

Anthropology

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department

Master of Arts degree in anthropology.
Major in anthropology with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.
Minor in anthropology.

The Major

Anthropology is the far-reaching study of human beings as both biological and culturally adaptive organisms. Anthropologists study the physical and mental characteristics, social relationships, institutions, customs, myths, and geographic distribution of human populations.

The anthropology major provides a broad background for the various specialized areas in the field, such as archaeology, the analysis of past cultures; cultural anthropology, the study of cultural similarities and differences in contemporary societies; linguistics, the evaluation of cultural differences in communication; and physical anthropology, the analysis of biological characteristics of past and present populations. Elective courses provide information on the newest developments in the field and give the anthropology graduate an understanding of human nature in the context of past and present environmental influences.

Employment opportunities for anthropology graduates include work in senior citizen and public service agencies, the National Park Service, state archaeological services, marketing, environmental impact projects, urban affairs, state and local governmental agencies, and business.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser during the first semester after declaration or change of major.

Anthropology Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

(Major Code: 22021)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in anthropology courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Anthropology 101, 102. (6 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirements. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better or passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above.

Major. A minimum of 36 upper division units in anthropology to include Anthropology 301, 302, 303, 304. In addition, 24 upper division units in anthropology must be completed from the following areas:

Area/Regional: Nine units selected from Anthropology 349, 350, 442, 444, 445, 446, 448, 449, 450, 452, 457, 471, 499, 582.

Methods: Six units selected from Anthropology 312, 410, 432, 439, 495, 499, 500, 505, 520, 531, 560, 561, 580, 583.

Theory/Topical: Nine units selected from Anthropology 402, 406, 422, 424, 430, 483, 499, 508, 529, 535, 583.

Anthropology Minor

The minor in anthropology consists of a minimum of 18 units in anthropology to include Anthropology 101, 102, and 12 upper division units in anthropology selected from:

Area/Regional: Six units selected from Anthropology 349, 350, 442, 444, 445, 446, 448, 449, 450, 452, 457, 471, 499, 582.

Methods: Three units selected from Anthropology 301, 302, 303, 304, 312, 410, 432, 439, 495, 499, 500, 505, 560, 561, 580, 583.

Theory/Topical: Three units selected from Anthropology 402, 406, 422, 424, 430, 483, 499, 508, 583.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Courses (ANTH)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

ANTH 101. Human Biocultural Origins (3) I, II (CAN ANTH 2)

Note: Cannot be used for General Education in combination with Geography 101 or 103.

Humankind's place in nature; fossil evidence for hominid evolution; evolutionary theory; racial, clinal and genetic variability; relationship of physical and cultural adaptations; the rise of civilization.

ANTH 102. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3) I, II (CAN ANTH 4)

May be taken before Anthropology 101.

Our relationship to our environment; types of preliterate society; systems of social organization, politics, economics, religion, and language.

ANTH 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

ANTH 301. Principles of Physical Anthropology (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101.

Primate comparative anatomy and human paleontology. Physical measurement of the living subject and skeletal specimens. The statistical treatment of data in physical anthropology. Applications of physical anthropology in industry and medicolegal problems.

ANTH 302. Principles of Archaeology (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.
Prerequisite: Anthropology 101.
History, method, and theory of archaeological data acquisition and interpretation. Methods of data recovery and analysis suitable to resolution of historical and processual questions. Archaeological examples from a worldwide sample of prehistoric and historic societies.

ANTH 303. History of Ethnological Theory (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Development of theories which explain nature of culture and cultural variation. Applications of theory of culture to field methods in ethnography and interpretation of ethnographic findings.

ANTH 304. Principles of Anthropological Linguistics (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.
Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
The structural nature of language. How languages differ, change and influence each other. The language families of the world. The significance of language for human social life in a variety of cultures.

ANTH 312. Archaeological Field Techniques (3)

Six hours of activity.
Prerequisite: Anthropology 302.
Archaeological excavation of significant sites in San Diego. Techniques of excavation, recording, and surveying.

ANTH 349. Roots of Civilizations (3)

Prerequisite: Open only to upper division students who have completed the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.
Origins and major attributes common to civilizations. Form and function of fundamental characteristics in different civilizations. Examples taken from Africa, Asia, the Near East and the New World.

ANTH 350. Cultures Around the Globe (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Cultural patterns of representative peoples. Industries, arts, social organization and supernaturalism considered with view to environmental adjustment, historical development and functional interrelation. Ethnological theories reviewed and applied in interpreting illustrative societies.

ANTH 402. Dynamics of Biocultural Diversity (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.A.2. Life Sciences. If a biological sciences course is not taken to satisfy General Education II.A.2. Life Sciences, a college course in biological sciences is required.
Interaction of biology and culture in human populations. Relating genetic and cultural processes to the changes in human populations over time.

ANTH 406. Nonhuman Primates (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101.
Basic aspects of nonhuman primates, geographical distribution, ecology (habitat, diet), external and internal morphology, locomotion and social behavior, reproduction and development.

ANTH 410. Language in Culture (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Survey of anthropological interests in the study of language and of linguistic interests in the sociocultural context of language.

ANTH 422. Music and Culture (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for non-majors.
How the forms, functions and meanings of music vary crossculturally. Understanding a society's music historically, holistically and experientially, with emphasis on non-Western music. Universals of music and music use. Ethnological theories of music and music change.

ANTH 424. The Supernatural in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Magic and religion. Conceptions of the supernatural in a cross section of world's cultures. Anthropological theories relating to supernatural beliefs and practices.

ANTH 430. Anthropology of Law and Dispute Processing (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Law, social control, and dispute processing studied in sociocultural context. Law in Western society compared with "law-ways" in a number of traditional or nonindustrialized cultures. Basic concepts and theories about law examined crossculturally.

ANTH 432. Principles of Personality in Culture (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Principles related to the determinants of human behavior contained in culture. Studies of behavior crossculturally.

ANTH 439. Cultural Comparisons Through Film (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Principles of cultural anthropology to include signs and proxemics, cultural prerequisites, kinship and social organization, and law and values. Feature and documentary films.

ANTH 442. Cultures of South America (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Indian cultures in terms of origins, migration, relation to habitat, cultural variation and relevance to contemporary trends. Development of Inca civilization, the effects of the Spanish conquest and its aftermath.

ANTH 444. American Cultures (3)

An "inside-out" view of America. What culture has to do with feeling like an American. Theory and method in anthropology. Approaches include subcultures, American values, and mass media.

ANTH 445. Ethnology of North America (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Native cultures and the role of environmental and historical factors in North America.

ANTH 446. Native Peoples of the Southwest (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Indian cultures of the American Southwest in historic times; ecological adaptations, responses to white contact, adaptations to modern American life.

ANTH 448. Cultures of Oceania (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
The aboriginal cultures and peoples of Australia, Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia in prehistoric, historic, and modern times.

ANTH 449. Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Indigenous peoples and cultures of Africa south of the Sahara. Comparison of cultural traditions, social organization, and modern trends in newly emergent nations of the area.

ANTH 450. Cultures of India (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Indigenous peoples and cultures of India and contiguous areas of South Asia. The development of cultural traditions, social organization, and modern trends.

ANTH 452. Japanese Society (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Culture and social organization of Japanese people. Traditional Japanese economic, social, political and religious institutions. Okinawa and overseas Japanese. Recent industrial and urban changes in modern Japan.

ANTH 457. Native Cultures of California (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Cross-cultural comparison of California Indian societies. Traditional political, religious, and economic institutions. Ecological adaptations. Linguistic diversity, traditional architecture, and culture change. Focus on Kumeyaay, Cahuilla, Chumash, Patwin, Pomo, and Yurok.

ANTH 471. Archaeology of North America (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101 or 102.

Origins of the American Indian and survey of the main prehistoric cultures of the North American continent.

ANTH 483. Health and Nutrition in Antiquity (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101 or 102.

Health and disease patterns in human populations from the earliest times. Analysis of food resources, their impact on health and nutrition of prehistoric peoples.

ANTH 495. Internship in Applied Anthropology (1-3) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Anthropology 301, 302, 303, 304.

Supervised field placement of students in campus or community organization, museums, cultural resource management firms, social service and development agencies, forensic laboratories and other offices including business firms where concepts and principles of anthropology can be put into practice. May be repeated for maximum credit three units.

ANTH 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

ANTH 499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

ANTH 500. Primate Social Behavior (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101.

Analysis of modes of primate socialization and development of social behavior with emphases on communication, group structure, aggression, and sex. Various methods of analysis and observation practiced utilizing primate collection at the San Diego Zoo.

ANTH 505. Human Osteology (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101. Recommended: Anthropology 301 and/or Biology 212.

Identification of individual bones and teeth; sex, age, and racial variation; stature reconstruction; continuous and discontinuous morphological variations; paleopathology. Training in observations, measurements, and analyses.

ANTH 508. Medical Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101 or 102.

Evolution and ecology of disease, medical beliefs and practices in non-Western cultures, and complexities of health care delivery in pluralistic societies.

ANTH 520. Ethnographic Field Methods (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Problems and techniques of field work in ethnographic and social anthropological research; field work projects conducted using various qualitative and quantitative research techniques. Students work with informants in various settings.

ANTH 522. Economic Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Integrates analyses of production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services with study of cultures. Interrelated economic, social, and cultural thought; classifications of disparate economies and reciprocity.

ANTH 529. Urban Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Urban adaptations of past and present societies. Descriptive topics and applied concerns regarding urban origins, migrations, kinship, ethnicity, stratification, and change. Ethnographic examples drawn from Western and non-Western societies.

ANTH 531. Applied Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Application of anthropological concepts to solve human problems in a wide range of areas including research such as social impact assessment and evaluation, and interventions such as cultural brokerage and community development. Examples of applied work used from both western and non-western societies.

ANTH 535. Sex, Gender, Kinship, and Marriage (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Anthropological theories and typologies relating to kinship and marriage systems, their history, their relationship to cultural practices, their implications for constraints on sexual practices, and their significance in definition of gender and gender hierarchies in world societies.

ANTH 560. Advanced Archaeological Field Techniques (3)

Six hours of activity.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 312.

Advanced projects in excavation and stabilization of ruins, archaeological surveys, laboratory analysis, preparation of reports, and act as unit supervisor. Course may be repeated with consent of instructor. Maximum credit six units.

ANTH 561. Archaeological Laboratory Methods (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 560.

Application of palynology, paleontology and relevant technologies. Individual laboratory research project required.

ANTH 580. Anthropological Data Analysis (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisites: Anthropology 101 or 102 and a statistics course. Recommended: Psychology 270 or Sociology 201.

Computer oriented data analysis class utilizing anthropological data sets. Special section of the SPSS computer workshop is required.

ANTH 582. Regional Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Study of societies in a major geographical region of the world such as Africa, the Arctic, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, Oceania, or South Asia. See Class Schedule for specific content. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit six units.

ANTH 583. Topical Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Study of a major subdiscipline such as political anthropology, economic anthropology, social anthropology, psychological anthropology, cultural ecology, applied anthropology, anthropological genetics, or environmental archaeology. See Class Schedule for specific content. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit six units.

ANTH 596. Topics in Anthropology (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Advanced topics in anthropology. See Class Schedule for specific content. May be repeated with new content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

GRADUATE COURSES

Refer to Bulletin of the Graduate Division.

