

# SYLLABUS UNDER AUTONOMY

## ANTHROPOLOGY

**SEMESTER I**

**COURSE : A.ANT.1.01**

### INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY (PART A)

**[ 60 LECTURES]**

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. To introduce students to the central topics, concepts and methods of socio-cultural anthropology, which can be broadly defined as the study of human cultures and societies.
2. To provide students with the knowledge and an understanding of the diversity of human cultures in the world.

#### **UNIT I: What is Anthropology** **12 lectures**

- i. Definition
- ii. Subfields of Anthropology
- iii. Nature of Anthropology (holistic, fieldwork, comparative method)

#### **UNIT II : Historical Development of Anthropology** **12 lectures**

- i. Roots of Anthropology
- ii. Evolutionary theories (armchair anthropology)
- iii. Empirical anthropology (fieldwork based)

#### **UNIT III : Core Concepts in Anthropology** **12 lectures**

- i. Culture : Evolving ideas of Culture
- ii. Enculturation and Personality (Mead, Benedict and Kardiner)
- iii. Ethnocentrism and the evaluation of culture.
- iv. Cultural Relativism and the anthropological quest for objectivity

#### **UNIT IV : Evolution** **12 lectures**

- i. Biological
- ii. Cultural

#### **UNIT V : Marriage,Family,Kinship** **12 lectures**

- i. Marriage Systems-Rules and Forms
- ii. Family-Is it Univesal?
- iii. Kinship Fundamentals
- iv. Kinship terminology
- v. Systems of descent and descent Groups

**Continuous Internal Assessment: Project/ assignment**

**SEMESTER II      COURSE : A.ANT.2.01**  
**INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY (PART B)**

**[ 60 LECTURES]**

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**UNIT I : Religion ,Myth and Magic** **12 lectures**

- i. Origin of Religion and its relation to Science
- ii. Functions and expressions of religion

**UNIT II : Economic Systems** **12 lectures**

- i. Subsistence patterns
- ii. Systems of Production
- iii. Distribution and Exchange (eg.Potlatch,Kula & Market)

**UNIT III : Political Systems** **12 lectures**

- i. Various types of Political Systems
- ii. Political Control and Social Order

**UNIT IV : Language and Culture** **12 lectures**

- i. Origin of language
- ii. Structure of language
- iii. Language thought and culture

**UNIT V : Applying Anthropology** **12 lectures**

- i. History
- ii. Theory and Practice

**Continuous Internal Assessment:** Projects: presentation/exhibition.

**References:**

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Kottak, Conrad Phillip,2002 *Cultural Anthropology* McGraw Hill, New York  
Haviland, William A. 2001 *Cultural Anthropology* Wadsworth Publishing