Course Prefix and Number: SOC 210  
Credits: 3

Course Title: Survey of Physical and Cultural Anthropology

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: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
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Course Objectives:  
Upon completing 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.

Major Topics to Be Included:
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

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Spring, 2014