

# Introduction to Anthropology

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## We're delighted you're thinking about studying at Brunel University London.

Anthropology is the study of people and their societies. Our lecturers have put together the following information to help you prepare for your course. This will give you a snapshot of the materials and reading list you'll be using. You'll get a full breakdown of information before you enrol.

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If you have any more questions, [please get in touch](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to Brunel.

### Sample lecture/coursework questions

1. Why do we give gifts?
2. Is the nuclear family universal?
3. How many ways of subsistence patterns can you list?
4. Is culture vs nature the same as male vs female?
5. What do you think 'rites of passage' means?



## Reading list

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