# ANTH 4700: Issues in Contemporary Anthropology Theory – Short Outline

# Winter 2025 – Tuesdays, 2:30-5:20

# Location: MACK 305, but this is subject to change

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# Course Overview

In this course we explore ongoing discussions in current anthropological theory and examine the relationship between anthropological practice and theory. The structure of this course places considerable weight on student interaction, and on student input into the direction of our discussions. I have chosen specific topics for some weeks, and other weeks will be driven by student groups who will decide the topics we explore together.

Calendar Description  
This course critically examines current anthropological theories, which may include post-structuralism, post-modernism, neo-Marxism and processual approaches. Attention may also be given to the theoretical and political implications of constructionism and calls for ethnographic reflexivity.

**Prerequisite(s):** 12.50 credits including ANTH\*3690, SOAN\*3070

**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology

# Assessment Methods

TBD. Detailed assignment guidelines will be available to the class through Courselink.

# Required Readings

TBD, but will include open-access articles/book, with the option to buy a hard-copy of the book if you would like.