

ANTH40001 Philosophy and Scope of Anthropology

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013. Non-Standard truncated Semester
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: One 3 hour seminar for 8 weeks, commencing in the first week of semester Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	None.
Corequisites:	None.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Anthropology at undergraduate level
Non Allowed Subjects:	None.
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request 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 during the examination period. Hurdle Requirement: Students are required to attend a minimum of 75% of classes in order to qualify to have their written work assessed. Regular participation in class is required. Assessment that is submitted after the due date and up to 10 working days late without an approved extension will be marked on a pass/fail basis only. Assessment that is submitted later than 10 working days will not be accepted or marked. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
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.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>Anthropology Anthropology & Social Theory Social Theory</p>