

Module code	AZ-1202		
Module Title	Understanding Culture		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology and Anthropology)		
Type of Module	Major Core/Breadth		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
Aims To introduce students to socio-cultural anthropology. It is built around ethnographies from different regions of the world to enable students to better understand the development of different types of cultures and their interconnections in the modern world.			
Learning Outcomes: <i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order :	40%	- Clarify key methods, concepts and theories in socio-cultural anthropology - Clarify the diversity of cultural arrangements in past and present societies	
Middle order :	50%	- Identify key anthropological concepts and apply the concepts to the study of social and cultural phenomena - Identify the ways identities, beliefs and practices take shape, and how people negotiate cultural differences and diversity	
Higher order:	10%	- Develop a good understanding of what an ethnography is and appraise the unique contributions of anthropology to the social sciences - Cooperate and work efficiently in a group project and present the results in a clear and persuasive manner	
Module Content - A brief history of anthropology - Fieldwork paradigms - Cultural ecology - Kinship and marriage - Gifts and commodities - Hierarchy and dominance - Race and ethnicity - Anthropological perspectives on religion - Applied anthropology and the dilemmas of development			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Weekly discussion and feedback	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 60% Coursework: 40% Lecture and tutorial participation (10%) 1 Group project and presentation (15%) 1 Individual assignment (15%)	