

Course number		U-LAS05 10002 LE40					
Course title (and course title in English)		Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Cultural Anthropology I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor, LOPEZ , Mario Ivan	
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Regions and Cultures(Foundations)		
Language of instruction	English		Old group	Group A		Number of credits	2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • First semester	
Days and periods	Tue.3		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
How do we live? What guiding principles do we use to organize ourselves in our societies? Anthropology is the comparative study of culture and human societies. This course offers an introduction to the discipline of anthropology and its practical relevance in our lives. It introduces the different ways we can examine human societies and understand our place with them. Each week will consist of a brief lecture of 30~40 minutes based on class notes and readings, followed by a class discussion and group exercises.							
[Course objectives]							
Anthropology is the comparative study of culture and human societies and examines the general principles of social and cultural life. This course offers an introduction to the discipline of anthropology and its practical relevance to understanding societies. It presents students with different ways to examine human societies and understand exchange processes; Relatedness and family; marriage; the nature-culture dichotomy; gender; nation building; and religion and ritual. Each week will consist of a brief lecture of 30~40 minutes based on class notes and readings, followed by a class discussion and group exercises.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
Week 1. Overview Week 2. Why Anthropology? Week 3. Relatedness Week 4. Marriage Week 5. Human Societies and Nature (1) Week 6. Mapping the Non-Human (2) Week 7. Human Societies and Nature (3) Week 8. Gender Week 9. Identifying “ Others ” Week 10 Community Building: Transnational Japan Week 11. Nation Building and Nationalism Week 12. Inclusion/Exclusion Week 13. Religion and Ritual: Meanings of Belief Week 14. Group Discussions Week 15. Feedback							
[Course requirements]							
Students are expected to actively engage in discussions, complete assigned readings essential for informed							
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participation, and submit concise reflection essays. Given the course's strong emphasis on class dialogue, students need to possess proficient English language skills for effective communication with their peers.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

The final semester grade will be determined as follows: short assignments (35%), attendance and class participation (30%), and a written essay (35%) to be submitted at the end of the course.

[Textbooks]

Not used

Materials and texts will be prepared in advance for use in the class. Each week has pre-prepared class notes and a main texts that students will need to read prior to class.

[References, etc.]

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Introduced during class

All reference materials will be in the syllabus handout and available to students.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will have readings prepared for each week along with class notes.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Office hours are Mondays 4th period.

This course restricts student enrollment by 25.