Anthropology and Modern Problems
Department of Anthropology
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Anthropology is typically associated with the study of far away places and of “exotic,” “traditional” cultures, but, in fact, anthropologists have long studied “modern” life both in the West and elsewhere around the world. This gives anthropology a great deal to say about problems and predicaments facing people in the world today. In this course students are introduced to a range of problems such as the practice of female genital mutilation, urban poverty, international migration, health epidemics, the fight for human rights, and the “War on Drugs.” These issues are compared across a range of societies, from “modern” US cities to “traditional” villages in non-Western countries. This cross-cultural approach allows students to understand that the problems that affect people in far away places also affect us in the United States, and that these problems are the clearest indication of the interconnections of modern global society.

This course may be used to fulfill the following requirements:

- Social Sciences Requirement
- Diversity Requirement
- Global Awareness Requirement

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