

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: ANTH-105 Cultural Anthropology

Department: Education

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
ANTH-105A	Cultural Anthropology	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall, Spring	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Liberal Arts	Lower Division	English

Course Description

The course will consider a number of themes, or topics, from both a theoretical and an empirical point of view:

- race and ethnicity
- the concept of culture and its limitations
- fieldwork as a method of understanding
- kinship and descent
- sex and gender
- reciprocity and exchange
- politics, stratification and social control
- religion, myth and ritual
- pollution and taboo

Instructor

Dr Marios Sarris

Course Aims and Objectives

This course introduces students to cultural diversity in human societies. It explores the way in which societies deal with universal human problems – courtship, sex, marriage and the family, work and play, identity, meaning, religion and death. The aim of the course is to render unfamiliar societies more understandable, and to help the student re-assess some of their own cultural assumptions.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, class discussions, class presentations, and use of selected audio-visual materials

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours .The course is delivered during the Fall and Spring semesters in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Homework: 20%
Mid-Term: 30%
Final Exam: 50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

Eriksen, Thomas H. *Small Places, Large Issues: an Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology*
[further reading will be required and designated later]

Recommended Reading

Eriksen, the first four chapters.