



COURSE GUIDE



EC1.10 URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY

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COURSE INFO

Title	Urban Anthropology
Code	EC1.10
Field of study	054 Sociology
Degree level	master
Study program	Sociology (language of instruction - English)
Type	elective
Semester	3
ECTS credits	5.00
Language of instruction	English
Final control	exam
Instructor	Dr. Aliona Liasheva

SUMMARY

Social anthropology is an important theoretical and methodological field for the social sciences, which offers special optics for exploration of social processes. The ability to use such optics and combine it with other sociological paradigms will allow students to expand their skills in researching social problems. Within the course, students will learn about key theoretical approaches in the field of social anthropology, as well as acquire skills in application of social research methodology inherent in this tradition, including practices such as participant observation, analysis of documents, unstructured in-depth interviews. The course consists of two parts. The first will consider the main theoretical works in social anthropology, the second will include the study of specific social problems of the urban environment by means of anthropological methodology.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

1. Knowledge of and ability to appropriately apply the conceptual apparatus of sociology
2. Awareness of and ability to apply the basic theories of classical and contemporary sociology
3. Be able to work with academic literature

COMPETENCES

SC01	Ability to analyze social phenomena and processes
SC02	Ability to identify, probe, and interpret social problems of Ukrainian society and international community



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COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

1.1	Know the classical theoretical approaches in social anthropology
2.1	Be able to use appropriately the terminology of social anthropology
2.2	Be able to apply methods and approaches of social anthropology in the study of urban environment
3.1	Publicly present research findings

EVALUATION

20 points	Participation in class discussions	
20 points	Individual mini-study	
20 points	Two midterm tests	
40 points	Final exam (multiple-choice test and a practical assignment) Admission to exam threshold: 36 points	
Grade explication	90-100	Excellent
	75-89	Good
	60-74	Satisfactory
	0-59	Fail

COURSE STRUCTURE

CHAPTERS	WORKLOAD (in hours)		
	lectures	seminars	self-study
1. Approaches in social anthropology			
1. Introduction. Classification of approaches to social anthropology	2	2	15
2. Marcel Mauss's functionalism and Claude Levi-Strauss's structuralism	2	4	15
3. Interpretive anthropology of Clifford Girtz. Postmodernism of Jean-François Lyotard	2	4	15
2. Application of social anthropology in sociological research			
4. Studies of class inequalities and labor	2	4	15
5. Gender issues through anthropological lens	2	4	15
6. Anthropology in urban areas	2	6	15
7. Visual anthropology	2	6	16



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READINGS

Required

1. Mauss, Marcel 2000 (1950) *The Gift: The Form and Reason for Exchange in Archaic Societies* New York: Norton.
2. Claude, Lévi-Strauss (1949) *Elementary Structures of Kinship*.
3. Clifford, Geertz (1973) *The Interpretation of Cultures*.
4. Jean-François, Lyotard (1984) *The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge*.
5. Christian, Zolniski (2006) *Janitors, Street Vendors and Activists: The Lives of Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley*, pgs. 1-45.
6. Judith, Butler (2006) *Gender Trouble*.
7. Robert, Lemelson (2006) *40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian Tragedy* (film).
8. Guy, Debord (1956). Translated by Ken Knabb. *Theory of the Dérive. Les Lèvres Nues* (9).

Additional

1. Foster, George and Robert V. Kemper. 2010. "Anthropological Fieldwork in Cities." Pp. 5-19 in *Urban Life*, Gmelch et al., eds.
2. Gmelch George, Kuppinger Petra. 2017. *Urban Life: Readings in the Anthropology of the City*.
3. Lewis, Oscar. 1966. "The Culture of Poverty." *Scientific American* 215(4):19-25.
4. Low, Setha. 1996. "The Anthropology of Cities: Imagining and Theorizing the City." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 25:383-409.

Other sources

1. <http://moodle.soc.univ.kiev.ua/>