

San José State University
College of Social Sciences
Anthropology 233, Fields of Application, Section 80, Fall 2021

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Classroom: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/83425480992?pwd=TUVrMFRVRlVROFNlVVJndEE>

Course Description

Survey of domains in which anthropological skills and knowledge are applied. Topics include health, business and industry, sustainable regions, and immigration. Emphasis is on opportunities for anthropological contributions.

In this class, we focus on the issues and experiences of anthropological practitioners, as they relate to the role of the anthropologist as a researcher, advocate or activist, policy-advisor/maker or manager. We will focus on case studies of domains that intersect with anthropological knowledge, particularly the anthropology of wellness, environmental sustainability, migration and immigration, and industry and labor.

Learning Outcomes and Course Goals

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) of the Graduate Program in Applied Anthropology

Students who successfully complete this graduate program will:

PLO 1* Understand a range of anthropological research methods and be able to conduct research relevant to problem solving in various settings and for different clients/partners;

PLO 2* Know basic models of applying anthropology in different settings and have the skills to be able to function as practitioners of several;

PLO 3 Be knowledgeable about (a) the discipline of anthropology in general and how it contributes to understanding and improving contemporary society, and (b) a particular field of anthropology in greater depth;

PLO 4 Be able to function effectively in at least one content area;

PLO 5* understand personal, political and ethical issues inherent in research and application;

PLO 6* Develop professionally as practitioners with skills in contracting, project management, and budgeting, as well as the ability to communicate about project goals and findings and the discipline of anthropology to diverse audiences; and

PLO 7* Be knowledgeable about the region as a social and cultural system with complex state, national and global interconnections.

Course Content Learning Outcomes

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

CLO 1. Integrate techniques from across anthropology to apply knowledge related to the material culture and adaptation, wellness, and knowledge in action, the umbrellas that define the anthropological approach at SJSU.

CLO 2. Generate ways that anthropology can be used in communities and organizations to address real-world issues for human betterment, in applications as diverse as innovation and design, consumerism and household finance, architecture and housing, and wellness, disease and health care.

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potential partner. It is expected that this activity is relevant to their progress on developing a project for the

Students will contact various organizations and narrow down to one main potential partner, discuss their interests/needs with stakeholders to collaboratively explore project ideas, and then draft a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for working with that partner. As the final exam, students will submit their draft MOU document to the instructor and give a short class presentation detailing the proposed project, the range of possible deliverables (if appropriate), how it is of value or of interest to their organizational partner, and the significance of the project to various stakeholders. We will have in-class workshops to help move this project forward, students will be expected to occasionally report on out-of-class progress, and the activities will culminate in a MOU submission and project presentation.

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ANTH 233 / Fields of Application, Fall 2021 Course Schedule

Schedule (including assignment due dates, exam dates) is subject to change with fair notice – notice may be made available by email from instructor and/or classroom announcements.

Course Schedule

| Week | Date | Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines |
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| 1 | Aug 24 | |

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| 10 | Oct 26 | REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITIES IN ORGANIZATIONS *Read: Parezo, View: https://www.numulosgatos.org/past-exhibitions- |