

ANTH40001 Philosophy and Scope of Anthropology

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: March, Parkville - Taught on campus. Non-Standard truncated Semester
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 3-hour seminar per week, for 8 weeks, beginning in the first week of semester. Total Time Commitment: An average of 10 hours each week.
Prerequisites:	Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Anthropology and/or Social Theory.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Knowledge gained in a 3 year undergraduate degree or graduate diploma in Anthropology or Social Theory.
Non Allowed Subjects:	This subject was formerly available as 136-022/121-072 Anthropological Debates. Students who have previously completed 136-022 or 121-072 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website : http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject aims to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of contemporary research concerns in social and cultural anthropology. Through the critical and comparative reading of anthropological texts, students should not only become familiar with current theoretical and methodological issues, but should also develop an understanding of how these concerns have developed historically in the discipline.
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have an awareness of the main traditions of anthropology in Britain, the United States and Europe. # have an acquaintance with fundamental problems in the philosophy of anthropology and with the relation between theory and method in ethnographic research and reporting. # have examined a selected number of critical debates in 20th century anthropology that continue to shape the discipline. # have an acquaintance with some fundamental philosophical concerns anthropology, particularly regarding the relation between theory and method in the research process. # have considered how their own research interests may be shaped by contemporary and historical debates covered in the semester.
Assessment:	A 1000 word critical evaluation 20% (due during the semester), and a 4000 word essay 80% (due at the end of the semester) OR one 5,000 word essay due at the end of semester (100%). Students can select either the 5,000 word essay or the shorter essay plus the critical evaluation.
Prescribed Texts:	The Subject Coordinator will advise students of any prescribed texts at the start of semester.

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>Students who successfully complete this subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have practice in conducting independent research and speaking articulately. # have practice in writing clearly in a variety of formats and reading with attention to detail. # have experience of systematically evaluating a body of empirical data and identifying its theoretical context. # have experience of advanced methods of critical inquiry and argument leading to improved analytical skills. # have acquired awareness of issues relating to cross-cultural communication.
Links to further information:	http://www.pasi.unimelb.edu.au/anthropology/
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>Anthropology Anthropology and Social Theory Social Theory</p>