

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 Biological 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 112: Introduction to Archaeology

How do anthropologists learn about people and the worlds in which they live when they can't talk with those people or observe their day-to-day activities? 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 213: Language and Culture

An introduction to the Anthropological subfield of Linguistic Anthropology, which investigates the relationship between language and culture. Language permeates our lives, and yet most of us take it for granted. This course is intended to clarify your ideas about language as it is used by speakers in various social contexts across a wide range of cultures. By the end of the course you should be familiar with some of the terminology and techniques of linguistic anthropological analysis and be able to apply this knowledge to the description of different languages.

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, 171, 213, 246, 271, 305, 311, 313, 315, 335, 337, 340, 341, 361, 370, 371, 372, 373, 377, 390, 401

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