

Course title: CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 4

Semester: spring

Level of study: ISCED-6 - first-cycle programmes (EQF-6)

Branch of science: Social sciences

Language: English

Number of hours per semester: 30

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Type of classes: classes and lectures

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Substantive content

CLASSES /LECTURES: The following topics will be discuss:

1. Introduction of the terminology, the location of cultural anthropology among the social and humanities sciences.
2. Primitive religious beliefs. Animism, shamanism. The distinction between magic and science.
3. Description of cultural phenomena on the example of behavior related to the perception of time, disease and death.
4. Medical Anthropology.
5. Anthropology of taste.

Learning purpose: This course is designed to introduce to the basic issues of cultural anthropology. Knowledge of these issues expands the student's knowledge paying attention to issues of otherness and diversity of forms and ways of human behavior. Through the analysis of ways of thinking, perception, functioning of the "other" cultures students acquire the ability to understand the different cultural behavior and thus "reading" of cultural phenomena in contemporary culture.

On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: By the end of the course student should be familiar with the basic terminology of cultural anthropology.

Skills: The students will have the ability: to use the correct category in the field of cultural anthropology, to critical analysis of phenomena and cultural products, to integrate knowledge from different disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, to anticipate different cultural behaviors.

Social Competencies: The students are educated to be respectful and tolerate towards otherness and to be responsible for their own decisions on professional and privet level.

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Basic literature

1. Eriksen, Thomas Hylland, Anthropology, Culture and Society : Small Places, Large Issues : An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology, Pluto Press 2010
2. Monaghan, J., Just, P., Social and Cultural Anthropology : A Very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press 1999.

Supplementary literature:

1. Cultural, Disease and Healing. Studies in Medical Anthropology, ed. Davd Landy, New York – London



2. Introducing Medical Anthropology: A Discipline in Action, ed. Merrill Singer, Hans Baer, 2009

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The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 30 h

Student's independent work: 70h including: preparation to classes, preparation of presentation and final essay.