

## Department Of English, Kamala Nehru College

Attempts at defining the term “culture” have been an integral part of social discourses. One of the most frequently used terms/ concepts, “culture” is re-examined and re-defined everyday, whether consciously or otherwise. This happens not only in the form of academic dialogue and formal discourse, but more often, through mundane everyday practices.

In our times, the discipline of culture studies is perhaps the most interdisciplinary field of investigation that has rightfully acquired a significant place across all disciplines of the social sciences. A refined understanding of culture is not just an academic need but also crucial in creating a critical citizenry.

# Introduction to Culture Studies

The Introduction to Culture Studies, an add-on/ non-credit course will examine the following areas:

- Introduction to the concept of culture
- Development of culture studies in other disciplines like cultural sociology, cultural anthropology, folklorestics and literary studies
- Emergence of subculture and popular culture
- Contemporary interpretations of cultural texts and/or practices like music, advertising, women’s magazines, shopping and sports.

The sessions will be scheduled for two hours per week (class timings will be in lieu with the master time table). The students will be given a certificate by the department on the successful completion of the course. Students will be required to have the minimum requisite attendance (66.6%) and will be required to submit one written project (or formal presentation) to be awarded the course certificate.

The intake of students will be determined by a fair application process. Those interested may apply for the course with a brief statement of interest (explaining why they wish to register for the course, in about 300 words) to either of the instructors latest by 25 January 2016.

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