

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY, GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES
B.A. ANTHROPOLOGY
COURSE OUTLINE
LECTURER: MR.GEORGE MATHU

NAF 102 - INTRODUCTION TO ETHNOLOGY

I. Course Summary

The aim of the course is to introduce the students to the significant role played by societies in shaping the man's development to what he/she is today. The area of interests in clued the definition and scope of ethnology in the study of people and their societies. To enable students to understand the nature of these societies, the course will spread itself horizontally covering various topics stipulated in the course outlines. It will culminate with effect of the culture change to the number of societies.

II. Requirements

For the continuous "Coursework Assessments Tests (CATS)", each student will be required **to write and submit for marking** the following papers. Any **late work** will be penalized highly.

1.	CAT No. 1.	=	15%
2.	CAT No. 2	=	15%
3.	FINAL EXAMINATION	=	70%
4.	TOTAL MARKS	=	100%

Attendance is monitored very seriously.

III. Course Outlines

1. Definition and scope of Ethnology.
2. Ethnology as the study of peoples.

3. Ethnology and social anthropology.

4. **Major concerns of ethnology**

- i. Making a living
- ii. Family, kinship,
- iii. Religion and other belief systems,
- iv. Language,
- v. Education, training,
- vi. Material culture, Recreations

5. Similarities and differences in human nature.

Culture and peoples,

Culture and personality.

6. Similarities and differences among peoples.

History of ethnological studies.

7. Culture and transformations;

Culture traits and ethnic group,

Culture change,

Class formation,

Urbanization and modernization.

8. Review: Final Examination

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Topics to be covered in the course:

- Vol. I Introduction to the course: Ethnology.
- Vol. II Theoretical approach to the study of Ethnology.
- Vol. III Lecture on the understanding of society and culture.
- Vol. IV Lecture on the study of Human Society and Culture.
- Vol. V Lecture on the nature of human society.
- Vol. VI Lecture on the eight geographical zones in the formation of societies.
- Vol. VII Lecture on Law and Order in Society.
- Vol. VIII Lecture on the process of socialization and education.
- Vol. IX Lecture on Family Organization.
- Vol. X Lecture on Political Organization.
- Vol. XI Lecture on Religious Beliefs.
- Vol. XII Review
- Vol. XIII Examination

IV READING BOOKS, ARTICLES AND PHOTOSTAT COPIES

1. Barrow V. An Introduction to Anthropology. Vol. 1.
2. Barrow V. An Introduction to Ethnology, Vol. II.
3. Mukherjee R. Society, Culture, Development, 1991
4. W. Howell, Mankind in the Making: The Story of Human Evolution.
5. E.B. Tylor, Primitive Culture.
6. J.G. Franzer, The Golden Bough.
7. INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
8. Goldenweisser, History, Psychology and Culture.
9. Cohen Y.A., Man in Adaptation: the Culture Present.
10. Ruth Benedict, Patterns of Culture.
11. Peter I. Rose, The Study of Society.
12. Parsons or Bales, Family: Socialization and Interaction.
13. Elman H. Service, Profiles in Ethnology.
14. Robert H. Lowie, Ethnologists.
15. Lucia N. Omondi (1999), Language and Life (Chapters 1 & 2).
16. Photostat Copies.
17. Read: Current Anthropology, and other related journals for enrichment.
There are other articles to be read found in RESERVE SECTIONS of both Libraries (IAGAS and the Jomo Kenyatta Libraries).
18. KENYAN DAILY NEWSPAPERS:
NATION,
STARS,
STANDARD,
KENYA TIMES, AND OTHERS
19. HOLY BIBLE AND KORAN