Anthropology
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Anthropology takes culture as its central object of study. The discipline gives students a framework for viewing culture in the context of the natural world and evolutionary processes. Anthropologists also study the organization of social life, as well as symbolic and ideological systems. Major points of orientation are the search for cultural universals in the midst of wide variation in ways of life; the processes of change and alteration in social and cultural structures; comparisons between different societies; and the functioning of social, economic, and political institutions as part of overall cultural systems. Anthropology views the world of human culture as a natural laboratory in which diverse historical experiments have occurred and are occurring. The study of this diversity provides a foundation for a broad liberal education. The study of anthropology also contributes to the preparation of students for careers in education, medicine, business and industry, government service, and institutions in which a broad knowledge of human relations is important.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Anthropology Fall 2017

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degree: admissions.msu.edu/admission/transfer_integrativestudies.asp

120 credits, including general elective credits (above), are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Anthropology major is met by completing Anthropology 489.

2. The requirements of the College of Social Science.

3. Five Courses in a Social Science Minor

Select from the following list. Students may choose to also pursue additional Minors outside this list.

*Human Behavior and Social Services
*The City: Environment, Design, and Society
African Studies
Environment & Health
Leadership of Orgs

*Law, Justice and Public Policy
*Youth and Society
Asian Studies
International Development

* Indicates minors only open to students in the College of Social Science. Students may only add one * minor to their program.

A. Twelve Credits in STEM Coursework

Selected from at least two different disciplines. See College of Social Science website for approved course listings. http://socialscience.msu.edu/students/overview/curriculum/

*Courses taken in fulfillment of the University mathematics requirement may not be included in the six credits taken for the College STEM.

** Anthropology majors may not use ANP courses to fulfill STEM requirements.
B. **Six Credits in Arts & Humanities Course Work**
   Selected from at least two different disciplines. See College of Social Science website for approved course listings. http://socialscience.msu.edu/students/overview/curriculum/

3. **The Requirements of the Department of Anthropology (33 credits):**
   
   A. **All of the following courses:**
      
      ANP 201  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
      ANP 203  Introduction to Archaeology
      ANP 206  Introduction to Physical Anthropology
      ANP 489  Anthropology Capstone Course *(Fall Only so plan accordingly)*

   B. **One area course from:**
      
      ANP 410 – Anthropology of Latin America
      ANP 411 – North American Indian Ethnography
      ANP 414 – Anthropology of South Asia
      ANP 415 – China: Culture and Society
      ANP 419 – Anthropology of the Middle East
      ANP 432 – American Indian Women
      ANP 433 – Contemporary American Indian Communities
      ANP 437 – Asian emigrant Communities: A Global Perspective
      ANP 451 – European Archaeology
      ANP 452 – North American Archaeology
      ANP 453 – Mesoamerican Archaeology
      ANP 455 – Archaeology of Ancient Egypt
      ANP 490 – Independent Study (Depending on Topic with Advisor Approval)
      ANP 491 – Topics in Anthropology (Depending on Topic with Advisor Approval).

   C. **One topical/analytical course from:**
      
      ANP 204 – Introduction to Medical Anthropology
      ANP 220 – Gender Relations in Comparative Perspective
      ANP 226 – The Anthropology of Peace and Justice
      ANP 264 – Great Discoveries in Archaeology
      ANP 270 – Women and Health: Anthropological and International Perspective
      ANP 280 – The Anthropological Film
      ANP 320 – Social and Cultural Theory
      ANP 321 – Anthropology of Social Movements
      ANP 325 – Anthropology of the Environment and Development
      ANP 330 – Race, Ethnicity, and Nation: Anthropological Approaches to Collective Identities
      ANP 362 – Archaeology of Foragers to Farmers
      ANP 363 – Rise of Civilization
      ANP 364 – Pseudoarchaeology
      ANP 370 – Culture, Health, and Illness
      ANP 420 – Language and Culture
D. One course in anthropological methods, selected from:
ANP 429: Ethnographic Field Methods
ANP 441: Osteology and Forensic Anthropology
ANP 463: Laboratory methods in Archaeology
ANP 464: Field Methods in Archaeology
ANP 476 – Internship in Anthropology (advisor approval)
ANP 490 – Independent Study (Depending on Topic with Advisor Approval)
ANP 491 – Topics in Anthropology (Depending on Topic with Advisor Approval).

E. Four additional Anthropology courses, at least three of which must be at the 300-400 level. Anthropology 101 and Anthropology 200 may not be used to meet this requirement.

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