



# **St. Xavier's College – Autonomous, Mumbai**

## **Syllabus For 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Courses in Anthropology (June 2013 onwards)**

Contents:

Theory Syllabus for Course:

A.ANT.1.01 - INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY- I

**FYBA- Anthropology**

**Course: A.ANT.1.01**

**Title: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY - I**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. To introduce students to the central topics, concepts and methods of socio-cultural anthropology which can be broadly defined as the study of human cultures and societies.
2. To provide students with the knowledge and an understanding of the diversity of human cultures in the world.

**Number of lectures: 60**

**UNIT I: What is Anthropology** [12 lectures]

- a. Definition
- b. Subfields of Anthropology
- c. Nature of Anthropology (holistic, fieldwork, comparative method)

**UNIT II: Historical Development of Anthropology** [12 lectures]

- a. Roots of Anthropology
- b. Evolutionary theories (armchair anthropology)
- c. Empirical anthropology (fieldwork based)

**UNIT III: Core Concepts in Anthropology** [12 lectures]

- a. Culture: Evolving ideas of Culture
- b. Enculturation and Personality (Mead, Benedict and Kardiner)
- c. Ethnocentrism and the evaluation of culture.
- d. Cultural Relativism and the anthropological quest for objectivity

**UNIT IV: Evolution** [12 lectures]

- a. Biological
- b. Cultural

**UNIT V: Marriage, Family, Kinship** [12 lectures]

- a. Marriage Systems-Rules and Forms
- b. Family-Is it Universal?
- c. Kinship Fundamentals
- d. Kinship terminology
- e. Systems of descent and descent groups

**Continuous Internal Assessment: Project/ assignment**

**List of Recommended Reference Books:**

1. Embe, Carol; Ember, Melvin and Peregrine, Peter 2008 *Anthropology* (Twelfth Edition) (Indian reprint). Pearson Education, Delhi
2. Haviland, William A. 2001 *Cultural Anthropology* Wadsworth
3. Kottak, Conrad Phillip, 2002 *Cultural Anthropology* McGraw Hill, New York