

# VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Midnapore, West Bengal



*PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF*

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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

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**4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

*(w.e.f. Academic Year 2023-2024)*

*Based on*

**Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes**

**(CCFUP), 2023 & NEP, 2020**

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**(under CCFUP, 2023)**

Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
								CA	ESE	TOTAL	
B.Sc. (Hons.)	1 <sup>st</sup>	I	<b>SEMESTER-I</b>								
			Major-1	ANTHMJ101	T: Introduction to Anthropology P: Practical	4	3-0-1	15	60	75	
			SEC	ANTSEC01	P: Assessment of Nutritional Status	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC01	Communicative English -1 ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC01	Multidisciplinary Course -1 ( <i>to be chosen from the list</i> )	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC01	ENVS ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	4	2-0-2	50	50	100	
			Minor (Disc.-I)	ANTMI01	T: Introduction to Anthropology; P: Practical ( <i>To be taken by students of other Disciplines</i> )	4	3-0-1	15	60	75	
		<b>Semester-I Total</b>						20			400
		II	<b>SEMESTER-II</b>								
			Major-2	ANTHMJ102	T: Foundational Concepts of Anthropology P: Practical	4	3-0-1	15	60	75	
			SEC	ANTSEC02	P: Study of Development Programme	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC02	MIL-1 ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC02	Multi Disciplinary Course-02 ( <i>to be chosen from the list</i> )	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC02	Value Added Course-02 ( <i>to be chosen from the list</i> )	4	4-0-0	10	40	50	
			Minor (Disc.-II)	ANTMI01	T: Basic Concepts of Anthropology; P: Practical ( <i>To be taken by students of other Disciplines</i> )	4	3-0-1	15	60	75	
			Summer Intern.	CS	Community Service	4	0-0-4	-	-	50	
		<b>Semester-II Total</b>						24			400
		<b>TOTAL of YEAR-1</b>						44			800

MJ = Major, MI = Minor Course, SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, AEC = Ability Enhancement Course, MDC = Multidisciplinary Course, VAC = Value Added Course; CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical, MIL = Modern Indian Language, ENVS = Environmental Studies

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**MAJOR (MJ)**

**MJ-1: Introduction to Anthropology**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MJ-1T: Introduction to Anthropology**

**Credits 03**

**Course contents:**

**Unit I:**

- Anthropology – Definition, Aim, Scope. Four-Fields of Anthropology.
- History and Development of Anthropology as a discipline with special reference to India and Europe.
- Unique features of Anthropology.
- Relation of Anthropology with other relevant disciplines.

**Unit II:**

- Biological Anthropology: Definition, Aim, Scope,
- Branches of Biological Anthropology,
- Study of Human Skull and Long Bones
- Classification, Distribution and features of living Primates
- Basic Paleo-environment, Geo-morphological classification.

**Unit –III:**

- Social Cultural Anthropology: Definition, Aim, and Scope,
- Branches of Social Cultural Anthropology,
- Concept of Culture and Society,
- Features of Fieldwork.

**Unit-IV:**

- Archaeological Anthropology: Definition, Aim, and Scope,
- Branches of Archaeological Anthropology,
- Three Age System, Periodisation of prehistory,
- Historical development of Indian Prehistory.

**MJ-1P: Introduction to Anthropology (Practical)**

**Credits 01**

**Course contents:**

1. Characteristics feature of human cranium: Frontal, Lateral, Vertical, Back (Occipital), Basal view.
2. Comparison of human skull with skulls of living primates.
3. Identification of Cranial & facial bones: Frontal, Parietal, Occipital, Temporal, Sphenoid, Mandible, Maxilla, Zygomatic.

**MJ-2: Foundational Concepts of Anthropology**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MJ-2T: Foundational Concepts of Anthropology**

**Credits 03**

**Course contents:**

**Unit I:**

- Comparative anatomy of Primates, Primate Behaviour, Living Apes.
- Origin of life, Theories of Organic evolution (Lamarckism, Darwinism, Mutation Theory, Synthetic theory)
- Mendelism
- Concept of Gene

**Unit II:**

- Ways of Subsistence - Hunting-Gathering, Pastoralism, Horticulture, Agriculture.
- Social Institution - Family, Marriage, Kinship (Definition, Features, Types)
- Concept of Clan, Lineage, Group, Association, Community, Social Organization, Network Society.

**Unit III:**

- Geo-morphological Classification
- Paleo-environment
- Methods of studying Archaeological Anthropology
- Concept and Types of Dating.

**MJ-2P: Foundational Concepts of Anthropology (Practical)**

**Credits 01**

1. Traditional technology of subsistence/ Material culture- Drawing & Identification.
2. Report on Museum Visit (1-3 days) with a focus on the material culture of subsistence activities/Prehistoric Stone tools.

**MINOR (MI)**

**MI – 1: Introduction to Anthropology**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MI – 1T: Introduction to Anthropology**

**Credits 03**

**Course contents:**

**Unit I:** Anthropology - Definition, Aim, Scope. Four-Fields of Anthropology, Outline of History and Development of Anthropology. Unique features of Anthropology, Relation of Anthropology with other relevant disciplines.

**Unit II:** Biological Anthropology: Definition, Aim, Scope, Branches of Biological Anthropology, Classification, and features of living Primates.

**Unit –III:** Social Cultural Anthropology: Definition, Aim, and Scope, Branches of Social Cultural Anthropology, Concept of Culture and Society, Features of Fieldwork.

**Unit-IV:** Archaeological Anthropology: Definition, Aim, and Scope, Branches of Archaeological Anthropology, Three Age System, Periodisation of prehistory.

**MI-1P: Introduction to Anthropology (Practical)**

**Credits 01**

**Course Outline:**

1. Characteristics feature of human cranium: Frontal, Lateral, Vertical, back (Occipital), basal view.
2. Comparison of human skull with skulls of living primates.

**MI-2: Basic Concepts of Anthropology**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MI-2T: Basic Concepts of Anthropology**

**Credits 03**

**Course contents:**

**Unit I:** Primate Behaviour, Living Apes. Origin of life, Classical Theories of Organic evolution (Lamarckism, Darwinism), Mendel's law, Concept of Gene.

**Unit II:** Ways of Subsistence - Hunting-Gathering, Pastoralism, Horticulture, Agriculture, Social Institution- Family and Marriage (Definition, Features, Types), Clan, Lineage, Group, Community, Social Organization.

**Unit III:** Geological Time-scale, Pleistocene environment, Concept of Dating.

**MI-2: Basic Concepts of Anthropology (Practical)**

**Credits 01**

**Course Outline:**

Report on Museum Visit (1-3 days) with a focus on the material culture of subsistence activities/Prehistoric Stone tools.

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

**SEC 1: Assessment of Nutritional Status**

**Credits 03 (Full Marks: 50)**

**SEC1P: Assessment of Nutritional Status (Practical)**

**Course Outline:**

**A. Dietary assessment**

1. Standards for nutrient intake
2. Food Label
3. Measuring food consumption of individuals
4. Food composition tables and databases

**B. Anthropometric assessment**

**Anthropometric assessment of adults**

1. Weight
2. Height
3. Circumferences
4. Skinfold thickness
5. Breadths

**Anthropometric assessment of infants and Children**

6. Introduction of Growth charts
7. Interpretation of growth charts
8. Anthropometric measurements of children
9. Age calculation
  - i. Weight
  - ii. Height
  - iii. Circumferences
  - iv. Skinfold thickness

## **SEC 2: Study of Development Programme**

**Credits 03 (Full Marks: 50)**

### **SEC 2P: Study of Development Programme (Practical)**

#### **Course Outline:**

1. Concept of Development: Types and Features
2. Development Anthropology and Anthropology of Development
3. Role of Anthropology in Development Process
4. Recent trends in Development Strategies
5. Various Developmental programmes/policies in India
6. ***Evaluation of Developmental Project/Policies***- Prepare a report on any developmental projects/policies which must include Abstract (200 words), Title of research, Background of the research, Objective, Literature Review, Methods and Techniques of Data Collection, Data Analysis, Results and Discussion, References
7. ***Duration of Field Work- Minimum of 10 days***