



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Syllabus

AN 201 Introduction to Anthropology

Semester 2/2019 (January – May, 2020)

Number of credits: 3 credits (3-0-6)

Lecture Venue: Faculty of Economics

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS		
DEGREE BA (ECONOMICS)	Course	AN 201 Introduction to Anthropology
	Semester	2/2019
	Class Day/Time	Tuesday, 2-5 pm.
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Course Description

Basic concepts in anthropology including four major fields: biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology, prehistoric archaeology, and social and cultural anthropology.

Objective

1. Learn major anthropological theories, concepts, and methodologies.
2. Read, write and discuss about anthropological articles and books.
3. Practice anthropological research and ethnographic writing.

Topic (Schedule and instructors are to be confirmed.)

WEEK	TOPIC	CONTENT	INSTRUCTOR
I	Introduction	The course, pedagogic methods, assessments.	Main Instructor
II	What is anthropology?	Human Evolution, prehistoric culture, culture, society, history of world anthropology.	Main Instructor
III	Classical Theory	Structural functionalism, structuralism, Marxism, interpretive anthropology	Main Instructor
IV	Contemporary Theory	Postmodernism, post-structuralism, ontological turn	Main Instructor
V	Anthropological Research	Research ethics, fieldwork, criticism on ethnography, ethnographic writing.	Guest Lecturer: Dr. Boonlert Visetpreecha (Assistant Professor)
VI	Kinship and Gender	Family, kinship, social structure, sex, feminism, gender, LGBTQ.	Main Instructor
VIII	Power Relation	Politics, conflict, legitimacy, resistance, human rights.	Main Instructor
IX	Economy	Social and cultural dimensions of economy. Traditional exchange and money. Social, cultural, symbolic capitals.	Guest Lecturer: Dr. Niti Pawakapan (Associate Professor)
X	Ethnicity and Nationalism	Problems of ethnic classification. Ethnic identity, relation, change, ethnic policy. Nation and nationalism. Ethno-nationalism. Trans-nationalism.	Guest Lecturer: Dr. Niti Pawakapan (Associate Professor)
XI	Symbolic Culture	Symbol, ritual, magic, and religion.	Main Instructor
XII	Language and Senses	Language, culture, and society. Phenomenology of culture. Visual, olfactory, taste, and sound.	Main Instructor
XIII	Expressive Culture	Cultural, social, and political aspects of art, music, performance, and literature.	Main Instructor

XIV	Urban	Urban culture and society. The urban poor. Urban divide.	Guest Lecturer: Boonlert Visetpreecha (PhD, Assistant Professor)
XV	Contemporary World	World system, globalization, media, consumerism, and the digital age.	Main Instructor
XVI	Conclusion		Main Instructor

Additional Activity (To be scheduled)

TRIP	SITE	OBJECTIVE
1-Day Trip	Bangkok or Suburb	Culture of the city. Ethnicity in the city. Urban everyday life, sacred, and senses. Ethnography of the city.
3-Day Trip	Outside Bangkok	Rural society. Ethnographic field research.

Details of assessments, class materials, and recommended readings is to be announced.