



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

Syllabus

Semester II course in

Anthropology

(November 2017 onwards)

Theory Syllabus for Course:

A.ANT0201

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY - II

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Learning Objectives:

- i) To carry forward the learning approaches from previous semester.
- ii) To practically analyse selected aspects of different cultural practices.
- iii) To critically examine some of the contemporary turns in Anthropology.

UNIT 1: Language, Culture and Communication

[15 lectures]

- Origin and structure of language
- Language, thought and culture
- Language and Symbolism
- Visual Anthropology

UNIT 2: Economic Systems

[15 lectures]

- Subsistence patterns
- Systems of production
- Distribution (Potlatch)
- Exchange (Kula & Market)

UNIT 3: Political Systems

[15 lectures]

- Various types of Political Systems
- Political Control and Social Order
- Violence and Law
- Planning and Development

UNIT 4: Applying Anthropology

[15 lectures]

- Historical background
- Urban Anthropology
- Ethnomusicology
- Environmental Anthropology

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