

**San José State University**  
**School/Department**  
**ANTH 11, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Section 81(43514)**  
**Fall 2021 Semester**

**Course and Contact Information**

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Class Days/Time:	Asynchronous
Classroom:	Asynchronous
Prerequisites:	None
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	D1 (Human Behavior)

**Canvas and MYSJSU Messaging**

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>.

**Course Description**

This class provides a framework to view culture. Humans are shaped by the physical and cultural environments. Applying the anthropological perspective through such topics as human diversity, language, social identity, gender, economic systems, sex, kinship, stereotypes, politics, power, violence, religion and artistic expression to create a fully-formed cross-cultural understanding of what means to be human. You can imagine the diversity of the world now more than ever before because of the technological advances.

**Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives**

GE/SJSU Studies Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Identify and analyze the social dimension of society as a context for human life, the processes of social change and social continuity, the role of human agency in those processes, and the forces that engender social cohesion and fragmentation.
2. Place contemporary developments in cultural, historical, environmental, and spatial contexts.
3. Identify the dynamics of ethnic, cultural, gender/sexual, age-based, class, regional, national, transnational, and global identities and the similarities, differences, linkages, and interactions between them.

4. Evaluate social science information, draw on different points of view, and formulate applications appropriate to contemporary social issues.
5. Recognize the interaction of social institutions, culture, and environment with the behavior of individuals.

#### Anthropology Department Objectives

The goals of the anthropology department include helping students to:

- Learn about the culture concept and significant findings in anthropology
- Examine interconnections between human culture and biology
- Understand the multicultural aspects of contemporary society
- Make good use of social science data and scholarly literature
- Increase knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods  
issues.

#### ANTH 11 Course Objectives

Students who successfully complete this course will:

- Be introduced to the culture concept and cultural approaches to understanding human behavior
- Explore how cultural anthropologists conduct research by participating in a class project
- Develop cross-cultural perspectives on how humans relate to one other and material world
- Learn about several societies in depth by reading





**Credit Hours**

students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical

**University Policies**

Per University Policy S16-9 (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>),



Unit 8 10/12-10/15	<b><i>Gender and Sexuality</i></b> See extra material in Canvas	1. Fieldwork 2. Quiz 8: Gender and Sexuality
Unit 9 10/18-10/22	<b><i>Politics and Power</i></b> See extra material in Canvas	1. PCAR: Politics and Power 2. Quiz 9: Politics and Power
Unit 10 11/1-11/5	<b><i>Arts and Media</i></b> See extra material in Canvas	1. Fieldwork 2. Quiz 10: Arts and Media
Unit 11 11/8-11/12	<b><i>Health and Illness</i></b> See extra material in Canvas	1. Discussion 12: Health and Illness 2. Quiz 11: Health and Illness
Unit 12 11/15-11/19	<b><i>Religion</i></b> See extra material in Canvas	1. Discussion 11: Religion 2. Quiz 12: Religion
Unit 13 11/22-11/29	<b><i>Subsistence</i></b> See extra material in Canvas	1. Fieldwork: 2. Quiz 13: Subsistence
Unit 14 11/30-12/6	<b><i>Globalization and Global Economy</i></b> See extra material in Canvas	1. Fieldwork 2. Quiz 14: Global Economy
Final	Exam Details	Date and time
	Unit 8-Unit 14	12/10 (any day from 12/8-12/10)