

BA (HONS) (ANTHROPOLOGY) - CK123

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for BA (Hons) (Anthropology) (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Define the unique contribution that Anthropology can make to the study of culture and society, and the ways its concepts and practices can address important environmental, social and political issues in our time;
- Discuss how anthropological perspectives can provide a better understanding of and respect for people whose culture differs from ours;
- Outline the historical development of Anthropology and how its subfields connect to create a unique transdisciplinary approach to the study of human existence;
- Develop a deeper knowledge of past and present human biological and cultural systems, and be able to compare these past and present cultures in a cross-cultural, relativistic, and scientific manner;
- Explain how anthropological approaches are important in understanding different worldviews, subsistence patterns, modes of exchange, kinship and family organisation, political institutions, strategies of socialization and education, religious beliefs, and technology, in different parts of the world;
- Explain how the study of Archaeology and Physical Anthropology can lead to a better understanding of evolutionary and historical processes that have shaped biological and cultural diversity in the present time;
- Recognize the manner in which theories and methods in Anthropology and Sociology complement and build on each other, and the way they have developed together during the past century of research;
- Recognize the important contribution that other subject areas of Anthropology and cognate disciplines can bring to this field of academic enquiry;
- Identify the ethical principles used in anthropological research and be able to apply these to public debate on pressing social issues in the modern world;
- Communicate anthropological knowledge effectively to diverse audiences through writing, oral presentation and other forms of dissemination.