

## Anthropology Major

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Anthropology is concerned with how humans and human societies evolve, with the differences and similarities among human cultures, and with the cultural and biological basis for human behavior.

Anthropology integrates a wide range of perspectives on human behavior, culture, and society. Students will become familiar with the basic concerns of four sub-fields of anthropology: archaeology, physical anthropology, cultural anthropology, and anthropological linguistics.

The archaeology program offers courses covering many geographic regions (Latin America, North America, China, and Europe), techniques of analysis, and issues in prehistory. Museum collections, a cultural resource management program, and an annual summer field school provide opportunities for student involvement in archaeological work.

The physical anthropology program offers classes on evolutionary theory, sociobiology, human genetics, osteoarchaeology, and human and nonhuman primate evolution, anatomy and morphology.

Cultural anthropology is represented by a wide variety of courses on culture areas including the Pacific, Latin America, China, Japan and South Asia, Eastern Europe and the United States. Classes provide cross-cultural studies of topics such as medical anthropology, food, social and political organization, sex roles, kinship, ethnicity, folklore, and religion.

Anthropological linguistics addresses the nature of languages around the world, focusing on the relationship of language to other aspects of culture and society. Among the courses offered are Gypsy language and culture and writing systems of ancient Mesoamerica.

### **Required courses for the Anthropology major**

The anthropology major requires the completion of 30 credits distributed as follows.

#### **Core courses**

ANTH 0582 Archaeology  
ANTH 0680 Physical Anthropology  
ANTH 0780 Cultural Anthropology

#### **Seminar course**

ANTH 1750 or other Undergraduate Seminar

#### **Elective courses**

Students are required to complete a minimum of 18 elective credits in ANTH courses of any level.

**Grade requirements:** A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

**Satisfactory/No Credit option:** No course that counts toward the major can be taken on an S/NC basis.

**Writing (W) requirement:** Students must complete at least one (1) W course in the major.

**Related area:** A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one (1) Arts and Sciences department chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official Arts and Sciences minor or an Arts and Sciences or CIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

**Honors major requirements:** Students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.25 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in their Anthropology courses will be graduated from the department with honors, pending the submission and acceptance of a paper representing substantial student research. The honors paper may be the expanded version of a paper from a current or previous course, or may result from independent research.

**Internships:** The department maintains and continually updates a list of available internship opportunities.

#### **Undergraduate Anthropology Club**

This organization offers workshops, hosts informal discussions, shows films, and organizes field trips for Anthropology majors and those interested in Anthropology. For additional information, contact the Undergraduate Anthropology Club via mailbox in WWPH 3302.

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## **Checklist for the Anthropology major**

### **Required courses**

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\_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1780 or other Undergraduate Seminar

### **Elective courses**

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