

Anthropology Courses

ANT 205 Archaeology (3 credits)

An introduction to archaeological theory and methods and how these have advanced our understanding of past world cultures. North Carolina prehistory is emphasized through field trips and participation in archaeological research.

ANT 209 Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology (3 credits)

This course introduces beginning students to social and cultural anthropology and to some of its major concepts, methods and findings. Included are anthropological perspectives on the human experience and anthropological approaches to research and analysis of human groups, including economics, technology, politics, ideology, art, language, as well as their interrelationships.

ANT 306 Ethnology (3 credits)

This course begins with a brief survey of topics and approaches of cultural anthropologists: their questions, their methods, and their cross-cultural comparisons. It focuses on culture, traditions, and the pervasive processes of change which are applicable to the study of all societies. Topics include environment and ecology, the regulation of membership, symbolic messages and rituals, cultural transmission, and control of behavior. The course focuses on questions rather than answers, for students should find things out for themselves in an active way rather than passively through absorbing abstract knowledge. The latter part of the course involves students in identifying and researching a topic of interest in the St. Andrews or Laurinburg communities.

ANT 309 Contemporary Social Problems (3 credits)

A study of the explanations for social change and the ways divergent values create social problems in complex societies. The major areas of tension within which contemporary problems arise are considered. Examples include: the problems of cities, population and environmental problems, wealth and power in the corporate state, the family, health care, aging, and race and ethnic relations. This course is for students in the social sciences who desire a practical emphasis to their disciplinary training.