

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY – COURSE OVERVIEW _ 01

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Cultural Anthropology - an Introduction

This course provides an overview of the field of cultural anthropology.

The subject matter of anthropology is vast. It includes everything that has to do with human beings, past and present. Of course, many other disciplines are concerned in one way or another with human beings. Some, such as anatomy and physiology, study humans as biological organisms. The social sciences are concerned with the distinctive forms of human relationships, while the humanities examine the great achievements of human culture.

Anthropologists are interested in all of these things. To begin our introduction to the study of anthropology, we will look closely at the nature of the discipline. In the optional course we will see how the field of anthropology is subdivided, how the subdivisions relate to one another and how they relate to the other sciences and humanities; how humans live, function and interact with each other.

The course encourages students to learn about different cultures and to apply their knowledge to make sense of their own society.

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Monaghan, J., Just, P., Social & Cultural Anthropology – A Very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press, 2000

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3. Gabriela-Mariana Luca (coord.), Water and Body Fluids. Anthology of Essays, Eurobit, 2016

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