

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Introduction to Anthropology

Course #: ANT 101

Course Description:

This course introduces students to the principles, concepts and methodology of anthropology. It also emphasizes human evolution, culture and its role in human experience, as well as an understanding of the nature of man in different societies.

Credits: 3 semester hours

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ENG 101

Course Goals:

- To introduce students to the field of anthropology and its application for human studies.
- To acquaint students with basic terminology and concepts used in anthropology.
- To expose students to a variety of cultures worldwide.
- To develop a judgment-free mentality regarding cultural practices and worldviews.
- To recognize the importance of theory and methodology for research strategies.
- To apply critical thinking skills to global issues pertaining to cultural relativity, diversity and human evolution.
- Reinforce the importance of empirically-based academic research and ethical considerations for the study of people, animals and ecological environment.

Outcomes:

After successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

- Comprehend and explain basic anthropological terms and concepts.
- Apply theoretical frameworks to anthropological research methodology.
- Explain the importance of cultural relativity as an alternative to ethnocentrism for ethically responsible anthropological study.
- Recognize the relevance of applied anthropology in today's world.
- Identify social constructs of race, gender and social status and their role in culture.
- Investigate global challenges such as poverty, human rights, environmental degradation and globalization.
- Construct an ethnography based upon relevant ethnological studies utilizing primary academic resources, relevant anthropological materials and applied theoretical interpretation.
- Utilize APA citation format, third-person writing style and computer software applications for formatting, revising and editing an academic document.