UCLouvain

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## Social and cultural anthropology

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30.0 h

4.00 credits

Q2

Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Main themes	Mainly, there will be examinations of evolutionism, diffusionism, culturalism, functionalism and structuralism. The main writers to be studied will be Morgan, Frazer, Tylor, Schmidt, Elliot-Smith, Benedict, Mead, Malinowski, Radcliffe-Brown, Evans-Pritchard and Lévi-Strauss.			
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :			
	To give students a detailed introduction to the theories of social anthropology. Students will have to be able to articulate and criticise both the general principles of the main currents of thought in ethnology, and the main writers that have made an impact on the history of this subject. They will also be familiarised with the main features of ethnology. The general objective is, therefore, encyclopaedic, synthetic and critical.			
Evaluation methods	Oral exam based on notes and teaching material.			
Content	The course will be taught through lectures. Each current will be addressed briefly, and sessions will ther move on to an examination of some writers, and to a critical evaluation. Participation on the course is essential. Students will have extensive typed course notes that will enable them to follow the course better.			
Inline resources	Power point and scientific articles.			
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPO			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes	
Minor in Culture and Creation	MINCUCREA	5		٩	
Minor in Sociology and Anthropology	MINSOCA	4		٩	
Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions	SREL9CE	3		٩	
Minor in Gender Studies	MINGENRE	5		٩	
Bachelor in Biology, Anthropology and Archaeology	BABA1BA	6		٩	