

Module code	AZ-1202	
Module Title	Understanding Culture	
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology-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%	- Understand and discuss key methods, concepts and theories in socio-cultural anthropology - Understand and appreciate the diversity of cultural arrangements in past and present societies
Middle order :	50%	- Apply key anthropological concepts to the study of social and cultural phenomena - Develop a good understanding of how identities, beliefs and practices take shape, and how people negotiate cultural differences and diversity
Higher order:	10%	- Develop a comprehensive understanding of what an ethnography is and 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 Contents		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 assessment and feedback
	Summative assessment	Examination: 60% Coursework: 40% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lecture and tutorial participation (10%) - Group project and presentation (15%) - Written assignment (15%)