

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.

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, 112, 205, 210, 240, 245, 311, 313, 315, 335, 340, 341, 361, 370, 390, 401

AAS 179, 180

BIO 231, 461

COM 411

HIS 161, 166, 167, 342, 344, 354, 359

LIT 342

POL 250

SOC 301, 303, 336, 371, 372

WGS 375, 376

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