NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
SOC 212 – PRINCIPLES OF ANTROPOLOGY II (3 CR.)

Course Description
Inquires into the origins, development, and diversification of human biology and human cultures. Includes fossil records, physical origins of human development, human population genetics, linguistics, cultures' origins and variation, and historical and contemporary analysis of human societies. Part II of II. Lecture 3 hours per week. (Part II can be taken before Part I)

General Course Purpose
To provide the student with an introduction to the variability of human culture and to acquaint them with the interconnections and interdependence of aspects of the human experience.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites
None.

Course Objectives
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

a) Describe the discipline of anthropology and make connections between each of its four fields.
b) Identify the characteristics of anthropological field methods and the ethics of anthropological research.
c) Identify characteristics common to all cultures.
d) Describe the connection between culture, society, and individuals.
e) Define and critique ethnocentrism.
f) Define language and distinguish between sign and symbol.
g) Identify cross-cultural differences in nonverbal means of communication.
h) Explain the emergence of language, speech, and writing.
i) Explain how cultures are learned and transmitted
j) Discuss gender from a cross-cultural perspective.
k) Summarize the impact of global markets on local communities.
l) Contrast family and household forms across cultures.
m) Explain how kinship is the basis of social organization in every culture.
n) Articulate how religion is related to other parts of a cultural system.
o) Explain and give examples of the relationship between art and cultural identity.
p) Identify the key mechanisms of cultural change.
q) Analyze why globalization disrupts and reorganizes cultures all across the globe, with both positive and negative consequences.

Major Topics to be Included
a) Characteristics of Culture
b) Theory and Methods
c) Ethnographic research
d) Language and Culture
e) Religion and Spirituality
f) Marriage and Kinship
g) Gender and Sexuality
h) Cultural Change
i) Race and Ethnicity
j) Global Challenges
k) Social Institutions and Organizations

Extra Topics (Optional)
- Modernization
- Technology and the Future
- International development
- Health and Medicine
- The Arts and Consumption
- Diverse Population