Course Title: Social and Cultural Anthropology

Course Code: CUS3304

Recommended Study Year: 3-4

No. of Credits/Term: 3

Mode of Tuition: Lecture-tutorial

Category in Major Prog.: Elective

Prerequisite(s): Nil

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

Brief Course Description: The course introduces to students several theoretical perspectives, ethnographic writing and their relevance to contemporary cultural issues. Topics to be covered include anthropological theories of culture, ethnographic practice and their connection with colonialism and the changing relationship of the West to the “Others”. It will also focus on several case studies related to anthropological knowledge and cultural studies.

Aims:
1. To help student develop a basic understanding of social and cultural anthropology.
2. To develop students’ critical thinking and writing from anthropological perspectives.

Learning Outcomes:
1. To identify the key features of anthropological theories and concepts.
2. To apply anthropological thinking to local and current issues.
3. To describe culture from anthropological perspectives.

Indicative Content:
- Culture: What? Why?
- Subsistence and culture
- Redistribution, Reciprocity and Exchange
- Sex and personality
- Family and kinship
- Religion
- Reflection on fieldwork and ethnographic writing
- Cultural encounter
- Cultural identities
- Politics and state
- Anthropology and contemporary society

Teaching Method:
1. Lecture focuses on anthropological concepts and theories and their relevance to contemporary world.
2. Tutorial presentation and discussion to induce further understanding of anthropological ideas with current issues.
3. Assignment is to require students to practice basic ethnographic skills.

Measurement of Learning Outcomes:
1. Tutorial presentation and discussion lead students to identify the concepts of anthropology in the readings. Final examination further
assesses their comprehension of the concepts.

2. Final examination assesses students’ ability to relate the theoretical concepts to the examples in their everyday life.

3. Assignment requires students to practice their writing skills of ethnography.

Assessment: Students will be graded on the basis of 70% Continuous Assessment and 30% Final Examination.

- Tutorial presentation and discussion [35%]
- Ethnographic assignment [35%]
- Final examination [30%]

Required/Essential Readings:


Recommendation/Supplementary Readings:


