

Course Number

ANT-237-01

Course Description

Bloods. Crips. Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13). The 18th St. Gang (M-18). Latin Kings. The names have become synonymous with senseless violence. Both feared and fetishized, the street gang became a focal point of urban politics in the United States and Latin America during the late twentieth century. Beginning with the neoliberal reforms of the 1980s, young, poor, minorities have found themselves at the center of a socio-economic crisis that has been accompanied by the rise of zero-tolerance policing. For the purposes of this class, the youth gang phenomenon will serve as a window in to the experience of racial, ethnic and economic marginalization under late capitalism. We will explore the context that gives rise to gang violence through a combination of anthropological, sociological, and historical approaches. By the end of the quarter, students will be familiar with the macro-social factors that shape both gangs and the politics of urban violence in the Americas.

Academic Term

22/SP

Instructor

Samet, Robert

Location & Meeting Time

Wold Center-128+ M/W 03:05PM-04:45PM LEC

By Permission of Instructor

Y

Credits

1.00

Capacity

25

Total Students

22

Additional Information

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Common Curriculum

LCC Languages & Cultures

Interdisciplinary Programs

Africana Studies

American Studies

Latin American Studies

Academic Department

Anthropology

Field Of Study

Anthropology (ANT)