

COURSE DETAIL

CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGY

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

155

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores key currents in classical and contemporary anthropology through three complementary approaches. First, it examines the multiple relationships between anthropology and history, focusing not only on historical disciplines but also on how anthropologists engage with historical processes, practices, and modes of thought. Particular attention is given to ethnohistory, historical social anthropology, and reflexive approaches to the history of anthropology, as well as to dialogue with major traditions in French and international historiography. Second, the course introduces the anthropology of contemporary worlds. Rather than attempting an exhaustive account of modern society, it focuses on selected themes that characterize the present era, including globalization, (post)colonialism, multiculturalism, and their impacts on identity formation, cultural transmission, and everyday life. Topics may include cultural production (mass media, cinema, music), digital and virtual social worlds, sport, food, and other key domains of contemporary anthropological research. Finally, tutorial sessions are devoted to the close reading and discussion of classical and contemporary anthropological texts, reinforcing concepts introduced in lectures and developing students' analytical and interpretive skills.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

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Host Institution Course Title

ANTHROPOLOGIE GENERALE CLASSIQUE ET ACTUELLE 2

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Université de Bordeaux

Host Institution Faculty

Sciences Humaines et Sociales

Host Institution Degree

Licence

Host Institution Department

Sciences de l'homme, anthropologie, ethnologie

Course Last Reviewed

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