

Common Course Outline

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Topics in Anthropology

3 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

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Analyzes specific anthropological topics including those that cannot be covered sufficiently in Anthropology 101 and 102; provides specialized background necessary for broad foundation in Anthropology through discussion of such topics as native American cultures, religion, culture and personality, and people and places through film.

Prerequisites: Reading Skill 2; English Skill 2; Math Skill1

Overall Course Objectives

- Explain the fundamental assumptions of the discipline of anthropology
- Discuss the basic theories used in analyzing anthropological phenomena relative to the topic being studied
- Apply the major theories to the analysis of anthropological topics
- Describe the methods used in doing scientific research in anthropology
- Discuss how to utilize these methods in data gathering and analysis
- Explain how the topic in question contributes to one's understanding of the field of anthropology
- Discuss the relationship between the nature of culture and the topic being studied
- Apply information from the course to understanding its effect on changes in various cultures
- Analyze how insights gained from the course affect one's personal place in our society
- Discuss how the topic in question furthers our anthropological knowledge about world cultures

Major Topics

- Important theoretical orientations in anthropology
- Scientific techniques used in studying anthropological topics
- Cross-cultural perspectives of topics being studied
- The effect of change on cultures relative to the topic being studied
- Basic cultural issues related to the topic being studied
- The relationship to the general discipline of anthropology
- Distinguishing cultural characteristics
- How insights from the course contribute to the general knowledge base in anthropology
- The use and application of information gained from the course in understanding American and other global cultures

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty members but will include the following: at least 3 examinations

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments