American Studies

AMST 200. Introduction to American Studies. 3 credits.
This course will highlight the student's role in interrogating the cultural and political function of representations of America in literature, history, philosophy, religion, popular culture, mass media, art. Students will gain an understanding of why definitions of American identity matter and learn about the contemporary debates that inform the discipline of American Studies today. Questions about the changing role of national studies in the face of globalization are central. May be used for general education credit.

AMST 490. Special Studies in American Studies. 3 credits.
Independent study of a topic appropriate to the cross disciplinary method of American studies.

Anthropology

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A=Archaeology  C=Cultural Anthropology  R=Required for All Anthropology Majors
B=Biological Anthropology  S=Sociocultural Anthropology  W=Writing Intensive

ANTH 195. Cultural Anthropology. 3 credits (C, R).
An introduction to the nature of culture and its relationship to language, economics, politics, kinship and other institutions in diverse cultures. The course also provides an overview of the theories, methods and ethical responsibilities involved in the study of cultural systems and ethnographic writing. May be used for general education credit.

ANTH 196. Biological Anthropology. 3 credits (A, R).
An introduction to the origins and genetic variability of humans and their relationship to nonhuman primates. Examination of the fossil record, the relationship between biology and culture and human genetics are included. Theories and methods used in the study of biological anthropology are also introduced. May be used for general education credit.

ANTH 197. Archaeology. 3 credits (A, R).
An introduction to the goals, methods and theory of anthropological archaeology. The course examines the variety of techniques archaeologists use to reconstruct the past from material remains. Archaeological ethics and the impact of the past on contemporary society are also considered.

ANTH 201. The Discipline of Anthropology. 1 credit (R).
This required course introduces students to the subdisciplines of cultural, biological, linguistic and archaeological anthropology and the logic of their integration within the larger discipline of anthropology. Students will be introduced to current research questions within anthropology and how they are addressed from the perspective of the various subdisciplines. Prerequisites: Major status or permission of the instructor. It is recommended that students have had at least one of the introductory-level ANTH courses (ANTH 195, ANTH 196 or ANTH 197).

ANTH 205. Buried Cities, Lost Tribes: The Rise and Fall of Early Human Societies. 3 credits (A).
This course takes an archaeological and comparative perspective on the origins of human institutions, including art, architecture, religion, centralized political formations and urban life. The development and collapse of early societies in multiple world regions, including Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus Valley, Mesoamerica and the Andes will be explored. May be used for general education credit.

ANTH 250. Anthropology of the American Southwest. 3 credits (A, C).
This course takes an archaeological and comparative perspective on the development of the Southwestern societies from early hunter-gatherers to the Native American communities of today. Major issues of anthropological interest, such as the adoption of agriculture, the development of village life, migration and abandonment, the spread of religious “cults,” the extent of Mesoamerican influence and the effects of the Spanish conquest are explored.

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 credits (C).
This course explores the peoples and cultures of the Caribbean through themes such as colonialism, nationalism, ethnicity, development, aesthetic traditions, gender, religion and urban and rural resistance movements.

ANTH 280. Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa. 3 credits (C).
This is an introductory course emphasizing cultural diversity of sub-Saharan African societies. Basic anthropological concepts are used in analyzing African economics, political systems, marriage patterns and family organization, religious beliefs and the impacts of colonialism and post-colonial development practices.

ANTH 295. Peoples and Cultures of East Asia. 3 credits (C).
This introductory course examines the peoples and cultures of the core East Asian countries – China, Japan and Korea. The course is organized around anthropological perspectives on topics such as nationalism, consumption, gender, ethnicity and development but also emphasizes the cultural, social and historical characteristics of various groups in these nations, in addition to important cultural flows within region.

ANTH 300. The Anthropology of Food. 3 credits (C).
This course explores anthropological approaches to food production, distribution, preparation and consumption in the contemporary world. Topics include food preferences and taboos, food and the senses, ritual and identity, technological risks, diet and nutrition, cuisine and class and...