

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY. GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES
B.A 11 ANTHROPOLOGY
COURSE DESCRIPTION
NAF 201: COMPARATIVE ETHNOGRAPHY.

The course aims to enable learners understand the unity and diversity in human cultures. Differences between ethnography and ethnology, the comparison of the ethnographies of selected peoples from major cultural and geographical regions of the world. Distribution of major cultural traits. Comparison of modes of adaptation, Political, social and material culture of various peoples. Comparison of educational systems and socialization systems in various cultural groups; a comparison of the impact of culture change on various societies.

Topics:

1. Definition and scope of comparative ethnography
2. Approaches to the study of comparative ethnography
3. Diversity and unity in human culture
4. Comparative social organizations
5. Comparative political organizations
6. Comparative economic organizations
7. Material culture from a comparative perspective
8. Education and socialization processes of various people.
9. Belief systems from a comparative perspective
10. The impact of culture change on various people.
11. Revision

Examination:

Cat- 30%

Final exam- 70%

Total -100%

References

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More references to be provided in the course of lectures.