

**Effective Date:** Spring 2009

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## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**COURSE PREFIX and NUMBER:** SOC 210

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**COURSE TITLE:** Survey of Physical and Cultural Anthropology

**PREREQUISITES:** English placement recommendation for English 111 and satisfactory completion of English 1 and 4 if required by reading placement test. Co-requisite English 5 and English 107 if recommended by reading placement test.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Examines physical characteristics and lifestyles of human ancestors and present populations. Explores cultures from around the world to study diverse adaptations made by humans. Prerequisite: English placement recommendation for English 111 and satisfactory completion of English 01 and 4 if required by reading placement test. Corequisite English 5 and English 107 if recommended by reading placement test. Lecture 3 hours per week.

### **MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED:**

- A. Physical/Biological anthropology
- B. Human development and variation
- C. Language and culture
- D. Economic and political organization
- E. Family and kinship ties
- F. Evolution of societies
- G. Stratification, sex, and gender
- H. Medicine, religion, and magic
- I. Anthropology in modern life

**GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- A. Identify and understand key concepts of the four major subfields of anthropology: physical anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, and cultural anthropology
- B. Understand and explain how these subfields relate to each other, other social sciences, and the humanities
- C. Understand and appreciate the diversity of human cultures
- D. Explain the relationship between language and culture
- E. Explain how anthropology is an applied science and how, in a culturally appropriate and sensitive manner, it can be instrumental in fostering understanding of and improvement in the lives of others
- F. Explain the theoretical foundations and ethics of anthropology
- G. Identify and explain the major research methods used by anthropologists (physical and cultural)
- H. Identify and describe the major components of modern societies (i.e., economic systems, family systems, political systems, religion/spirituality)
- I. Explain how and why the major components of societies develop differently depending on various physical, cultural, and social conditions
- J. Utilize a scientific rather than "common sense" approach to analyzing and understanding society, culture, and his/her own life
- K. Meaningfully use anthropological concepts in oral and written communications
- L. Derive tentative conclusions based upon interrelated facts rather than opinions
- M. Demonstrate effective, college-level speaking and writing skills
- N. Demonstrate competency in locating, understanding, organizing, and applying information