



MA Anthropology Syllabus, 2021-2023

Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Introduction to Anthropology	Credits: 4
Course Type: Core	Course Code: ANT21101CR
Course Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To introduce the students to the discipline of Anthropology, its Meaning, Subject Matter and Scope.• To give an overview of various branches of Anthropology, and Emerging Fields.• To introduce the students to key concepts in Anthropology.	
Course Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The course will help students to gain an insight into Anthropology as a discipline, and they will produce a Term Paper on Contemporary Debates and Trends in Anthropology.	

Unit 1: Introduction

- Anthropology: Meaning and Scope
- Historical Background
- Relationship with Other disciplines
- Contemporary Debates

Unit 2: Branches of Anthropology

- Social and Cultural Anthropology
- Physical Anthropology
- Archaeological Anthropology
- Linguistic Anthropology

Unit 3: Basic Concepts

- Society and Social Structure
- Human Growth and Development
- Evolution
- Language

Unit 4: Emerging Fields

- Medical Anthropology
- Anthropology of Ageing
- Anthropology of State
- Anthropology of Development



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- Anderson, N. 1960. *Our Industrial Urban Civilization*. Asia Publishing House, New Delhi.
- Chakbarti, S and A. Basu. 2012. *The Science of Man*. The Indian Anthropological Society, Kolkata.
- Firth, R. W. 2000. *Elements of Social Organization*. Beacon Press, Boston.
- Karve, I. 1968. *Kinship Organization in India*. Asia Publishing House, Bombay.
- Linton, R. 1936. *The Study of Man*. Appleton Century Crats, New York.
- Mayer, A.C. 1960. *Caste and Kinship in Central India*. Routledge, London.
- Murdock, G.F. 1949. *Social Structure*. Free Press, New York.
- Ross, A.D. 1966. *The Hindu Family in Urban Settings*. University of Toronto Press, Toronto.
- Rapport N. and J. Overing. 2004. *Key Concepts in Social and Cultural Anthropology*. London: Routledge.
- Parkin, R.A and L. Stone. 2004. *Kinship and Family*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.
- Barnard, Alan. 2000. *History and Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.
- Beattie, John. 1968. *Other Cultures: Aims, Methods and Achievements in Social Anthropology*. Free Press.
- Davis, Kingsley. 1949. *Human Society*. New York: Macmillan Co.
- Ember, C.R., Melvin Ember, Peter N. Peregrine. 2007. *Anthropology*. Pearson Education, Inc.
- Metcalf, Peter, 2005. *Anthropology: The Basics*. Abingdon [England]: Routledge.
- Nadel, S. F. 1951. *The Foundations of Social Anthropology*. Glencoe, Ill: Free Press.
- Ingold, Tim. 1994. *Companion Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Routledge Reference. London: Routledge.



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Theoretical Foundations of Anthropology	Credits: 4
Course Type: Core	Course Code: ANT21102CR
Course Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To introduce the students to various theories and theoretical debates in Social Anthropology.• To acquaint the students with key theorists and their contributions.• To introduce students to recent theoretical developments.	
Course Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students will gain an understanding of key theoretical paradigms in understanding society, and they will write a Term Paper on Recent Developments in Anthropological Theory.	

Unit 1: Introduction

- Evolutionism
- Diffusionism
- Neo-Evolutionists
- Historical Particularism

Unit 2: Functionalism

- Emile Durkheim
- Talcott Parsons
- Bronislaw Malinowski
- A.R. Radcliffe Brown

Unit 3: Structuralism and Structural Functionalism

- Claude Levi-Strauss
- Evans Pritchard
- Meyer Fortes
- Raymond Firth

Unit 4: Recent Developments

- Post-structuralism
- Post-modernism
- Interpretive Approaches
- Feminism



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Theoretical Foundations of Anthropology (ANT21102CR): List of Readings

- Barnard, A. 2004. *History and Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Bloch, M. 1985. *Marxism and Anthropology: The History of a Relationship*. Oxford University Press, New York.
- Harris, M. 1968. *Rise of Anthropological Theory*. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York
- Layton, R. 1997. *An Introduction to Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Levi-Strauss, C. 1963. *Structural Anthropology*. Basic Book, New York.
- Lowie, R. H. 1937. *The History of Ethnological Theory*. Rinehart and Winston, New York.
- Moore, J. D. 1997. *Visions of Culture: An Introduction to Anthropological Theories and Theorists*. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press.
- Morgan, L. H. 1877. *Ancient Society*. World Publishing, New York.
- Radcliff-Brown, A. R. 1952. *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*. Routledge and Kegan Paul, London.
- Robert, R. 1941. *Folk Culture of Yukatam*. Chicago University Press, Chicago.
- Said, E. W. 1978. *Orientalism*. Pantheon, New York.
- Tylor, E. B. 1871. *Primitive Culture: Researches into the development of Mythology, Philosophy, Religion, Language, Art and Customs*. J. Murry, London.
- Upadhyay, V.S and Gaya Pandey. 1997. *History of Anthropological Thought*. Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi.



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Theory and Methods in Fieldwork	Credits: 2
Course Type: Core	Course Code: ANT21103CR
Course Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To introduce the students to fieldwork tradition(s) in Social Anthropology.• To help students gain skills for undertaking fieldwork.• To acquaint students with fieldwork ethics and challenges.	
Course Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students will gain an understanding of concepts and skills in anthropological fieldwork, and they shall write a Term Paper on Fieldwork in Difficult Situations.	

Unit 1: Fieldwork and Anthropology

- Fieldwork: Concept and Significance
- Fieldwork Tradition in Anthropology
- Idea of a Native Anthropologist
- Ethics of Anthropological Fieldwork

Unit 2: Preparing for the Field

- Entry into the Field and Building Rapport
- Key Informants and Gate-Keepers
- Field Notes, Field Diary.
- Fieldwork in Difficult Situations.



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Theory and Methods in Fieldwork (ANT21103CR): List of Readings

- Bernard, H. R. 2002. *Research Methods in Anthropology*. Altamira press, New York.
- Bose P. K. 1994. *Research Methodology*. ICSSR, New Delhi.
- Bryman, A. 2008. *Social Research Methods*. Oxford University Press, New York.
- Danda A. K. 1992. *Research Methods in Anthropology*. Inter- India Publication, New Delhi.
- Ellen, R. F. 1984. *Ethnographic Research: A Guide to General Conduct*. Academic Press, New York.
- Fetterman, D. M. 1989. *Ethnography Step by Step*. Sage Publication, New Delhi.
- Kumar, R. 2011. *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step guide for beginners*. Sage Publication India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi.
- Pelto, P.J. and G.H. Pelto. 1986. *Anthropological Research: The Structure of Inquiry*. Cambridge University Press, London.
- Sarana, Gopala. 1975. *Methodology of Anthropology*. University of Arizona, New York.
- Srivastava, V. K. (Ed.). 2004. *Methodology and Fieldwork*. Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- Young, P.V. 1988. *Scientific Survey and Research*. Prentice Hall, New Delhi.



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Fieldwork (Practicum)	Credits: 4
Course Type: Core	Course Code: ANT21104CR
Course Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students are expected to gain an understanding of the field and learn essential skills for conducting fieldwork at various community sites. They will also prepare a Field Report and make a presentation on the same.	

The Fieldwork is a practical component introduces the students to 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 a faculty member. 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: First
Course Title: Social and Cultural Anthropology	Credits: 4
Course Type: Discipline Centric Elective (DCE)	Course Code: ANT21101DCE
Course Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To develop an understanding of the subject matter of Social and Cultural Anthropology• To acquaint students with key concepts in understanding Society and Culture.• To introduce students to concepts of social change and globalisation.	
Course Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students will learn about the key concepts in Social and Cultural Anthropology like social structure, culture and cultural change, and shall prepare a Term Paper.	

Unit: 1: Introduction

- Social and Cultural Anthropology: Emergence and Development
- Relationship with Sociology, History and Psychology
- Specialization Areas
- Social and Cultural Anthropology in India

Unit: 2: Understanding Society

- Characteristics of Society
- Community, Institution and Association
- Social Group: Meaning and Types
- Norms, Values, Folkways and Mores

Unit 3: Understanding Culture

- Culture: Meaning, Fundamentals and Characteristics
- Material and Symbolic Culture
- Enculturation, Acculturation, Transculturation
- Cultural Relativism, Ethnocentrism

Unit 4: Social and Cultural Change

- Tradition and Modernity
- Social Movements and Social Change
- Globalisation
- Identity and Contestations



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Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (ANT21101DCE): List of Readings

- Beals, Ralph L. and Harry, Hoijer. 1965. *An Introduction to Anthropology*, 3rd MacMillan and Company, New York.
- Cochrane G. 1971. *Development Anthropology*, Oxford University Press, New York.
- Dube, S. C. 1988. *Modernization and Development: The Search for Alternative Paradigms*. Vistar, New Delhi.
- Dube, S. C. 1990. *Tradition and Development*, Vikas Publishing house, New Delhi.
- Ember C. and M. Ember 1995. *Anthropology*, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd. Delhi.
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- Harris, Marvin. 1968. *The Rise of Anthropological Theory*. Alta Mira press, London.
- Harris, Marvin. 1983. *Cultural Anthropology* Harper and Rowe publication, New York.
- Harris, Marvin. 1985. *Culture, People, Nature: An Introduction to General Anthropology*. Harper and Row Publishers, New York.
- Hasnain, Nadeem. 1996. *Indian Anthropology*, PalkaPrakashan, Allahabad.
- Haviland, W.A. 1983. *Cultural Anthropology*, Harcourt Brace College Publication, London.
- Honigman, J. 1997. *Handbook of Social and Cultural Anthropology*, Rawat Publications, New Delhi.
- Kaplan, D and Manners, R. A. 1972. *Culture Theory: Foundations of Modern Anthropology* Series Prentice Hall, New Jersey.
- Keesing, R. 1981. *Cultural Anthropology*, Holt, Reinhart and Winston, New York.
- Kottak, C.P. 2002. *Anthropology: The Exploration of Human Diversity*, McGraw-Hill Inc. New York.
- Mathur, H. M. 1977 (ed.) *Anthropology in the Development Process* Vikas Publishing Bombay.
- Sahay, Vijoy. S. 1988. *Indian Anthropology* K. K. Publications, Allahabad.
- Sarana, Gopala 1975. *The Methodology of Anthropological Comparison* University of Arizona Press, Arizona.



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Archaeological and Biological Anthropology	Credits: 4
Course Type: Discipline Centric Elective (DCE)	Course Code: ANT21102DCE
Course Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To introduce the students to the subject matter and scope of Archaeological and Biological Anthropology.• To introduce techniques of dating, timescale and cultural expression of each epoch.• To acquaint the students with study of evolution, and human growth and development.	
Course Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students will gain an understanding of key concepts in archaeological and Biological anthropology, and will make a PowerPoint Presentation on Applied Dimensions.	

Unit 1: Archaeological Anthropology

- Definition, Basic Concepts, Scope, Types
- Methods of studying Archaeological Anthropology
- Methods of estimation of time, Absolute and Relative Dating methods/Techniques
- Excavation, Other reconstruction methods

Unit 2: Epochs and Culture

- Prehistory, Protohistory, Geological Time Scales
- Paleolithic, Neolithic and Mesolithic Culture
- Tool Culture: Classification, typology, uses
- Earliest Evidence of Culture in the World, Emergence of Civilizations

Unit 3: Biological Anthropology

- Meaning, Scope, Historical Development and Branches
- Evolution: Principles and Theories of Evolution,
- Primatology; Distribution and Classification
- Genetics: Principles, and Basic Concepts in Human Genetics

Unit 4: Human Growth and Development

- Concepts and Definitions, Human Ecology
- Human Growth: Study Methods and Influential Factors
- Nutritional Status: Assessment and Methods, Fertility and Population Growth
- Epidemiology and Public Health



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Archeological and Biological Anthropology (ANT21102DCE): List of Readings

- Ashley-Montagu, M.E. 1961. *An Introduction to Physical Anthropology*. Illinois: Charles C. Barnow, V. 1989. *Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Archaeology*. Chicago: The Dosery Press
- Boaz, N.T and Almquist, A. J. 1999. *Essentials of Biological Anthropology*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall
- Fagan, B M. 1983. *People of Earth. An Introduction*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company
- Fagan, B M. 2009. *The Complete Ice Age: How Climate Change Shaped the World*. London: Thames and Hudson
- Lewin, R. 1999. *Human Evolution*. New York: Blackwell Science Ltd
- Park, Michael. 2007. *Biological Anthropology: An Introductory Reader*, McGraw Hill
- Radtke, Trudi. 2019. *Physical Anthropology: An Open Educational Resources Publication*, Taft College
- Renfrew, C and Paul Bahn. 1996. *Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice*. London: Thames and Hudson
- Sankalia, H. D. 1964. *Stone Age Tools: Their Techniques, Names and Probable Functions*, Poona: Deccan College.
- Stanford, Craig, John S. Allen and Susan C. Anton. 2009. *Exploring Biological Anthropology: The Essentials*, Prentice Hall.
- Stein, B. R. K and Rowe, B. M. 1999. *Physical Anthropology*. New York, Mcgraw-Hill Thomas.
- Ulijaszek, S.J. 1995. *Human Energetics in Biological Anthropology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Anthropology of Kinship	Credits: 4
Course Type: DCE	Course Code: ANT21103DCE
Course Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To introduce students to kinship and kinship systems.• To acquaint the students with the concepts of marriage and descent.• To help students understand the changes in the kinship system.	
Course Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students will gain understanding of kinship terms and systems, and will write a Term Paper on Genealogical Chart of their own 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.

Unit 3: Marriage and Kinship

- Marriage: Meaning and Significance.
- Regulations: Preferential and Prescribed.
- Ways of Acquiring Mate.
- Marriage Market.

Unit 4: Changes in Kinship System

- Surrogacy
- New Reproductive Technologies
- Gay and Lesbian Kinship
- Transgender Kinship



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Anthropology of Kinship (ANT21103DCE): List of Readings

- Barnes, J.A. 1971. *Three Styles in the Study of Kinship* London: Tavistock
- Carsten, Janet. 2000. *Cultures of Relatedness: New Approaches 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.
- Fortes, M. 1970. *Time and Social Structure and Other Essays*: London: Athlone Press.
- Fox, Robin. 1967. *Kinship and Marriage: An Anthropological Perspective*. Harmondsworth: Penguin. Books Ltd.
- Goody, Jack (ed) 1971. *Kinship*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books Ltd.
- Goody, Jack (ed.) 1958. *The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences*, 1968. New York: Macmillan and Free Press.
- Levi-Strauss, Claude, 1969 (1949). *The Elementary Structure of Kinship*. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode.
- Radcliffe-Brown, A.R. 1952. *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*. London: Cohen and West.
- Shah, A.M. 1974 *The Household Dimension of the Family in India*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Uberoi, Patricia (ed.) 1993. *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Social Anthropology	Credits: 2
Course Type: Elective/GE	Course Code: ANT21101GE
Course Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To impart a basic understanding of the subject matter and scope of Social Anthropology• To acquaint the students with basic anthropological concepts like society, culture, norms, etc.• To help students develop an understanding of contemporary debates in culture.	
Course Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students will gain a basic understanding of Social Anthropology, and will write a Term Paper on Folkways in their own society.	

Unit 1: Introduction

- Social Anthropology: Meaning, Subject matter and Scope
- Historical Background
- Relationship with Other disciplines
- Contemporary Debates

Unit 3: Society and Culture

- Society, Community, Institution and Association
- Culture, Cultural Relativism and Ethnocentrism
- Social Groups (Primary, Secondary and Reference Group)
- Norms and Values, Folkways and Mores

List of Readings

- Rapport N. and J. Overing, 2004. *Key Concepts in Social and Cultural Anthropology*. London: Routledge.
- Parkin, R.A and L. Stone. 2004. *Kinship and Family*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.
- Barnard, Alan. 2000. *History and Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.
- Beattie, John. 1968. *Other Cultures: Aims, Methods and Achievements in Social Anthropology*. Free Press.
- Ember, C.R., Melvin Ember, Peter N. Peregrine. 2007. *Anthropology*. Pearson Education, Inc.
- Metcalf, Peter. 2005. *Anthropology: The Basics*. Abingdon [England]: Routledge.
- Ingold, Tim. 1994. *Companion Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Routledge Reference. London: Routledge.



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Program: MA Anthropology	Semester: First
Course Title: Social Science Research: Basic Concepts and Skills	Credits: 2
Course Type: Elective/OE	Course Code: ANT21102OE
Course Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To introduce the students to a basic understanding of research in Social Sciences.• To acquaint the students with tools and techniques of data collection.• To introduce the students to academic writing skills.	
Course Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The students will gain a basic understanding of research in Social Sciences, and will prepare a brief Research Proposal.	

Unit I: Research in Social Science

- Research: Introduction and Key Terms
- Basics of Social Theory
- Research Design
- Quantitative and Qualitative Research

Unit II: Research Methods and Skills

- Sampling and Types
- Survey and Interview Method
- Observation and Case Study
- Data Analysis and Academic Writing Skills

List of Readings:

- Creswell, J. W. (2007). *Qualitative Inquiry & Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches* (Second Edi). New Delhi: SAGE Publications.
- Creswell, J. W. (2009). *Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. New Delhi: SAGE. <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781107415324.004>
- Denzin, N. K., & Lincoln, Y. S. (2011). Introduction: The Discipline and Practice of Qualitative Research. In N. K. Denzin & Y. S. Lincoln (Eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research*. New Delhi: SAGE.
- Flick, U. (2009). *An Introduction to Qualitative Research* (Fourth). SAGE Publications.
- Jayaram, N. (n.d.). Components of Social Research: Theory, Logic, and Method. Retrieved from http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/epgpdata/uploads/epgp_content/sociology/03._methodology_of_research_in_sociology/06._pilot_study_and_pre-test/et/7609_et_06et.pdf