

TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES
Bachelor in Mathematical Sciences (B.Math.Sc.)

Course of Study

Code No.: MSHU 401

Full Marks: 75

Paper: Anthropology

Pass Marks: 30

Nature: Theory

Credit: 3

Course Description:

This course is a general introduction of anthropology of Nepal. It offers an outline of history of anthropology and introduces issues in Nepali society and cultural diversity through reading of selected anthropological works.

Learning Objectives:

The main objective of this course is to make the students familiar with the discipline of anthropology, its scope and nature. Also, familiarize the students on contemporary issues in Nepal, and analyze the issues from anthropological perspectives.

Mode of Delivery:

The course will be taught by lecture (48 hrs), and problem solving and class discussion (24 hrs). The use of spreadsheet software for problem solving will be encouraged.

Contents:

Unit 1 Basic Concepts in Anthropology

10hrs

Definition, scope and nature of anthropology, History of anthropology, Four fields of anthropology(Physical, Archaeological, Linguistic and Ethnology anthropology, Anthropology and other social sciences) , Culture, norms, values, belief, community, discourse, emic and etic, ethnography, enculturation/socialization, gender, myth, person, society, social structure, and ritual.

Unit 2 Anthropology of Nepal and Cultural Diversity

10hrs

History, Key issues in development and future of anthropology in Nepal, Nature of cultural diversity, Approaches to diversity, Challenges of respecting diversity, Culture of politics and politics of culture: Interconnectedness of culture and politics, Issues in cultural politics in Nepal, Changes in the political culture.

Unit 3 Violence and symbolic Violence

7hrs

Diversity of gender relationship, Nature and history of violence in Nepal, Symbolic and structural violence, Ways to non-violence and peace.

Unit 4 Constitution and its Discontents

6hrs

Evolution of constitutionalism in Nepal, Issues of exclusion and inclusion, Causes of failure and problem with new constitution, State and democracy in Nepal.

Unit 5 Nationalism and Patriotism

5hrs

History of nationalism in Nepal, Diversity and discontents with nationalism, Emerging new form of nationalism.

Unit 6 Changing Agriculture and Environment**5hrs**

Changing nature of subsistence agriculture, Himalayan environmental crisis revisited and new crisis, Future of agriculture and sustainable environment.

Unit 7 Challenges of Education and Health Improvements**5hrs**

Issues of equal educational outcomes, Issues of equal health outcomes, Inequality and challenges in education and health situation.

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