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# Cultural Anthropology

## ANT 201 (CT)



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Cultural anthropology is the **comparative study of living cultures** situated in specific environmental, historical and political contexts. This course explores how culture is continually be made and remade by individuals and groups as they respond to varied conditions of everyday life. **Why do some ways of doing things persist while others seem to fade away? How do new cultural understandings and behaviors become introduced?** Having an effective model to approach these questions is an essential part of the theoretical toolkit of any social scientist. While providing a brief overview of theoretical and methodological traditions in anthropology, this course deals with many different ways that cultural anthropologists have attempted to explain the mechanisms through which particular ways of doing and seeing things are maintained or altered over time. **We will work together to develop a culturally-sensitive perspective that enables us to appreciate the richness of human diversity and our potential for transformation.** We will also consider how the practice of social and cultural research is changing in a world that is increasingly multicultural, transnational, and globally interconnected.

**Open to everyone.**

***ANT 201 provides CORE I "CT" and INTERNATIONAL credits***

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