Anthropology (ANT)

ANT 111 Anthropology  
IAI – SI 900N  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: None

Anthropology 111 is an introduction to the study of evolution, human origins, archaeology and the development of human society in prehistory. The student will learn about the genetic, environmental, and cultural processes affecting human variation and adaptation. Students will also study the taxonomic classifications of past and present human and non-human primates, archaeological methods and dating techniques used to establish chronologies, the beginnings of human culture, the development of “stone age” societies, the peopling of the New World, and the formation of early cities.

ANT 202 America’s Diverse Cultures  
IAI – S1 904D  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: None

With over 300 spoken languages representing as many ethnicities and sub-groups within the political state of America, what does it mean to be an American? The political, military, and economic structures, along with their symbols, provide Americans with a large ideal of a national life. On-the-other-hand, the wide range of social practices express the variety of patterns people maintain to meet the contingencies of daily life. This course is designed to explore the diverse patterns of American life through an ethno-historical perspective and seek some answer to the question of what it is to be American. To this end, we will understand more than ethnicities; we will examine gender, the concept of race, age, social class, assimilation and acculturation, social policy issues and social problems using historical and anthropological investigation and evidence.

ANT 216 Cultural Anthropology  
IAI – SI 901N  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: None

Cultural Anthropology is the comparative study of human culture and society. Students will examine problems central to the study of humanity and explore the nature of culture, society, language, kinship, marriage, social hierarchy, and other social creations (such as a person’s identity) through ethnographic accounts and anthropological theory. Thus the diverse ways in which humans have organized to meet the contingencies of daily life will provide a deeper understanding and respect for the different patterns of culture humans have created.

ANT 240 Introduction: Physical Anthropology  
IAI – S1 902  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: None

Physical Anthropology (also called Biological or Evolutionary Anthropology) is an introduction to humans as a biological species through time and geography. The course applies the scientific method to explore the beginnings of hominids, the origins of humans, and our relationship to our closest primate relatives. The human fossil record, genetics, evolutionary theory, primate behavior and evolution, and similarities and differences in modern humans, including blood groups, skin color, and disease susceptibility are major topics of study to better understand our place in the web of life as a biological organism.