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Introduction to Anthropology at UCLA

This course has three main goals: 1) to introduce you to the faculty at UCLA (your future teachers and mentors) and to the intellectual terrain of our department; 2) to discuss ways in which you may enhance your professional career here at UCLA and in the academic world more generally; and 3) to produce a preliminary and tentative conceptualization of your research goals, one that might be suitable for submission to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program and other granting agencies (for those of you who are eligible for such support).

All of these goals are interrelated. Knowledge of our department’s intellectual strengths should help you to conceptualize your own research goals in a more realistic and productive way. A conceptualization of your research goals, no matter how tentative or preliminary, in turn, should promote your professional development, since such conceptualization is critical to a successful academic career. In formulating and articulating your research interests, you will need to consult your preliminary advisors and other faculty, and is so doing, learn more about our department and its strengths and weaknesses. And so on.

This seminar is designed as a two unit course, thus reading and writing assignments are limited. Visiting faculty may have us read an article or two per week, but these readings will be of a general, overview nature. There are two primary requirements for successful completion of this course: 1) active participation in each seminar, including the submission of discussion questions for the assigned reading (when required); and 2) submission of a research proposal (again, no matter how preliminary and tentative), due Monday, November 6.

Schedule of Topics

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Week 4 (Oct 23) proposal writing continued: graduate students
Week 5 (Oct 30) discussion of preliminary research proposals
Week 6 (Nov 6) Human Subjects Protection at UCLA: Alison Orkin and graduate students (research proposal due)
Week 7 (Nov 13) UCLA Archaeology
Week 8 (Nov 20) UCLA Biological Anthropology
Week 9 (Nov 27) UCLA Linguistic Anthropology
Week 10 (Dec 4) UCLA Sociocultural Anthropology