

Anthropology and Religion

Course Title: Anthropology, Religion and Philosophy

Credits: 3

Full Marks: 50

Pass Marks:

Total teaching Hours: 55

Objectives

The objective of this course is to introduce the students with the anthropological and religious aspects of Nepal with some focus on development strategies of Nepal from sociological/ anthropological perspectives.

Contents:

Title	Details	Hours
Introduction	What is theory? Difference between concept and theory, social concept and social theory, relationship between social theory and social research, historical context of rise and development of sociological and anthropological thought and theories.	3
Society and culture	Evolutionary and diffusionist perspectives.	2
Contemporary Development: Ideology and Practices in Nepal	State-led development strategy, market-led development strategy, NGO/INGO development strategy and community-led development strategy.	5
Anthropology of Nepal	Anthropology, society and development in Nepal.	5
Structure of Nepali Society	Population structure, caste system, ethnicity, gender role and position, class-based division and diversity.	6
Religions in Nepal	Population share based on religions, religious harmony, major religious places and their significances.	4
Introduction to Hinduism	Thematic and historical introduction to Hinduism, Hinduism and Vedic culture, scriptures of Hinduism.	15
Introduction to Buddhism	Foundation, history, system, mythology and practice of Buddhism.	15