Course Number ANT-272-01 **Course Description** This course examines the influence of culture and society on individual psychology. Readings and class discussions examine the history of the way anthropologists have thought about the relationship between culture and personality. Issues examined will include: Do cultures produce and favor distinctive personality types? How is mental illness shaped by cultural beliefs and social practices? Are there distinctive culture bound syndromes and, if so, what produces them? Do cultures provide tools to help individuals adjust to crises? Do some cultures do this better than others? Are emotions fundamentally the same across cultures or does emotional experience vary significantly with culture? Is there a culture of psychiatry in the US? How do our cultural assumptions and our pharmaceutical industries shape our views of personality and mental illness? Cases will be drawn from Oceania, Asia, North America, and the Middle East. Course Types: SOCS, LCC, JCHF, JSPE Interdisciplinary Programs: GSW, STS Academic Term 22/FA Instructor Brison, Karen Location & Meeting Time Karp Hall-002+ M/W/F 11:45AM-12:50PM LEC Credits 1.00 Capacity 25 **Total Students** 24 Additional Information http://www.union.edu/Anthropology **Common Curriculum** LCC SOCS **JCHF JSPE** AIS **Interdisciplinary Programs** Gender/Sexuality/Women's St Science, Medicine & Tech in Cu Academic Department Anthropology Field Of Study Anthropology (ANT)