

ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR (B.A.)

<http://cola.unh.edu/anthropology>

Description

Anthropology asks the question: What does it mean to be human? We answer this fundamental query with a global perspective on the human condition as students explore both the similarity and diversity of human experience. Through courses that cover a wide range of societies throughout the world, we investigate the human condition, past and present. Introductory courses provide an overview of the fields of anthropology: social and cultural anthropology, archeology, physical anthropology, and linguistics. More advanced courses provide the opportunity for students to pursue intensive study of particular topics in cross-cultural perspective. The department emphasizes critical thinking and writing skills and encourages close faculty/student contact in seminar courses and at the upper level. Students, in consultation with their academic adviser, have the opportunity to take courses in other departments that complement specific foci in anthropology.

At this time of increasing globalization, anthropology provides students with a broad overview of diverse peoples and cultures. Majors are therefore well prepared to live in a rapidly changing world. The major both prepares students for graduate-level studies and serves as a foundation for a wide range of careers. With backgrounds in anthropology, our students become teachers, social workers, public policy experts, forensic investigators, health practitioners, primatologists, international business executives, and community and economic development specialists, as well as pursuing various other careers.

To declare a major in anthropology, students must have completed at least one introductory level anthropology course at the 400 or 500 level with a grade of C or better.

Requirements

Majors must complete a minimum of 40 credits in anthropology with grades of C or better and in accordance with the following requirements:

Required Courses

Select one of the following:	4
ANTH 411 Global Perspectives on the Human Condition: An Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 412 Broken Pots and Buried Cities: Adventures in Archaeology	
ANTH 415 The Human Story: Evolution, Fossils and DNA	
ANTH 500 Peoples and Cultures of the World or ANTH 501 World Archaeological Cultures	4
ANTH 511 Core Concepts in Anthropology	4
ANTH 513 Ethnographic Methods or ANTH 514 Method and Theory in Archaeology	4
ANTH 611 History of Anthropological Theory	4
One additional course numbered 500 or above	4
Three additional courses numbered 600 or above	12

Complete capstone requirement	4
Total Credits	40

(Note: While 8 credits, ANTH 699 Senior Thesis; ANTH 699H Honors Senior Thesis; and ANTH 675 Archaeol Field School Belize, count only as one ANTH 600-level course requirement.)

The Discovery Program capstone requirement may be fulfilled by completing one 700-level course (seminar format). Seminar courses include:

ANTH 705	Topics in Mesoamerican Anthropology	4
ANTH 730	Anthropological Thinking on Education	4
ANTH 740	Teaching Race	4
ANTH 750	Islam and Gender: Gendered Lives of Muslims	4
ANTH 785	The Anthropology of Dreams and Dreaming	4
ANTH 797	Advanced Topics	4

Other courses, internships, or experiences may be substituted with the permission of the student's adviser and anthropology department chair.

The required minimum overall GPA in major coursework is 2.0.

Major department courses may not be used to satisfy Discovery category requirements except in the case of a second or dual major. Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement. American Sign Language may not be applied toward the foreign language requirement.

Honors-in-major and senior thesis options are available.

Students who declare a major in anthropology are expected to make steady progress toward fulfillment of major requirements. Normally, this means taking at least one anthropology course per semester until all of the requirements have been met. A student who has fulfilled most of the major requirements may request an exception to this policy from his or her adviser.

Students wishing to major in anthropology should consult with the anthropology chairperson (<http://cola.unh.edu/faculty/anthropology>).