ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

ANTH 242. Principles of Anthropology. 3 Credit Hours.

This course studies the consequences of globalization for human beings as they come to understand and value themselves, their relations to others, and their "place in the world." Students discuss a number of challenges to traditional concepts of "culture" important to understanding an anthropological approach to the concept of globalization. The course approaches "globalization," the movement of information, goods, services, capital and people throughout the global space, from a variety of perspectives, including discussion of global migration and diaspora and consideration of the globalization of media.

ANTH 243. Honors: The Anthropology of Globalization. 3 Credit Hours. In this course, students interpret global transformations through studying anthropological texts and films that provide in-depth analysis of local-level instances of globalization. These ethnographic studies allow students to improve their specific knowledge of people and places throughout the world and also to develop more theoretically rigorous approaches toward explaining what is meant by the term globalization. To this end, students examine, among other themes, ethnicity to better comprehend issues of power, resources, and land in conflict situations; the movement of textiles to recognize post-Fordist social and economic practices; human trafficking to conceptualize commodification of the human body; and refugee migrations to understand transnationalism. In short, this course offers micro-level case studies, methods, and approaches toward learning about and explaining broad social and cultural processes.

Prerequisites: Honors Program.

ANTH 301. Working for a Sustainable Future. 3 Credit Hours.

Sustainability requires finding ways to meet our needs in the present without compromising those of future generations. It involves comprehending the connections between social, economic, and environmental factors, and finding ways to better use and manage resources. In this course students learn about important issues that impact the ability of humans to live sustainably, such as resource mining, deforestation, water pollution, fast fashion, and climate change. They then work on potential solutions to these problems, including formulating practical ideas that can be implemented on campus and in local communities.

ANTH 389. Fieldwork in Local Communities. 3 Credit Hours.

This course uses qualitative research methods to document and understand local communities. Students learn to conduct interviews, surveys, participant-observation, and other methods to interpret and understand complex social issues. Students also attain skills in taking photographs; capturing high quality audio recordings of live performances; and producing short documentary films. During the course students have the option of creating an academic research paper, a policy proposal intended for government agencies or nonprofit institutions, or a documentary film. The course provides valuable skills in research methods that can be applied to a number of social science and humanities disciplines.