



**St. Xavier's College – Autonomous,
Mumbai**

Syllabus

Semester I course in

Anthropology

(June 2017 onwards)

Theory Syllabus for Course:

AANT0101

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY - I

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Learning Objectives:

- i) To introduce students to the core themes and methods of socio-cultural Anthropology.
- ii) To explore contemporary issues and perspectives in this discipline.

UNIT 1: Introduction

[15 lectures]

- Meaning and scope
- History of Anthropology
- Methods
- Socio-cultural Anthropology

[15 lectures]

UNIT 2: Core Concepts

- Culture
- Evolution
- Culture and Personality
- Ethnocentrism and Cultural Relativism

UNIT 3: Marriage, Family, Kinship

- Sex, Gender, Marriage and Family
- Kinship and Descent
- Approaches to Kinship Studies
- Alternative Kinships

[15 lectures]

UNIT 4: Religion, Science and Magic

- Religion and Science
- Functions and expressions of Religion
- Magic, Witchcraft and Sorcery
- Religion and Globalisation

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ASSESSMENT:

CIA I: Written Exam

CIA II: Written Assignment