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1. **Course Number:** ANT107
Course Title: Introduction to Anthropology
2. **Description:** This is an introduction to the principles and procedures of anthropology. The course is divided into two main areas: Physical Anthropology, which covers the physical nature of humans and the evolution of this nature; and Cultural Anthropology, which covers the cultural nature of humans including the origin and development of social institutions.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - Explain the origin and evolution of humans and the strategies for adaptations to the environment.
 - Describe the role of anthropology and anthropologists in examining and interpreting past and modern cultures.
 - Identify the mechanisms of biological evolution and describe what distinguishes humans from apes.
 - Describe the origins of Homo sapiens and critically discuss human variation.
 - Explain the role of language in culture and society.
 - Explain the definition and description of culture and how culture is relevant and important for the survival of the human societies.
 - Describe old world Paleolithic culture and the rise of the State as it applies to the modern day.
 - Explain the development of different social institutions and how these institutions affect the lives of the people in traditional and modern societies.
 - Explain and critically discuss the most important roles played by kinship in organizing human society and individual behavior; as well as, the interaction between kinship, religion, subsistence and politics in a culture.
 - Critically discuss the impact of globalization on the lives of many tribal peoples around the world.
4. **Credits:** Three credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences
6. **Prerequisite:** None
7. **Semester(s) Offered:**
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Students are evaluated on attendance, and participation in the class. Assignments include research projects on selected cultural groups around the world. Individual readings on selected cultural articles from various places and group projects presentations, review of articles and short research papers as well as quizzes and exams constitute part of the evaluation.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - Introduction to Anthropology: What is Anthropology?
 - Sub-disciplines of Anthropology
 - Introduction to Physical Anthropology & Archaeology
 - Evolution and Genetics
 - Human Variations and Adaptations
 - Primates and Primate Evolution
 - When did Humans start acting like Humans?
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 - Methods in Cultural Anthropology
 - Culture and cultural diversity
 - Economic Systems and Reproduction
 - Ethnicity and Race
 - Language and Communication
 - Illness and healing
 - Making a Living: Adaptation strategies
 - Social Groups and Social Stratification
 - Families, Kinship and Descent and Domestic life
 - Marriage, Sex and Gender
 - Political systems, Religion and Social Control