

IB Social and Cultural Anthropology

Standard Level and Higher Level

This is a 1 A level course

The IB Diploma Programme social and cultural anthropology course offers an opportunity for students to explore and understand humankind in all its diversity through the comparative study of culture and human societies.

In studying this course students will come to appreciate how anthropology as a discipline contributes to an understanding of contemporary issues, such as war and conflict, the environment, poverty, injustice, inequality and human and cultural rights. The study of social and cultural anthropology offers critical insight into the continuities as well as dynamics of social change and the development of societies, and challenges cultural assumptions.

Standard Level – Parts 1, 2, 3

Course Details

Part 1: What is anthropology? (SL and HL):

Core terms and ideas in anthropology, The construction and use of ethnographic accounts, Methods and data collection

Part 2: Social and cultural organization (SL and HL):

Individuals, groups and society, Societies and cultures in contact, Kinship as an organizing principle, Political organization, Economic organization and the environment, Systems of knowledge, Belief systems and practices, Moral systems.

Part 3: Observation and critique exercise (SL only):

In the first six weeks of the course SL students undertake an observation and produce a written report from their field notes. About six months later they are then required to produce a critique of their written report.

Part 4: Theoretical perspectives in anthropology (HL only):

HL students are expected to have an understanding of theoretical perspectives in anthropology, their application to ethnographic materials and their manifestation in particular historical contexts. They should be able to use these theoretical perspectives to evaluate ethnographic material.

Part 5: Fieldwork (HL only):

HL students undertake limited fieldwork, which they plan and produce a written report of.

When?

Start date: September.

Duration: 2 years.

Delivery: Part of a full-time programme.

Availability: Current and continuing.

Who can do it?

Age range: 16 – 19.

SEN target: None.

Entry Requirements: English GCSE grade 4 and above.

Career Information:

A qualification can lead to a career in some of these occupations: Chaplain, Equality and diversity officer, Higher education lecturer, Human resources officer, Museum/gallery curator, Public relations officer, Social worker and UX analyst.

More information?

Contact Mrs May at the Academy.