural anthropology within anthropology as a discipline. In addition, an understanding of the culture as a concept will be developed, exploring its nature, dynamics, and how it unifies humankind as well as creates its diversity.

What do cultural anthropologists do?

Cultural anthropology will be discussed as social science; the discussion will include their methods, areas of interest and study, and how they gather and analyze their data.

What is the theoretical basis of cultural anthropology as a social science?

A history of cultural anthropology and ethnological thought will be presented with an emphasis of the major perspectives and thinkers in the field.

What kinds of information do cultural anthropologists use and produce?

A body of factual information about selected cultures around the world will be developed in the class.