

Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology **TCSU ANTH 120**

A. Description

This course introduces the study of human culture and the concepts, theories, and methods used in the comparative study of sociocultural systems. Subjects include subsistence patterns, social and political organization, language and communication, family and kinship, religion, the arts, social inequality, ethnicity, gender, and culture change. The course applies anthropological perspectives to contemporary issues.

B. Recommended Preparation

Completion of IGETC Area 1A or CSU General Education-Breadth Area A2

C. Prerequisites

None

D. Minimum Unit Requirement

3 semester units

E. Course Topics

1. Anthropological concepts, theories, and methods
2. Subsistence patterns
3. Social and political organization
4. Language and communication
5. Family and kinship
6. Religion
7. Arts
8. Social Inequality
9. Ethnicity and race
10. Gender
11. Culture Change

F. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the basic concepts, methods of inquiry, and the theories of sociocultural anthropology;
2. Apply the above in comparative studies of sociocultural systems, and especially to explain observed variation, change and adaptation; and
3. Use anthropological perspectives to describe and explain contemporary issues.

G. CAN Equivalent

CAN ANTH 4 (Equivalency ends Fall 2009)