

# Course Abstract

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**Course ID and Name: Introduction to Anthropology SOC 123**

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**Prerequisites:** N/A      **Co-requisites:** N/A

## Course Description:

This course combines physical and cultural anthropology by exploring the relationship between physical evolution and the corresponding development of human cultural life. A study of cultures and customs around the world. These customs includes language, magic, religion, marriage, sex roles, political structure and subsistence pattern such as hunting and gathering.

**General Education Status:** GE DIV, GE SS

**Credits:** 3      **Lecture Hours:** 3      **Lab Hours:** 0

## Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Discuss the key anthropological theories and sub-disciplines in their historical context, including their unique research techniques, and apply insights from each to explain important anthropological problems.
2. Describe pre-human ancestors and the emergence of humans in Africa, and how human cultural and biological evolution interacted in different geographic regions of the world.
3. Discuss the role of symbolic behavior in culture, the relationship between personality and culture, and the cultural context of human behavior.
4. Compare and contrast sexual behavior, family characteristics, economic systems, religions, social controls and political organizations in various cultures.
5. Develop clear, well-organized, and grammatically accurate written documents that communicate knowledge of Anthropology using AAA style.

## **Course Content Areas:**

1. Define anthropology and sub-disciplines of cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology and physical anthropology.
2. Discuss the historical development of anthropology.
3. Explain evolutionary theory and its historical development.
4. Analyze and discuss pre-human ancestors, in Africa and the way in which their evolutionary adaptations set the stage for the emergence of humans.
5. Describe the emergence of true humans in Africa; Homo Habilis, Homo Erectus, Archaic Homo Sapiens, Anatomically Modern Homo Sapiens.
6. Analyze the way in which human cultural and biological evolution interacted.
7. Summarize the common biological and cultural origins of our species – Homo sapiens.
8. Draw the conclusion that biological similarities among humans today are greater than differences.
9. Review cultural evolution of humans, Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic, in different geographic regions of the world.
10. Summarize the commonalities of human culture, worldwide, at this early period.