

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
ANTH 1001 B**

**INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY
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Method of Delivery: In-person Tuesdays from 17:35 - 19:25 pm.

Prerequisite(s): Precludes additional credit for HUMS 1005 (no longer offered).

In this course, you are expected to learn from your texts, your teacher and from one another. This requires striving towards understanding each other but it does not imply striving towards finding agreement. Our class will be racially, religiously, politically, culturally, generationally, and economically diverse. We will be of different gender identifications and sexual orientations and our lived experiences and reactions to the course material will reflect this diversity. Sharing our perspectives and interpretations on the course material will enhance everyone's learning experience and you are encouraged to openly express any disagreements with the authors you will read, with your fellow classmates, or with the Professor in the different participation fora that are available for this course. However, you are expected to conduct yourself in such a way that shows the utmost respect to others who may – or may not – share your views. Derogatory comments and hateful behavior towards others (and their views) will not be tolerated.

Carleton University acknowledges the location of its campus on the traditional, unceded territories of the Algonquin nation. In doing so, Carleton acknowledges it has a responsibility to the Algonquin people and a responsibility to adhere to Algonquin cultural protocols.

Course Description:

This course will provide students with an introduction to the discipline of Anthropology through three main topics: sex, food, and death. Through sex, food and death students will build an understanding on how human beings relate to each other and how they deal with important issues associated with the cycle of life. Areas explored in this course involve: the social construction of gender, sex, sexuality; identities; LGBTQ issues; the food industry and food business, migration, taboos, and practices; Indigenous peoples; health, heal and infectious diseases, displacement, as well as globalization and poverty.

Course Objectives:

- To have a better understanding about people and cultures that exist today and that existed in the past.
- To learn about cultural diversity along with important concepts, among them, ethnocentrism.
- Recognize similarities and differences between modern and past peoples in relation to their practices, social structures, and ways of life.
- Understand global issues and observe how these issues affect people at the personal and social levels.
- Identify different social and cultural contexts.
- Improve critical reading and writing skills.