

Government Degree College Baramulla

Semester 3rd

Course Major/Minor

Subject: Anthropology

Course Title: Social Anthropology
Credits:4+2 (Th:4; Pr. 2)

Code: BAN22C301
Contact Hours: 64 Hrs + 64 Hrs

Course Objectives:

- To enable the students to learn about the fundamental institutions i.e. Family, Marriage and Kinship.
- To enable the students to learn about characteristics and types of Religion.
- To enable the students to understand nuances of Ethnographic Research.

Course Learning Outcomes:

The course endeavors to enable students to develop the following competencies

- The understanding of fundamental concepts of society
- Demonstrate the theoretical foundation and practical aspect of various social institutions.
- Develop sensitivity and awareness towards cultural diversity and social dynamics

Unit 1: Basic Concepts and Theories

- Society, Community and Association, Social Groups: Primary and Secondary
- Evolutionism, Diffusionism, Functionalism,
- structure functionalism and structuralism
- Culture and its characteristics, social and culture change
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Unit 2: Family, Marriage and Kinship.

- Family: Structure and Functions.
- Marriage: Definition, Types and Functions.
- Kinship: Definition, Types and Terminology.
- Kinship Usages; Descent groups.

Unit 3: Religious institution.

- Religion: Meaning and Functions.
- Religious Beliefs: Animism, Animatism, Naturism, Polytheism, Totemism, Shamanism and Monotheism.
- Magic, Religion and Science.
- Rites and Rituals; Witchcraft, Sorcery and Oracles.

Unit 4: Political and Economic Institution.

- Political and Economic Anthropology: Nature and significance.
- Political Institutions: Transition from Bands to States.
- Law and Justice in Simple societies.
- Production, Distribution and Exchange in Simple societies.

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Practical (2 Credits)

Methods in Social Anthropology

- I. Ethnography, Participant Observation, Non-Participant Observation and Case Study.
- II. Tools and Techniques: Questionnaires, Interview Schedule and Guide.
- III. The student shall have to prepare field work report based on field visit.

List of Readings

1. Beattie J. (1964). *Other Cultures*. London: Cohen & West Limited.
2. Bernard H.R. (1940). *Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology*. Newbury Park: Sage Publications.
3. Delaney C. (2004). 'Orientation and disorientation' In *Investigating Culture: An Experiential Introduction to Anthropology*. Wiley-Blackwell.
4. Ember C. R. et al. (2011). *Anthropology*. New Delhi: Pearson.
5. Ferraro G. and Andreatta S. (2008). In *Cultural Anthropology: An Applied Perspective*. Belmont: Wadsworth.
6. O'reilly K. (2012). *Ethnographic Methods*. Abingdon. Routledge.
7. Rapport N. and Overing J. (2004). *Key Concepts in Social and Cultural Anthropology*. London: Routledge.
8. Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (1971). 'Methods' In *Notes and Queries on Anthropology*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd.