All Summer 2021 classes will be online and synchronous.

ANTHROPOLOGY 101  INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
5300  2  MoTuWeTh 9:00am - 11:50am  Tomomi Emoto (Jimee Choi)  06/07/2021 - 06/30/2021

This course examines customs, manners and ways of life – what anthropologists call culture – in selected groups around the world. By describing and comparing varieties of political and economic systems, family and kinship, personality and sexual behavior, and art and leisure, this course offers insights about human culture, how it works, and what causes differences and similarities in human behavior. If the course is really successful, you should begin to see how anthropologists look at the world around us, what they perceive the human place in nature to be, and from what perspective or point of view they attempt to define and answer questions involving humankind.

3 hr.; 3 cr.  Prerequisite: NONE  
Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE World Cultures & Global Issues (WCGI)

ANTHROPOLOGY 102  INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN EVOLUTION
5294  1  Sa 9:00am - 12:50pm  Anthony Pagano  06/07/2021 - 08/16/2021

This course provides a survey of biological anthropology, the study of the biology and evolution of the human species. Topics include the nature of the scientific process, the fundamentals of evolutionary theory and genetics, the biology and behavior of nonhuman primates, biological variation and adaptation in modern humans, and the fossil evidence of human evolution.

3 hr.; 3 cr.  Prerequisite: NONE  
Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE Scientific World (SW) and COLLEGE OPTION Science

ANTHROPOLOGY 103  INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY
5302  1  MoTuWeTh 1:00pm - 3:50pm  Francis Feeley  06/07/2021 - 06/30/2021

This course traces major developments in human history and illustrates the methods archeologists use to study the past. It investigates the origins of cultural behavior, the invention of agriculture and its consequences, and the development and collapse of cities, drawing on archaeological sites from around the world. Students will explore how we think about the past in the present, including the ways in which individuals and communities used physical objects (known as material culture) in the past and the ways present-day people use this same material culture to understand, create, and commemorate their histories.

3 hr.; 3 cr.  Prerequisite: NONE  
Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE Scientific World (SW) and COLLEGE OPTION Science
Language plays a very important role in our everyday life. Not only is linguistic behavior the central focus of many social settings, but it is also on linguistic evidence that we base many of our evaluations of the world around us. Yet attitudes towards language and the ways in which we use language are highly dependent on social and cultural factors. This course provides an introduction to the field of linguistic anthropology: the study of language use in its socio-cultural context from anthropological perspectives. It focuses on the relationships among language, culture, and society by addressing such questions as: To what extent does language shape our thoughts and identities? What does it mean to know a language? Do all children follow the same language acquisition patterns within a society or across cultures? What is the nature of sign language? How do languages develop and change? What are the differences between language and dialect? How does language reinforce or challenge social stratification? What is the relationship between language and ethnicity? Do women speak more politely than men? Do men and women miscommunicate? How do we study language use and attitudes? How do conversations work? Do we need English-Only laws in the United States? Why is Ebonics controversial? Should we do anything about disappearing languages? Is English going to be the world language? Examples of linguistic phenomena in ethnographic perspective are drawn from peoples around the world.

3 hr.; 3 cr.  Prerequisite: NONE
Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE Individual and Society (IS)

Is Africa a continent or an idea? How can we study the lifeworlds of the peoples of Africa and African diasporic communities? This course will address these questions by examining the diverse communities, institutions, and practices that constitute Africa as a place and as an imaginary. We will cover topics including race, class, law, politics, migration, religion, and gender. Throughout the semester, we will read anthropological and literary works on and watch films about Africa and the African diasporas.

3 hr.; 3 cr.  Prerequisite: 6 credits in Social Science or Sophomore standing.

This course reviews the field of biological anthropology with more in-depth coverage of topics covered in ANTH 102. Topics will include basic Mendelian and molecular genetics, the process of evolution, primate behavior and ecology, the nature and causes of biological variation in modern human groups, and the fossil record of primate and human evolution. The course will include “hands-on” experience using the comprehensive primate and human fossil cast collection in the biological anthropology teaching laboratory. This course should be of value not only to Anthropology majors and minors but also to students who intend to pursue further study in health-related fields. This course will follow a hybrid format in Fall 2021, with some class sessions online and some in person.

3 hr.; 3 cr.  Prerequisite: ANTH 102 or any college biology course.