

SYLLABUS  
PART I  
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ANT 121S INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Survey of anthropology. The physical and cultural diversity of human beings from the earliest days to the present will be explored. Topics include physical anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, and cultural anthropology. Prerequisite: Qualifying assessment scores in reading and writing or satisfactory completion of ENG 091D and ENG 093D.

**COURSE GOALS**

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Gen Ed Outcomes
3	1. Demonstrate an understanding of the key concepts of the four major subfields of anthropology: physical anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, and cultural anthropology. Develop an understanding of how these subfields relate to each other and other social sciences and humanities.	1, 4, 5
2	2. Explain how anthropology can be used as an applied science to understand and improve the lives of ourselves and others in a culturally appropriate and sensitive manner.	2, 3, 5
3	3. Develop an appreciation for the diversity of human cultures and cultivate an understanding of cultural relativism.	5, 6
4	4. Compare the theoretical foundations and ethics of anthropology while distinguishing the theories of organic evolution and racial variation.	1, 3
2	5. Discuss the interrelationship of language and culture.	1
1	6. Describe the prehistories of the Old World (Paleolithic through Neolithic) and the New World (Paleo-Indians through state development).	1
1	7. Examine the building blocks of modern societies including subsistence, economics, the family, politics, and religion.	1, 4, 5
3	8. Develop written and oral communication skills through written assignments and class discussions and presentations.	2

**CORE VALUES**

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

**TOPIC OUTLINE**

1. Physical Anthropology
2. Language and Culture
3. Archaeology of the Old and New Worlds
4. Subsistence and Economics
5. The Family
6. Political Organization
7. Stratification, Sex, and Gender
8. Culture and Personality
9. Religion and Art
10. Anthropology in Modern Life