Introduction

Anthropology is about people, the relationships between them, their behaviour and how they live together as members of society. A study of anthropology helps us to understand and explain why people behave in particular ways. It studies topics as diverse as tourism and heritage, perceptions about the environment and the sustainable utilization thereof, ageing, gender issues, migration, ethnic resurgence, social and cultural development both locally and overseas, initiation ceremonies, marriage, street children, people whose distinctive life-styles differ from our own such as the Karretjie People of the South African Karoo, culture in large corporations such as the SABC, problems arising from the HIV/AIDS epidemic and tuberculosis, multiculturalism in schools, and the causes and results of change in people's ways of life. Anthropology therefore promotes understanding between people in all walks of life and across the boundaries which separate them.

General Information

- Students who register for Anthropology as a major subject are advised to include Archaeology (AGE101, 102) in their curriculum.
- **Thematic study**: The following are examples of general themes that the Department may select for study in an anthropological context in different papers:
  - education; health; tourism; labour; gender differentiation; differentiation and conflict in multicultural communities; development; organisational culture; any significant theme, particularly from recent anthropological literature.
- **Ethnographic studies** are selected by the Department with due regard for geographical distribution and the illustration of a variety of theoretical perspectives or anthropological themes in the course of three courses.
- Credit for a degree is granted for:
  1. either SKA100 or ANT100
  2. either SKA200 or ANT200
  3. either SKA300 or ANT300

Transitional Arrangements

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Anthropology as a Major Subject

**Compulsory modules for a major subject combination:**

*First level:* APY101, 102  
*Second level:* APY201, 202, 203  
*Third level:* APY301, 302, 303, 304

Syllabus

**NB**

*All modules in this subject are offered as YEAR MODULES.*

FIRST-LEVEL MODULES

**APY101E**  The anthropological study of culture in a multicultural context  
*Purpose:* to gain insight into the diverse ways of life of human beings in multicultural societies with special reference to the interaction of people in the creation and transmission of culture, the dynamics of sociocultural change, the relevance of anthropological knowledge in accommodating diversity and alleviating and solving human problems.

**APY102F**  Culture as human resource in the African context  
*Purpose:* to become aware of and to gain anthropological insight into the sociocultural diversity of Africa, and of contemporary issues arising from interaction between different sociocultural groups.
SECOND-LEVEL MODULES

Prerequisite: TWO first-level modules in this subject or any FOUR first-level modules
Advice: Students are advised to have completed APY101 and 102 before registering for second-level modules.

APY201H  Anthropological theory in practice
Purpose: to understand selected theoretical aspects of anthropology and to demonstrate awareness of their relevance in practice.

APY202J  Sociocultural solutions to problems of human adaptation*
Purpose: to introduce students to ways in which human societies have in group context developed sociocultural responses to the need to adapt to other people and to the demands of the sociocultural environment.

APY203K  Anthropology and health care*
Purpose: to acquire knowledge of selected aspects of the anthropology of health care, and to gain insight into the causes of and solutions to health problems in multicultural contexts, with specific reference to health care in South Africa.

THIRD-LEVEL MODULES

Prerequisite: TWO first-level modules in this subject or any FOUR first-level modules
Advice: Students are advised to have completed APY201, 202 and 203 before registering for third-level modules

APY301L  Qualitative research methodology: the anthropological strategy
Purpose: to understand and apply key features of anthropological research methods, for example ethnographic interviewing, participant observation, ethics, and various other data collection techniques.

APY302M  Applied anthropology: contemporary human issues and the practice of anthropology
Purpose: to develop the perspectives and skills which anthropologists apply to the benefit of humankind, for example in the fields of development, healthcare, tourism, corporate culture, education, intercultural relations, and sociocultural impact assessment.

APY303N  Themes in anthropology: the relevance of ritual*
Purpose: to recognise and understand the role, meaning and context of ritual in everyday human behaviour.

APY304P  Themes in anthropology: tourism and pilgrimage*
Purpose: to understand the role, dynamics and consequences of tourism and pilgrimage from an anthropological perspective.