

**Anthropology Minor**

*Sponsoring Department:* Sociology and Anthropology

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Anthropology is the biological and cultural study of humanity. Anthropologists employ a holistic approach to the study of likenesses and differences among human beings, past and present. Physical anthropology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, and archaeology are the main subfields of anthropological inquiry. The combination of anthropology and sociology in this department affords students a unique breadth of exposure to the study of humans and their relationships.

**Requirements for the Anthropology Minor**

**Anthropology Core Requirement:**

ANT 110: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

**Anthropology Options.**

**Choose one of the following:**

ANT 111: Introduction to Physical Anthropology

*What makes us human? Is it the use of language, the ability to manipulate material culture or the fact that we are bipedal? This course will focus on evolutionary theory and the theory of natural selection, the behavior and anatomy of non-human primates, and the evolution of modern humans. Students will also learn how anthropology is directly related to other disciplines, including sociology, biology, ecology, and geology.*

**Introduction to Archaeology (ANT112)**

*Archaeology is the sub-discipline of anthropology that explores what it means to be human by examining the material things that people made, modified, and left behind. Students in this course will learn to explain how archaeologists use the material remains of human activities to understand past human relationships, behaviors, and beliefs. Simultaneously, they will grow to appreciate how interpretations and presentations of the past affect people living today.*

ANT 205: Human Evolution

Prerequisite: SOC 101 or ANT 110

*The study of human evolutionary past, using various methods, including archaeology and skeletal interpretation. Evolutionary principles and process of change will be used as a theoretical background to understand human variation and evolution. It is recommended, but not required, that students complete ANT 111 prior to enrolling in this course.*

ANT 315: Ethnicity, Race and Nation

*This course explores the reasons why people categorize themselves and others into ethnic and racial groups and investigates the effects of these categorizations. The relationship between ethnicity and the creation and perpetuation of nation-states, the roles of indigenous peoples within nation-states, and the implications of migration upon processes of ethnicity and constructions of race are all important themes.*

ANT 335: Global Urbanization

*This course will focus on how cities are changing along with the development and global penetration of industrial capitalism. Special emphasis will be placed on the social problems created by mass*

*urbanization, the movement of peoples within and between nation-states, and on the dynamic interchange between local cultures and the forces of globalization.*

ANT 340: Social Change in Latin America

*Latin America has been the subject for much debate about development in social theory. This course examines the theoretical debates about development and provides empirical case studies to highlight how social change occurs in Latin America. These themes include: economic globalization, gender, migration, resistance to social change, urbanization, environmental degradation, corruption, social movements, structural adjustment, and race relations.*

ANT 390: Research Course in Anthropology

*A small group of students work closely with a faculty member on his/her ongoing research. Students will learn to use the data collection and analysis methods used for the project and be offered opportunities to present the findings on campus or at a regional professional meeting.*

**Anthropology Minor Options:**

(Choose three courses; two of the three courses must be ANT courses and two of the three must be 300-level or above)

ANT 111: Introduction to Physical Anthropology

ANT 112: Introduction to Archeology

ANT 205: Human Evolution

ANT 213 – Language and Culture: Intro. to Linguistic Anthropology ANT 240: Epidemiology

ANT 245: Modern Arabic Society and the Media

ANT 246 – Climate Change and Society

ANT 271 – Gender and Language

ANT 311: Women and Migration

ANT 313: Vampires, Werewolves and Witches

ANT 315: Ethnicity, Race and Nation

ANT 335: Global Urbanization

ANT 337 – Food, Biology, and Culture

ANT 340: Social Change in Latin America

ANT 341: Dynamics of Cultural Ecology

ANT 361: Human Osteology and Forensic Anthropology

ANT 370: Topics in Anthropology

ANT/SOC 371 – Culture, Health, and Illness

ANT/SOC 372 – Global Public Health

ANT/SOC 373 – Public Health and Social Policy

ANT 377 – Disparities in the U.S. Health System

ANT 390: Research Course in Anthropology

ANT 401: Urban Ethnography

**AAS 179 / HIS 179: African American History to 1865**

**AAS 180 HIS 180; African American History since 1865**

BIO 231: Genetics

BIO 461: Evolution

COM 411: Intercultural Communication: Racial Perspectives

HIS 161: History of Mexico  
HIS 166: North American Encounters  
HIS 167: U.S. Indian-White Relations (1800-1890)  
HIS 342: Modern Middle East  
HIS 344: Commerce and the Exchange of Ideas  
HIS 354: South African History  
HIS 359: Modern Latin America  
LIT 342: Mythology  
POL 250: Politics and Society in Developing Countries  
SOC 301: Socio-Cultural Theory  
SOC 303: Women in World Perspective  
SOC 336: Culture and Social Change  
SOC 371: Culture, Health and Illness  
SOC 372: Global Public Health  
WGS 375: Transnational Feminism  
WGS 376: Global Women Writers

Other courses may be approved on a case by case basis by the department chair or the anthropology minor coordinator.