

Ahmednagar Jilha Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj's
New Arts, Commerce, and Science College
Ahmednagar (Autonomous)
(Affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune)



National Education Policy (NEP)
Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

Programme Framework and Syllabus for
Open Elective: Anthropology
खुला वैकल्पिक विषय: मानवशास्त्र

(For Students of Commerce and Science Faculty)
(वाणिज्य व विज्ञान शाखेतील विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता)

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**Introduction of Open Electives (Anthropology): For Science and
 Commerce Faculty**

Anthropology is a branch of social science that involves the study of humans and humanity as a whole. Here, students learn about human biology, human behaviour, societies, linguistics, culture, and more in the past and present context. It examines humans, their ancestors, and how society has evolved over the years. Students can study Anthropology as an undergraduate (BA, BSC), postgraduate (MA, MSC), doctorate (PhD, M. Phil), certificate, or diploma course. For those interested in enhancing their knowledge about humans and then using it to better society, anthropology is the perfect fit.

Open Elective/ Generic Elective Framework and Course Distribution:

Subject: Anthropology (For Science and Commerce Faculty only)

Sr. No.	Year	Semester	Level	Course Type	Course Code	Title	Credits
1.	I	I	4.5	OE-01	OE-AN-01T	Basic Anthropology for competitive exam-I	02
2.	I	II	5.0	OE-01	OE-AN-02T	Basic Anthropology for competitive exam-II	02
3.	II	III	5.5	OE-03	OE-AN-03T		02
4.	II	IV	6.0	OE-04	OE-AN-04T		02
Total							08

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Syllabus of Open Elective: Anthropology**

Title of the Course: Basic Anthropology for competitive exam-I								
Year: I				Semester: I				
Course Type	Course Code	Credit Distribution		Credits	Allotted Hours	Allotted Marks		
		Theory	Practical			CIE	ESE	Total
OE-01	OE-AN-01T	02	00	02	30	15	35	50

Learning Objectives:

1. The course aims at introducing Anthropology as the science of mankind.
2. It seeks to introduce the paradigms from all the four sub-fields of Anthropology which enable anthropologists to study human beings with holistic approach.

Course Outcomes (Cos)

1. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental concepts, theories, and methods of cultural anthropology.
2. Develop critical thinking skills to analyze and interpret cultural practices, beliefs, and social structures in different societies.
3. Enhance cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity by examining diverse cultural systems and their impact on individuals and communities.
4. Acquire the ability to apply anthropological perspectives to contemporary issues and challenges, such as globalization, cultural diversity, and social inequality.

Detailed Syllabus: Example**Unit I: Culture**

- a. The concept of culture
- b. Definitions of culture –EB Tylor, Herskovits
- c. The four elements of culture
- d. Characteristics of culture
- e. Material and non-material aspects of culture
- f. Enculturation, Acculturation and Cultural Diffusion

Unit II: Religious Organization

- a. Religion: -Definition
- b. Forms of religion: Animism, Animatism, Nature worship
- c. Totem, taboo
- d. Religious specialists-Shaman, Bhagat
- e. Magic – White magic, black magic, characteristics and aims of magic

Suggested Readings/Material:

1. Manavshastra: SamajikVaSanskritik – Y.S. Mehendale (Marathi Book)
2. Manavshastra – N.S. Vaidya (Marathi Book)
3. SamajikManavshastra – Vilas Sangve (Marathi Book)
4. Introduction to Social Anthropology – Mazumdar & Madan
5. Origin of Man and His Culture – S. Fucus

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1. Cultural Anthropology – Keesing&Keesing
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Title of the Course: Basic Anthropology for competitive exam-II								
Year: I				Semester: II				
Course Type	Course Code	Credit Distribution		Credits	Allotted Hours	Allotted Marks		
		Theory	Practical			CIE	ESE	Total
OE-02	OE-AN-02T	02	00	02	30	15	35	50

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Course Outcomes (Cos)

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Detailed Syllabus: Example**Unit I: Economic Organization**

- a. Characteristics of primitive economic system
- b. Types and stages of economy – Hunting and gathering, pastoralism, shifting cultivation and settled agriculture among tribal communities
- c. The concept of property and inheritance

Unit II: Political Organization

- a. Definitions and nature
- b. Means of social control
- c. Nature of tribal leadership – Headman (indigenous), hereditary, etc
- d. Law and justice, Characteristics of Law
- e. Punishments-Enforcements among tribal community

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