

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**  
**INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY, GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES**

**COURSE:** NAF 101 – Introduction to Anthropology

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**Introduction**

This course introduces the student to the discipline of Anthropology in general. By the end of the course the student is expected to have a broad understanding of Anthropology and its sub-branches. Thus the primary focus will be on the five sub-branches of Anthropology, namely, Physical (Biological) Anthropology, Social (Cultural) Anthropology, Archaeology, Linguistic Anthropology and Applied Anthropology.

At the end of the course the student should be able to: (i) define Anthropology; (ii) identify the main branches of Anthropology; and (iii) discuss the application of Anthropology in various spheres of human experience.

Students are expected to contribute to class discussions by bringing into the class their understanding of the various assigned readings. Further, they will be required to take lead in class presentations as directed by the Lecturer. Active participation in class will form part of the class assessment as will be Class Assessment Tests. The Class Assessment Tests will account for 30% of the total marks earned while an examination to be administered at the end of the Semester will account for the remaining 70% of the total marks. Students are advised to familiarize themselves with the course description available from the Library at IAGAS and the general requirements as provided for in the Senate approved Regulations and Syllabus for the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.

**Week 1:**

Definition, aims and scope of Anthropology

**Week 2 &3:**

Major sub-fields of Anthropology and their branches: Cultural, Physical, Archaeology, Linguistic, and Applied

**Week 4:**

Historical development of anthropology

**Week 5:**

Anthropology and other disciplines

**Week 6 & 7:**

Basic concepts in Cultural (Social), Physical (Biological), Archaeology, Linguistic and Applied anthropology

**Week 8:**

Anthropology and business

**Week 9:**

Role of anthropology in development

**Week 10:**

Anthropology and contemporary issues

**Week 11:**

Anthropologists and anthropology

**Week 12:**

Recap and Revision

**Class Readings**

1. Harris, M (1997) Culture, People, Nature: An Introduction to General Anthropology, 7th Edition. New York: Longman. **GN 25 .H37 1997.**
2. Kottak, Conrad Phillip (2009) Mirror for Humanity: A Concise Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. New York: McGraw-Hill. **GN 316 .K66 2009**
3. Ottenheimer, Harriet J. (2013) The Anthropology of Language: An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology, 3rd Edition. Wadsworth. **P 35 .O94 2013.**
4. Feder, Kenneth L and Park, Michael Alan (2001) Human Antiquity: An Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Archaeology. 4th Edition. London: Mayfield Publishing Co. **GN 60 .F43 2001**
5. Relethford, John H. (2002) The Human Species: An Introduction to Biological Anthropology. 5th Edition. Boston: McGraw Hill. **GN 60 .R39 2002**
6. Salzman, Z.; Stanlaw, J. and Adachi N. (2012) Language, Culture and Society: An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology. 5th Edition. Philadelphia: Westview Press. **P 35 .SL8 2012**
7. Adam K., (1997) Anthropology and Anthropologists, The Modern British School, 3rd Ed, New York: Routledge.

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMS**