

MA Anthropology Syllabus, 2021-2023

Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: Second
Course Title: Research Methods and Techniques	Credits: 4
Course Type: Core	Course Code: ANT21201CR

Course Objectives:

- · To introduce students to research paradigms and research designs.
- To acquaint students with ethnographic research.
- To help students develop skills in data collection, analysis and interpretation.

Course Outcomes:

 The students are expected to develop an understanding of Debates, Skills and Techniques in Social Science Research, and will submit an Interview Transcript/Case Study.

Unit 1: Introduction

- Social Science Research: Nature and Significance
- Introduction to Paradigms
- Types of Research
- Contemporary Debates

Unit 2: Research Design and Methods

- Research Design: Features
- Sampling: Meaning and Types
- Survey Method
- · Interview Method

Unit 3: Ethnographic Research

- Introduction to Ethnography
- Emic and Etic Perspectives
- · Selection of Field Site
- Participant and Non-Participant Observation

Unit 4: Tools and Techniques

- Ouestionnaire
- Interview Schedule and Guide
- Focused Group Discussion
- Genealogy and Archives



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Research Methods and Techniques (ANT21201CR): List of Readings

- Atkinson, P., & Hammersley, M. (1994). Ethnography and Participant Observation. In N. K. Denzin & Y. S. Lincoln (Eds.), Handbook of Qualitative Research (pp. 248–261). Thousand Oaks, California: SAGE Publications.
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Semester: Second
Credits: 2
Course Code: ANT21202CR

Course Objectives:

- · To introduce the students to meaning of communication and media.
- To acquaint the students with skills for effective communication in field.
- To develop writing and presentation skills.

Course Outcomes:

 The students are expected to learn communication skills, and make a PowerPoint Presentation on review of any research article or book.

Unit I: Introduction to Communication

- Communication: Meaning and Basic Ideas
- Symbols and Semiotics
- Verbal Communication
- Non-Verbal Communication

Unit 2: Writing and Presentation Skills

- Research Proposal
- Academic Writing: Dissertation/Thesis, Research Papers, Monographs, etc.
- · Referencing, Bibliography, Plagiarism
- Presentation Skills: PowerPoint Presentation



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Communication Skills in Anthropology (ANT21202CR): List of Readings

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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: Second
Course Title: Anthropology in India	Credits: 4
Course Type: Core	Course Code: ANT21203CR

Course Objectives:

- · To enable students to understand the origin and development of Social Anthropology in India.
- To acquaint students with various anthropological perspectives on Indian society and culture.
- To introduce students to the foundational works of prominent Indian anthropologists.

Course Outcomes:

 The course is expected to help students to gain an anthropological understanding of society and culture in India, and write a Term Paper which will be a profile of a Caste/Tribe, or a Review Paper of any Anthropological Work on a Caste/Tribe.

Unit 1:Introduction

- Origin and Growth of Anthropology in India
- Anthropology and Colonial Encounter
- Approaches to the study of Indian Society and Culture
- Social Structure and Social Organisation in India

Unit 2: Caste

- · Caste: Meaning and Characteristics
- Key Debates on Caste
- Caste Mobility and Adaptation
- Caste Identity and Movements

Unit 3: Tribes in India

- Tribes: Meaning and Characteristics
- Classification and Distribution
- Development and Displacement
- Tribal Movements in India

Unit 4: Prominent Indian Anthropologists: Foundational Works

- SC Roy
- Verrier Elwin
- D.N. Majumdar
- B. S Guha



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Anthropology in India (ANT21203CR): List of Readings

Chakrabarti, S.B. 1986, Around the Plough. Anthropological Survey of India, Calcutta.

Danda, A. K and D Danda. 2010. Anthropology in India: Current Epistemology and Future Challenges. INCAA, Kolkata.

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Cohn, B. 1971. India: The Social Anthropology of a Civilization. London: Prentice-Hall.

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Gupta, Dipankar (ed): Social Stratification. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: Second
Course Title: Fieldwork (Practicum)	Credits: 4
Course Type: Core	Course Code: ANT21204CR

Course Objectives:

- · To introduce students to different field sites.
- To facilitate the students in undertaking the fieldwork.
- · To help students develop skills for conducting field interviews and writing of field notes/reports.

Course Outcomes:

 The students are expected to gain an understanding of the field and essential skills for conducting fieldwork at various community sites, and develop a Field Report on their fieldwork.

The Fieldwork is a practical component, and the students will conduct fieldwork at various field sites. The students will visit various sites and will be introduced to cultural and social aspects of communities.

The students will work under the supervision of the faculty member assigned in first semester. Supervisors will be allotted to individual students at the start of the semester.

Assessments for fieldwork may include any of the following, as decided by the faculty:

Internal Component:

Performance/Participation (20 Marks)

End of Semester

- Field Reports (4000-5000 Words) (50 Marks)
- Viva Voce/Presentation (30 Marks)

Each faculty member will submit the marks to the fieldwork coordinator (designated for the semester) as per the format decided by the Institute, and get it counter signed by the examination coordinator.



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: Second
Course Title: Development and Anthropology	Credits: 4
Course Type: DCE	Course Code: ANT21201DCE

Course Objectives:

- To introduce the students to emergence of development anthropology.
- To acquaint with theories on development, and contemporary changes.
- To acquaint students with contemporary discourses on development.

Course Outcomes:

 The course is expected to help students develop insights into trajectory of development, discourses and issues, and will write a Term Paper on Rural/Urban poverty or Patency Regime.

Unit 1: Introduction

- Emergence of Development Anthropology
- Colonialism and Development Anthropology
- Development and Modernity
- · Heterogeneity and Development

Unit 2: Theories of Development

- Modernization
- Dependency
- World System theory
- Contemporary Theoretical Debates

Unit 3: Politics of Aid and Development

- Global Institutions
- States and Planning
- · Discourses on Poor and Poverty
- Governance of Aid

Unit 4: Contemporary Issues

- Development induced Displacement
- Migration and Marginalization
- Urban Poverty
- Patency Regime and People's Right



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Development and Anthropology (ANT21201DCE): List of Readings

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- Chaudhurie, B. 1990. Tribal development in India: Problems and Prospects, Inter-India, New
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- Dubey, S.C. 1988. Modernisation and Development: The Search for Alternative Paradigms. United Nations University, London
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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: Second
Course Title: Linguistic Anthropology	Credits: 4
Course Type: DCE	Course Code: ANT21202DCE

Course Objectives:

- To enable the students to learn about language and its place in anthropology.
- · To introduce the students to theories, characteristics and functions of language.
- To acquaint the students with the contemporary debates on language change and globalisation.

Course Outcomes:

 The Students are expected to learn the social context of language use, and will write a Term Paper on a Local Language.

Unit: I: Introduction

- Linguistic Anthropology: Meaning and Scope
- · Relationship with other disciplines
- Nature and Origin of Language
- Human and Non-Human Communication

Unit 2: Language

- Language: Meaning and Classification
- Structure of Language
- Characteristics of Language
- Functions of Language

Unit 3: Language Development

- Theories of Language Acquisition
- Semantics
- Language, Thought and Culture
- Language and Dialect

Unit 4: Language in Anthropology

- Language and Ethnicity
- Language and Social Stratification
- Globalisation and Language
- Language and Technology: Digital Activism and Digital Divide



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Linguistic Anthropology (ANT21202DCE): List of Readings

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Duranti, A. 1997. Linguistic Anthropology. Cambridge: University Press.

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Kottack, Conrad P. et al. eds, 1997. The Teaching of Anthropology, London: Mayfield Pub.Co.

Kramarae, Cheris et al (eds), 1984. Language and Power. Beverly Hills: Sage.

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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: Second
Course Title: Political Anthropology	Credits: 4
Course Type: DCE	Course Code: ANT21203DCE

Course Objectives:

- · To introduce the students to the meaning and scope of political anthropology
- · To acquaint the students with key terms like state, power, authority, etc.
- To introduce the students to political system(s) and changes.

Course Outcomes:

 The students are expected to gain an understanding of interface between politics and society/culture, and make a PowerPoint Presentation on any sub-unit.

Unit 1: Introduction

- Political Anthropology: Meaning and Scope
- · Approaches of Political Anthropology
- Power and Authority
- Political Economy

Unit 2: Political Systems

- · Band and chiefdom, Clan and Council
- Segmentary and Lineage Organization
- Government: Early Forms and Functions
- Modern State and Democracy

Unit 3: Social Control

- Control in Simple and Complex Societies
- · Social Sanction and Customary Laws
- Conflict and Resolution
- Surveillance

Unit 4: Politics and Society

- Anthropology of the State
- Public Sphere
- · Ethnicity and the State
- Ethnic Politics and Ethnic Movements



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Political Anthropology (ANT21203DCE): List of Readings

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- Swartz, M. J. 1996. Political Anthropology. Aldine, Chicago.
- Talukdar, A. C. 1987. Political Transition in the Grassroots in Tribal India. Omson Publication, New Delhi.



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Semester: Second
Credits: 2
Course Code: ANT21201GE

Course Objectives:

- · To introduce students to study of kinship and kinship systems.
- · To acquaint the students with the types and functions of family.
- To introduce students to changes in the institution of family.

Course Outcomes:

 The students are expected to gain an understanding of family and kinship, and write a Term Paper on changes in the family.

Unit 1:Introduction

- · Kinship: Key Concepts
- · Kinship Terminology: Classificatory and Descriptive
- Alliance and Descent Theories
- Kinship Usages

Unit 2: Family and Kinship

- Family: Definitions
- Family: Typology, Universal Functions
- Rules of Residence
- Family and Change.

List of Readings

Barnes, J.A. 1971. Three Styles in the Study of Kinship London: Tavistock

Carsten, Janet. 2000. Cultures of Relatedness: New Approaces to the Study of Kinship. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Dube, Leela 1974. Sociology of Kinship: An Analytical Survey of Literature. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.

Engels, F. 1948. The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State. Moscow: Progress Publishers.

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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: Second
Course Title: Anthropology of Communication	Credits: 4
Course Type: Elective/OE	Course Code: ANT21202OE

Course Objectives:

- · To introduce the students to key concepts in communication.
- To acquaint students with types of communication.
- To introduce the meaning and scope of media anthropology

Course Outcomes:

 The students are expected to gain an understanding of the anthropological approach to study of media, and will write an elaborate review of a Film/Documentary (2000-3000 Words).

Unit 1:Introduction

- Communication: Basic Concepts
- Verbal Communication
- Non-Verbal Communication
- Media and Communication

Unit 2: Media and Anthropology

- Anthropology of Media
- Media Infrastructure and Mediation
- Visual Anthropology
- Digital Anthropology

List of Readings

Light, Linda (2020). Language, in Brown, Nina, Mcllwraith, de Gonzalez, Laura T (ed) Perspectives: An Open Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Arlington, American Anthropological Association

Ginsburg, Faye, Abu-lughod, Lila and Larkin, Brian (2002). Media Worlds: Anthropology on New Terrain, Berkley and Los Angeles, University of California Press

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