

# CCO201 Culture and Diversity

**Level:** 2

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:**

## Synopsis:

Culture and Diversity introduces students to an anthropological perspective on human societies. The concept of 'culture' will be critically examined in a broad range of everyday settings and social institutions. This includes the intersection of cultural diversity with religion, kinship, gender, migration, economics, politics and systems of social stratification. At the same time, major anthropological theories and the historical foundations of cultural diversity will be explored to enable students to develop an informed appreciation and critical understanding of cultural variation and its consequences in an increasingly globalised world. The use of ethnographic case studies will also be a significant aspect of this course as students are expected to apply and situate their learning in a practical manner.

## Topics:

- What is Culture?
- Intersections and Diversities of Culture
- Race, Ethnicity and the Nation
- History and Origins of Anthropological Thought
- Classical and Early 20th Century Views on Culture
- Culture in Modernity and Postmodernity
- Culture, Technology and the Environment
- Language, Culture and Communication
- Kinship, Marriage and the Family
- Gender and Identity
- Religion and the Power of Belief
- Culture, Conflict and Human Rights
- Politics, (Post)Colonialism and the World System
- Globalisation and its Contradictions

## Learning Outcome:

- Describe the anthropological view of culture and its accompanying concepts
- Explain the major anthropological theories surrounding culture and diversity
- Identify the key social institutions and processes that are influenced by culture and diversity
- Discuss different views of culture and diversity and their consequences
- Analyse the nature of cultural diversity in Singapore and other societies
- Apply anthropological perspectives on social policies related to culture and diversity

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	2
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GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	25
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>60</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	40
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>40</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**