

**The University of Suwon**  
**Socio-Cultural Anthropology in the Modern Era**  
Fall Semester 2019

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**Course Format:** Lecture and discussion with video and audio presentations

### **Course Description**

This course will introduce students to the discipline of socio-cultural anthropology. They will learn how society and culture work to influence and shape peoples' lives. Moreover, this course is an exploration of fundamental anthropological concepts, methods, and theories used to interpret traditional and modern cultures. Emphasis is placed on the socio-cultural practices of the modern era to be able to relate more to the experiences of the students. During this class the students will learn about people's practices locally and globally, both to broaden their understanding of how culture structures and patterns the lives of different groups, and to gain a better understanding of themselves.

### **Course Objectives**

During and after completing the course, the students are expected to:

1. define anthropology and describe its distinguishing features, scope, and subject matter
2. define and differentiate the concepts of society and culture
3. explain the concepts of marriage and the family
4. talk about the changes in and current problems of marriage and family systems
5. discuss gender role socialization, gender stereotypes, and stratification
6. explain the influences and effects of social media for humankind and society
7. conduct observations and interviews about specific topics and present the results in class

### **Course Language**

*This class is 100% taught in English.* Students will need to have a good level of English to read and understand the contents of the course and to be able to present an assigned topic as well as to participate in class discussions.

### **Course Guidelines**

- At the beginning of the semester, each student will choose a topic for presentation
- A creative presentation is encouraged
- The professor will give the students a list of the required assignments for each topic.
- Handphone use for dictionaries is allowed and encouraged.

- Students should come to class on time and prepared.
- Students must act respectfully and courteously in class at all times.

**Required Text/Material**

There is no specific textbook for this course. Reading/video materials including handouts and worksheets will be provided accordingly. The students are free to use any valid source of information either online or printed for their topics.

**Expectations**

- Attend and participate actively in all general class sessions.
- Complete all required activities and any related assignments.
- Make all assigned presentations.

**Policies**

To complete a course, students must attend at least 75% of classes. If students miss a course more than four times, they will fail the course.

**Excused Absences**

Death of immediate family members

Physical exam for joining the army

\*\*Students must submit conformation documents to the ESL office within a week from the date of absence.

**Tardiness**

Late for more than the first half of the class hour = 1 unexcused absence

3 times late = 1 unexcused absence

**Missed Exam**

The course has two exams (Midterm Speaking and Written Exam and Final Speaking and Written Exam)

Missing any exams results in an automatic F for the class

Makeup exams are allowed but will be docked points

**Grading**

Attendance	10%
Presentation	30%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Class Participation	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

(Note: The course is graded on a curve.)

## Class Schedule

<b>Week/Dates</b>	<b>Topics/Lessons</b>
Week 01	Orientation/Assigning of topics for presentation
Week 02	Definition, Features, and Scope of Socio-cultural Anthropology
Week 03	Concept of Society: Meaning and Definition
Week 04	Culture and its Major Characteristics
Week 05	Marriage and Family
Week 06	Diversities in Marriage and Family Practices
Week 07	Review Week
Week 08	<b>Midterm Exam</b>
Week 09	Changes in and Current Problems of Marriage and Family Systems
Week 10	Gender and Gender Role in Socialization
Week 11	Gender Stereotypes and Stratifications
Week 12	Anthropology of Social Media
Week 13	Effects of Social Media on Politics, Education, Gender, Commerce, and Privacy
Week 14	Review Week
Week 15	Make-up Week
Week 16	<b>Final Exam</b>