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# 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. It 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, among others), techniques of analysis, and issues in prehistory. Opportunities for student involvement in archaeological work are provided through museum collections, participation in research with faculty and graduate students, and a periodic summer field school.

The physical anthropology program offers classes on evolutionary theory, human genetics, osteoarchaeology, forensic anthropology, 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.

Linguistic Anthropology examines language, and other semiotic systems, as forms of practice through which social relations, cultural forms, and beliefs are constituted. Courses are offered on language and the emotions; ritual performance; language shifts and code-switching; connections between language, ethnicity, cognition, nationalism, and political systems; orality and literacy; and analysis of changing media forms. Courses examine dominant, minority, and endangered languages with particular regional reference to Asia, The Pacific, and Europe.

## Required courses for the Anthropology major

The anthropology major requires the completion of 33 credits distributed as follows. Students must complete two of the three primary introductory courses in Anthropology (ANTH 0582, ANTH 0680, and ANTH 0780) with a grade of C or better prior to declaring this major. This major has been revised recently. Students who declared the major in Anthropology prior to fall 2017 can fulfill the former requirements for 30 credits with no required history and methods courses.

### Core courses

- ANTH 0582 Archaeology
- ANTH 0680 Physical Anthropology
- ANTH 0780 Cultural Anthropology

### History of Anthropology course

- ANTH 1552 History of Anthropological Thought

## One Methods course; these are offered in each sub-discipline

- ANTH 1534 Archaeological Data Analysis
- ANTH 1537 Basic Laboratory Analysis
- ANTH 1556 Zooarchaeology
- ANTH 1601 Structure and Function
- ANTH 1602 Human Skeletal Analysis
- ANTH 1605 Primate Anatomy
- ANTH 1609 Advanced Skeletal Analysis
- ANTH 1617 Paleopathology
- ANTH 1763 Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology

## One Undergraduate Seminar course

- ANTH 1750 or other Undergraduate Seminar

## Elective courses

Students are required to complete a minimum of five courses in ANTH courses; three of these courses must be at the 1000 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 W course in the major.

The department strongly recommends a field school course for undergraduate majors.

## 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.

## 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 WWPB 3302.

## Advising

Majors are entered into the anthropology advising organization on Courseweb where current information on opportunities for research, funding, and experiential opportunities can be found.

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## Checklist for the Anthropology major

### Required courses

\_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 0582  
\_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 0680  
\_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 0780  
\_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1552  
\_\_\_\_\_ ANTH Methods course  
\_\_\_\_\_ ANTH 1750 or other Undergraduate Seminar

### Elective courses

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