

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

*Law, Justice and Public Policy

*The City: Environment, Design, and Society

*Youth and Society

African Studies

Asian Studies

Environment & Health

International Development

Leadership of Orgs

* 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

ANP 422 – Religion and Culture
ANP 423 – Psychological Anthropology
ANP 425 – Issues in Medical Anthropology
ANP 426 – Urban Anthropology
ANP 428 – Environments of International Enterprise
ANP 430 – Culture, Resources, and Power
ANP 431 – Gender, Environment, and Development
ANP 436 – Globalization and Justice
ANP 439 – Human Rights: Anthropological Perspectives
ANP 440 – Hominid Fossils
ANP 441 – Osteology and Forensic Anthropology
ANP 443 – Human Adaptability
ANP 462 – Frontiers and Colonization in Historical Archaeology
ANP 471 – The Anthropology of Alternative Medicine
ANP 475 – Organizational Anthropology
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).

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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