



SYLLABUS

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Provides a cross-cultural inquiry into the spiritual and religious belief systems of diverse peoples from around the world and investigates the practices and symbols through which these beliefs are expressed and enacted. Emphasis is on non-Western cultures.

Prerequisites: ENGL 111 and (RDNG 099 or RDNG 113) or appropriate Accuplacer English and Reading score
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Semester Offered:

Common Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...

BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to...

1. Understand the basic vocabulary used by anthropologists to describe and discuss the belief systems of various cultures.
2. Understand and appreciate the range of variation within belief systems of peoples around the world, particularly those of non-Western cultures.
3. Apply anthropology's holistic approach to cross-cultural research on belief systems of various cultures.
4. Recognize how the field of anthropology has changed over time and how these changes have affected the way that religion has been studied cross-culturally since its inception as a formal discipline.