

Anthropology

College of
Arts and Sciences

The Department of Anthropology offers opportunities to learn about the diverse people of today's world, as well as about their biological and cultural origins. This area of study deals with ecology, society, biology, culture, and language, among other aspects of human life. In addition, anthropologists study history and evolution in both a cultural and biological framework.

Anthropology provides an excellent foundation for careers in a variety of professions and occupations, including community health, public health policy, medicine and health services, planning and community development, international relations and development, private business, government, law, journalism, museum work, and university teaching and research.

Students can major or minor in anthropology. The major is structured to provide the student with a broad overview of the major subdisciplines: cultural anthropology, physical anthropology and archaeology. It also allows sufficient flexibility for a student to concentrate on a specific area of interest.

Degree Requirements

The total course work required for the major in anthropology is 36 hours, plus 15 hours of allied course work. In addition to satisfying University Studies requirements and the College requirements listed earlier, each student completes the following:

Premajor Requirements (9 hours)

Students must take ANT 220, 230 and 240.

Major Requirements

Students must take a minimum of 27 hours at the 200 level or above (in addition to the premajor requirements), chosen to produce a coherent program and to include the following:

Anthropological Theory (6 hours)

ANT 301, 433

Anthropological Method (3 hours)

ANT 490

Regional Focus (6 hours)*

Students must take two courses according to one of the following options:

Option 1

This option requires one ethnology course and one archaeology course that treat material from the **same** world region (i.e., Old World or New World). The ethnology course is to be chosen from: ANT 221, 323, 324, 327, 431G, 470G, 527, 534.

The archaeology course is to be chosen from ANT 241, 242, 320, 322, 342, 555.

Option 2

This option requires two ethnology courses that treat material from **different** world regions (i.e., Old World or New World). To be chosen from: ANT 221, 323, 324, 431G, 470G, 527, 534.

Subdisciplinary Breadth (9 hours)*

Students achieve disciplinary breadth by completing a minimum of one course in each of the three subdisciplines. Courses are to be chosen from the following list:

Archaeology – ANT 241, 242, 320, 322, 342, 541, 545, 555, 585

Cultural Anthropology – ANT 340, 401, 429, 525, 526, 532, 538, 550

Physical Anthropology – ANT 332, 333

Senior Integrative Seminar (3 hours)

ANT 582 is a capstone seminar on contemporary issues in anthropology and is to be taken in the senior year.

Allied Course Work

Students must take a minimum of 15 credits at the 200 level and above in courses meaningfully related to their specific interests in anthropology.

*ANT 350, 399, 580, 581 and other ANT courses not listed here may be used to fulfill Subdisciplinary Breadth and/or Regional Focus requirements with the consent of the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Courses taken to meet a requirement in one area cannot be used to meet a requirement in another.