

COURSE DETAIL

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Country

Egypt

Host Institution

American University in Cairo

Program(s)

The American University in Cairo

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

52

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

CULTURAL ANTHROPLGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces some of what anthropologists do with complex social phenomena, what tools they bring, and the significance of their inquiries. The discipline has gone through several historical realignments concerning the relationship between culture, power, colonialism, and representations of difference. Thus, giving a single genealogy of “how we got here” is never going to be complete. Instead, this course is engineered to give a sense of what anthropological methods can do, why they remain relevant in a planetary world, and how the discipline that was once dubbed “the handmaiden of colonialism” can be taken up as a critical practice for confronting our troubled present. If there is one thing that draws many of us to the discipline, it is the conviction that the “big” questions that vex and enliven us take shape in the details of our daily actions, habits, and encounters. Ethnography can be seen as a way of giving an account of how these theaters of operation shape our lives and our world, and as a practice of “learning to learn from that which we cannot understand.”

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ANTH 2101

Host Institution Course Title

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Anthropology

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