

Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences



PSP1124 Social and cultural anthropology

[30h] 3 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

- to develop a transcultural reference frame allowing the psychology students to position the theories and practices studied during their cursus.
- to supply a coherent survey of the major themes constituting the main currents of the anthropological thinking.

Main themes

- critical presentation of the main current methods in anthropological research
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 - c) the relationship between the cultural and the psychic
 - d) how these major themes have been considered by various schools.

Content and teaching methods

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Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Written exam
 Course outline

Other credits in programs

ARCH12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en sciences de l'ingénieur, orientation ingénieur civil architecte	(3 credits)	
PSP11BA	Première année de bachelier en sciences psychologiques et de l'éducation	(3 credits)	Mandatory