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Programme Outcome For B.Sc. HONOURS in ANTHROPOLOGY Under Four Year Under Graduate Programme (Honours/Honours with Research)

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Programme outcome - Anthropology

Undergraduate curriculum of B.Sc. (Honours) Anthropology, wef. 2023-2024 Academic year

The three year degree course of anthropology is designed to cater towards a holistic understanding of the human beings. With the introduction of the New Education Policy led programme, a special care is taken to ensure that a student acquire necessary skills to deal with the subject and enhance their research acumen.

After the completion of the course a student is expected to learn:

- a. A thorough understanding of the human past with special emphasis on prehistory and protohistory phase of the past.
- b. A comprehensive understanding of the biological aspect of human beings through the study of human evolution and variation.
- c. A critical understanding of human social and cultural variation.
- d. Basic preparation to carry out research independently.

A graduate student of anthropology would be able to understand the reasons and complexities of human variations in past and in present. S/he would be able to handle and formulate complex questions of human kind like who we are; How many types we are; What we are; and Why are in a particular way. The student would be able to communicate effectively with strangers and gather base level socio-economic data from different societies. S/he should be able to do the basic documentation of prehistoric implements for museums and collect and analyse biological data ranging from non-invasive body measurements to serology.

Students usually pursue higher education towards Masters in Science in anthropology or finds job in NGOs, corporations and in MNCs. A large number of candidates aiming for administrative services like Indian Administrative Servie (IAS) and state level services like West Bengal Civil Services Examination (WBCS) opt for anthropology. A section of the students also go out and take preparation for service related examinations.

Course outcome – Anthropology

Major Discipline Specific Core Course - 1/ Minor Course - 1 (SEM 1)

> Core Course I: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

Students will learn about the basic concepts of the discipline of Anthropology and its subdisciplines. They are exposed to the interdisciplinary nature of the subject and its relationship with related sister disciplines.

They are exposed towards considerable understanding of the notions of culture in prehistory and also in contemporary time. They are given somewhat detailed understanding of the palaeo-environment. Functional understanding of a variety of social institutions such as family, marriage and kinship is explored in the syllabus.

One of the major aspects of anthropology is the evolution of human beings, the students will learn about the origin of hominoid group in the order primate along with the principles of human evolution and variation, morphological features of man, skeletal morphology.

Practical component of Core Course 1

From the practical component students will learn to identify human bones through features and take craniometric measurements. They will also learn to draw, identify and analyse prehistoric tools through typo-technological features. To understand the basics of studying human society and culture students will learn how to follow up some of the commonly used techniques of data collection in Social-Cultural Anthropology.

Major Discipline Specific Core Course - 2/ Minor Course - 2 (SEM 2)

Core Course 2: INTRODUCTION ANTHROPOLOGY II

The second paper focuses more deeper into the origin, distribution and characteristics of extinct hominids and the process of hominization. Students are exposed to a detailed understanding of some of the disciplinary issues of biological anthropology such as race, racial criteria and factor responsible for race formation.

To further their understanding of the conceptualisation of society and culture, students are exposed to the concepts of economic organizations, political organization and religion.

Practical Component of Core Course 2

The components of the Practical paper is designed to help students better understand the evolutionary sequence of extinct hominids. They will learn to identify morphological features and their functional components in terms of human evolution. They are trained to do somatometric measurements and make anthroposcopic observations on human specimens.

The practical paper enables students to use a few basic tools of data collection including schedule/questionnaire, case study and genealogical chart.