COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY 1 A

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University College London

Program(s)
University College London

UCEAP Course Level
Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number
54

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY 1 A

UCEAP Transcript Title
INTRO SOC ANTH 1 A

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

Social Anthropology is the comparative study of human society and culture. It focuses on investigating the everyday complexities of social life across diverse contexts at local, national, and global scales. This course introduces students to some of the methods, theories, and approaches used by social anthropologists in making sense of human socio-cultural diversity across the world. The course provides students with an introduction to a range of core concepts and ideas underpinning anthropological studies of socio-cultural life, and examines how ethnographic accounts enable anthropologists to make theoretical claims about the social and cultural world. Throughout the term, we will cover topics of central importance to Social Anthropology including the ethnographic method; comparison, reflexivity, and positionality; the culture concept; history, colonialism, and decolonization; kinship and social organisation; individual and society; personhood, gender, and embodiment, nature, culture, and environment; and anthropology in the Anthropocene.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ANTH0004

Host Institution Course Title
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY I A

Host Institution Course Details
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/introduction-to-social-anthropol...

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Anthropology

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