

# LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

*Spring (Term 1 & 2)*

## **Curriculum Features**

The Department of Integrated Global Studies, School of Integrated Arts and Sciences (IGS) offer courses from various fields to expand your perspectives relevant to language and culture. The fields of specialization include culture, tourism, peace, sociology, and linguistics.

## **Courses**

Students need to register I, II, and Independent Study under the same course title to gain three credits as one completed course unit. Also, it is required to take at least two units out of the following four.

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### **Anthropology of Globalization I (1 credit)**

This course will discuss the basic topics and theories of cultural anthropology. It further argues what are the relevancies and significances of anthropological views and approaches to the understanding and analysis of the contemporary phenomena and the issues of globalizing world.

### **Anthropology of Globalization II (1 credit)**

The class deals with various issues of contemporary society through cultural anthropological lens.

The topics dealt with are: globalization and cross-border migration; welfare and social development which include such focuses on social policy, poverty, and care; conflict and peace, disaster and risk, neoliberalism and precariousness of contemporary world; anthropological focus on nature, nonhuman, and materiality.

### **Independent Study on Anthropology of Globalization (1 credit)**

You will do independent research with the course instructor's supervision.

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**Contemporary Issues in International Tourism I (1 credit)**

This class aims at learning International tourism in a global era. From mass tourism to Special Interest Tourism, the class introduces Cases of Global tourism.

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**Independent Study on Contemporary Issues in International Tourism (1 credit)**

You will do independent research with the course instructor's supervision.

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**Language and Thought I (1 credit)**

The aims of this course are to draw attention to interesting linguistic phenomena in everyday life and to discuss how the language we speak shapes the way we think. It is true that a language is shaped by cultural and historical factors, but it is also deeply rooted on fundamental human cognitive abilities. This fact gives us a key to understanding the relationship between language and thought. In this course, students will learn how cognitive and cultural factors shape a language and conversely how language shapes the way we see the world.

**Language and Thought II (1 credit)**

The aims of this course are to draw attention to interesting linguistic phenomena in everyday life to provide students with the ideas of linguistic relativity through several case studies. It is true that a language is shaped by cultural and historical factors, but it is also deeply rooted on fundamental human cognitive abilities. This fact gives us a key to understanding the relationship between language and thought. In this course, students will learn how diverse languages are in the world and how the speakers of each language construe the world differently.

**Independent Study on Language and Thought (1 credit)**

You will do independent research with the course instructor's supervision.

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**Peace and Coexistence I (1 credit)**

This course aims at understanding the concept of peace, and the basic system and norms that the international community has established for the maintenance of international peace and security. It also introduces important cases of conflict and violence.

**Peace and Coexistence II (1 credit)**

This course aims at familiarizing with peacebuilding activities (rule of law, security sector reform, transitional justice, etc.) conducted by various actors.

**Independent Study on Peace and Coexistence (1 credit)**

You will do independent research with the course instructor's supervision.

*Note:* Students can also choose courses offered in the Department of Integrated Global Studies other than those listed above as long as they consult and are permitted by the instructor prior to registration.