Rituals of Self, Rituals of Society (SOC/ANTH, 300-level, 3 credits, in English)
Why do we buy tourist kitsch? Why do we go en masse to tourist sites, watch TV together, witness sports in public? What does a Sunday dinner have in common with a funeral? This course answers these and other questions about the nature of ritual among human groups, examining various facets ritual practices across social groups. Particular attention to secular forms of ritual, and in particular rituals of tourism (eg. Sight-seeing, kitsch-buying, food consumption) and the way they construct self and others.

Sociology of Food: Identity, Group Cohesion, and Foodways Across Cultures (SOC/ANTH/PSY, 300-level, 3 credits, in English)
This course explores how we bring meaning to food culture. Far from trivial, our best-loved and most-yearned for foods offer not only comfort, but connection to place; they become ways we think about belonging to and coming from certain places. Likewise, food cultures become a form of tourism, through which the visitor or stranger seems to experience place/difference/foreignness through foods and alternate foodways. All the while, food is also core to the experience of privilege and need; it is intimately linked to global inequalities and forms of marking the “other.” In this course we will focus on foodways in relation to family, community, nation, and inequalities.

San Sebastián Program Highlights:
• Enjoy activities such as surfing and hiking, cultural events, and conversation partner program with local students
• Live in a stunning location on Spain’s beautiful northern coast, twenty minutes from the border of France—with easy connections to Madrid, Bilbao, and major European cities
• Benefit from San Sebastián’s exceptional cuisine and beautiful beaches, for which it is well known in Europe
• Join excursions in Spain and the French Basque Country to prehistoric caves, mountains, and fishing villages

Host University: University of the Basque Country
Maximum program enrollment: 65 students
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Language of instruction: English/Spanish
Application deadline: November 1
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