Anth 2200 299: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

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What does it mean to be a Participant Observer? How do cultural anthropologists conduct research? How can we understand human diversity? How does culture influence health beliefs and behaviors? How is biomedicine a manifestation of the culture in the United States?

Students will learn the answers to all these questions by taking Anth 2200 299: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

The course fulfills General Education Social Science and Global Diversity credit

Course Description: This course will provide a worldwide overview of culture groups by emphasizing the diversity both between and within societies. It will introduce students to ethnographic research methods. A main emphasis will be to expose students to global societies by using ethnographic readings to facilitate cultural immersion. It will discuss how anthropology can provide a particular approach to understanding the contrasts between Western and non-Western peoples. It will also introduce students to the field of medical anthropology. A focus will be on the relationship between social stratification and other risk factors for disease including access to resources. Behavior and behavior change will be studied in relation to health and wellbeing. Alternative healing systems will be studied to present additional models of diagnosis and treatment not represented in western biomedicine.