

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

**FACULTY MEMBER:**

**TERM:**

**COURSE TITLE:** Cultural Anthropology

**COURSE NUMBER:** SOC 306

**OFFICE HOURS/METHOD OF CONTACT:**

**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course introduces students to the discipline of cultural anthropology, delving into its foundations and the application of its research methods. From there, the cultural origins, development, and diversity of human beings are examined. The dynamics of the cultural process, similarities and differences within cultures, and the implications and limitations of present research are explored.

**II. COURSE RATIONALE:**

As the broadest of the social sciences, anthropology offers unique perspectives and theoretical tools for understanding cultural diversity. Equally, the emphasis on holism, stressing that every aspect of a culture is interdependent, highlights the importance of understanding culture as an integrated social system. By providing cultural lenses through which to understand non-Western cultures, own culture.

**III. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

**GOAL A:** The student will demonstrate an understanding of the historical evolution of anthropology.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

A-1 Define anthropology.

A-2 Describe how the study of anthropology has changed over time.

A-3 Identify key issues in studying human behavior in anthropology.

A-4 Apply anthropological research methods.

**GOAL B:** The student will evaluate various theoretical approaches to explaining human behavior from an anthropological position.

