

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.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

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 and 102; and either Economics 201, Political Science 201, Sociology 201, or Statistics 119 or 250. (9 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

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. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above, or Anthropology 396W, or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Graduation Survey. All majors will complete an online survey assessing their experiences in the department and educational outcomes in the major. Students answer the survey online at the Department of Anthropology webpage. **The survey must be completed during the student's final semester.**

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, 440, 441, 442, 444, 446, 448, 449, 450, 457, 471, 499, 540, 582.

Methods: Six units selected from Anthropology 312, 348, 360, 495, 499, 502, 505, 506, 507, 508, 520, 531, 532, 560, 561, 580, 583.

Theory/Topical: Nine units selected from Anthropology 351, 355, 396W, 402, 403, 406, 410, 422, 424, 429, 430, 432, 439, 451, 499, 501, 510, 522, 523, 524, 529, 533, 535, 536, 537, 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, 440, 441, 442, 444, 446, 448, 449, 450, 457, 471, 499, 540, 582.

Methods: Three units selected from Anthropology 301, 302, 303, 304, 312, 348, 360, 495, 499, 502, 505, 506, 507, 508, 520, 531, 532, 560, 561, 580, 583.

Theory/Topical: Three units selected from Anthropology 351, 355, 396W, 402, 403, 406, 410, 422, 424, 429, 430, 432, 439, 451, 499, 501, 510, 522, 523, 524, 529, 533, 535, 536, 537, 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)

Refer to *Curricula and Courses and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

ANTH 101. Human Biocultural Origins (3) [GE]

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) [GE]

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)

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. Principles of Socio-Cultural Anthropology (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)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Structural nature of language. How languages differ, change and influence each other. Language families of the world. 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 348. Historical Archaeology (3) [GE]

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

How historical texts and archaeological artifacts are used to understand colonial expansion and indigenous response across the globe over last half millennium. Incorporates native and European worldviews in investigation of archaeological sites from historical times.

ANTH 349. Roots of Civilizations (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Open only to upper division students who have completed the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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 351. Language and Globalism (3) [GE]

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

Relationship between languages and global expansion of human societies from early modern humans to present. Changes in language use accompanying emergence of new communicative technologies and increased integration of diverse societies and cultures into the world economy.

ANTH 355. Nearly Human: Survey of Living Primates (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Anthropology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.A. Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning.

World of our closest living relatives. What it means to be a primate, where primates live, how primates have evolved into different groups and adapted to different environments, and what primates are threatened with extinction and why.

ANTH 360. From the Grave: Modern Forensic Anthropology (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.A. 2. Life Sciences. If a biological sciences course is not taken to satisfy Foundations of Learning II.A. 2. Life Sciences, a college course in biological sciences is required.

Physical anthropology and skeletal biology within medicolegal context. Methodologies used in science of forensic anthropology, as interdisciplinary nature and authorities in related fields.

ANTH 396W. Writing of Anthropology (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 101 and 102. Satisfies Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement for students who have completed 60 units; completed the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 8 or higher (or earned a C or higher in RWS 280, 281, or LING 281 if score on WPA was 7 or lower); and completed General Education requirements in Composition and Critical Thinking. **Proof of completion of prerequisites required:** Test scores or verification of exemption; copy of transcript.

Ability to write clearly, correctly and effectively about anthropological subjects. Examples of anthropological writing from the main sub-disciplines, mini-ethnographies, summaries and critiques.

ANTH 402. Dynamics of Biocultural Diversity (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.A.2. Life Sciences. If a biological sciences course is not taken to satisfy Foundations of Learning 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 403. Body Culture: Anthropology of the Body (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.

Human embodiment from socio-cultural perspective. Body ideals as well as body decoration, modification, care, and use in cultural context. Relationship between mind and body, and culture's relationship to the individual.

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) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

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) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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 429. Anthropology of Food and Eating (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 101 and 102.

Human biological and cultural variation as seen in study of food and eating. Biocultural approach to explore evolution of human diet to political economy of contemporary food systems.

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

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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 440. Mesoamerican Civilization Before the Europeans (3) [GE]

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

Pre-European cultures and civilizations of Mexico and upper Central America from 25,000 years ago to arrival of Spanish in 1517. Regional histories, economies, social organizations, ideologies, and political systems, settlement patterns, architecture, and art.

ANTH 441. South American Civilization Before the Europeans (3) [GE]

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

Pre-European cultures and civilizations of Pacific Coastal, Andean Highland, and Amazonian South America from 25,000 years ago until 1553. Regional histories, economies, social organizations, political systems, ideologies, art, and architecture from peopling of the continent to European contact and colonization.

ANTH 442. Cultures of South America (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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 446. Native Peoples of the Southwest (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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. South Pacific Cultures (3) [GE]

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

Aboriginal cultures and peoples of Australia, Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia in prehistoric, historic, and modern times.

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

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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 451. American Indian Identity (3) [GE]
(Same course as American Indian Studies 451)**

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Multidisciplinary perspectives on American Indian identity today. Topics include perspectives from political, ethnic, cultural and legal standpoints, both within and outside of indigenous communities, as well as diachronic variation in perspectives.

ANTH 457. Native Cultures of California (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Anthropology 102 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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 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)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

ANTH 501. Primate Behavioral Ecology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 301.
Ecology and behavior of nonhuman primates to include history of primate ecological research, feeding ecology, predation, demography and dispersal, reproduction, conflict and cooperation, conservation as well as contemporary primatology.

ANTH 502. Observing Primate Behavior (3)

Prerequisites: Anthropology 301 and Anthropology 355 or 501.
Methods of observation and analysis used in study of primate behavior. Behavioral observations of primates at the San Diego Zoo and review of literature in primatology. (Formerly numbered Anthropology 500.)

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 506. Osteology and Paleopathology (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.
Prerequisite: Anthropology 505.
Conditions that result in bony pathological responses are often linked to cultural and environmental variables including habitual behaviors and diet. Will consider how these variables can be investigated through paleopathology and paleoepidemiology.

ANTH 507. Forensic Anthropology (3)

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.
Prerequisite: Anthropology 505.
Anthropology within medicolegal context. Methodology used in forensic anthropology.

ANTH 508. Medical Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Socio-cultural and ecology of disease, medical health beliefs and practices in cultural context, and complexities of health care delivery in pluralistic societies.

ANTH 510. Environmental and Ecological Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Ecological thinking in anthropology with focus on relationships between human environmental and ecological systems in tribal, peasant, and industrial societies. Cultural aspects of how and why human societies have maintained or undermined their ecosystems.

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 523. Anthropology of Politics and Power (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
How anthropology investigates power as an underlying and primary force in human relations through cross-cultural study of political institutions, effects, and relationships of power in various societies.

ANTH 524. Cultural Dynamics of Religious Discourse (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Interplay of local and global religious discourses. Creativity of indigenous religious practices. Dynamics of missionization, including hybridization with local religious practices. Fundamentalist discourses as oppositional mediations between local and global identity formations.

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. Methods in Applied Anthropology (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Anthropological concepts and methodologies to solve human problems in both western and non-western societies through intervention, community development, impact assessment, and cultural communication.

ANTH 532. Anthropology of Development and Conservation (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Anthropological perspectives on design, implementation, and assessment of development projects and conservation initiatives in "Third World." Interlinkages between resource exploitation, underdevelopment, and local autonomy; and political and ethical dilemmas faced by anthropologists involved in projects.

ANTH 533. Race, Ethnicity, and Identity (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Theories and practices of race, ethnicity, and identity from a cross-cultural and anthropological perspective. History of race in US and other regions, focusing on how identities are constructed around concepts of difference.

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 536. Gender and Human Sexuality (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Constructions of gender and sexuality from anthropological perspective. Social constructions of body, norms, deviance, and medicalization of sexuality.

ANTH 537. Anthropology of Childhood (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Childhood in diverse cultural settings; evolutionary, biosocial, and health-related aspects of childhood; social and cultural uses of idea of childhood; enculturation and children's relationship to material culture.

ANTH 540. Contemporary Cultures of Mesoamerica (3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 102.
Utilizing ethnographic data explore growth and development of contemporary cultures of Mesoamerica from precontact to today. Countries may include Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama.

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. 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. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

GRADUATE COURSES
Refer to the Graduate Bulletin.

