

ANTHROPOLOGY - BA

Anthropology majors pursuing the general anthropology track receive foundations in the archaeology, biological anthropology and cultural anthropology subfields of anthropology as well as options to pursue upper-level courses in each of the subfields.

Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human in the broadest sense, through an examination of culture and society (sociocultural and linguistic anthropology), the biology and evolution of humans and our closest relatives (biological anthropology) and the study of past human communities and material culture (archaeology). Students develop an appreciation of the value of physical and cultural differences at the local, national and global levels, and learn critical thinking skills that support them in careers that involve working with individuals of diverse national or ethnic backgrounds.

The aim of the anthropology major is to provide a background in behavioral studies for students who desire a broad education in either the biological or the social sciences. Anthropology majors can obtain research experience in science and the humanities through ethnographic or biological research, or archaeology field schools. Most undergraduates in Anthropology at Texas A&M select this major because of the opportunity it affords them to acquire a sound liberal education.

The curriculum is ideal for students who want to pursue professional careers or graduate study in anthropology and archaeology. However, students will also find the curriculum fully suitable to prepare them for employment opportunities or careers in: secondary or higher education; medicine; law; museum and foundation settings; the local, state and federal government (such as the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Institute of Health and others); non-governmental organizations and non-profit organizations; foreign service with government agencies (such as the Agency for International Development, United Nations organizations and others); private archaeological research institutions; and nontraditional opportunities emerging in business and management.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ANTH 202	Introduction to Archaeology ¹	3
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Foreign language ²		4
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ANTH 225 & ANTH 226	Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Introduction to Biological Anthropology Laboratory ¹	4

American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)		3
Foreign language ²		4
General elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		17

Second Year

Fall

ANTH 210	Social and Cultural Anthropology ¹	3
Foreign language		3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)		3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)		3
General elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

Archaeological anthropology ^{1,4}		3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) ³		3
Foreign language ²		3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
General elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Third Year

Fall

ANTH 410 or ANTH 412	Anthropological Theory ¹ or Archaeological Theory	3
Select one of the following: ⁵		3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142	Business Calculus	
MATH 147	Calculus I for Biological Sciences	
MATH 150	Functions, Trigonometry and Linear Systems	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 168	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 171	Calculus I	
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)		3
General elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
STAT 302 or STAT 303	Statistical Methods or Statistical Methods	3

Biological anthropology ^{1,6}	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
General elective	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Cultural anthropology ^{1,7}	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ³	3
Anthropology elective ^{1,8}	3
General elective	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Anthropology elective ^{1,8}	3
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General elective	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/>) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.

³ No anthropology course will satisfy this requirement.

⁴ Select from ANTH 302, ANTH 308, ANTH 313, ANTH 316, ANTH 317/RELS 317, ANTH 318, ANTH 323, ANTH 330, ANTH 350, ANTH 351, ANTH 353/CLAS 353, ANTH 354/CLAS 354, ANTH 360, ANTH 401, ANTH 402, ANTH 417/CLAS 417, ANTH 418, ANTH 419, ANTH 444/CLAS 444, ANTH 447, ANTH 461, ANTH 485, ANTH 489.

⁵ Required prerequisite for STAT 302 or STAT 303

⁶ Select from ANTH 312, ANTH 405, ANTH 423, ANTH 424, ANTH 425, ANTH 426, ANTH 427, ANTH 434, ANTH 485, ANTH 489

⁷ Select from ANTH 300, ANTH 301, ANTH 324/MUSC 324, ANTH 335, ANTH 340/RELS 340, ANTH 370, ANTH 403/RELS 403, ANTH 404/WGST 404, ANTH 419, ANTH 424, ANTH 430, ANTH 434, ANTH 440, ANTH 445, ANTH 485, ANTH 489.

⁸ Select from ANTH 200-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/anth/>). Up to 6 hours may be selected for ANTH 200-299 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/anth/>), 3 to 9 hours required from ANTH 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/anth/>).

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/>

[degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/)) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Writing Courses

All students in each track are required to take two courses with the writing attribute, also known as "W-courses", from the department. Substitutions with W-courses from other departments are not allowed. Please see the academic advisor for the most current list of Anthropology W-courses.

Minor Requirements

Anthropology majors may select a minor field of study from departments or divisions within or outside the College of Arts and Sciences or in a particular area of interest (as with interdisciplinary minors or career opportunity minors). The minor will consist of 15-18 hours or coursework, at least 6 of which must be at the upper-division level. A grade of C or higher is required if a course is to count in the minor. A minor should be declared before the student has completed 90 credit hours.

College and University Requirements

Other courses may qualify for this category. Students should consult the approved lists of courses available through the academic advisor in the Department of Anthropology or in the Undergraduate Student Services Office in the College of Arts and Sciences. The following list incorporates University Core Curriculum requirements. No course can be counted in more than one category. To promote the opportunity for anthropology majors to acquire a broad educational experience, anthropology students must satisfy their University requirements for language, philosophy and culture, social and behavioral sciences, and the sciences with courses other than those offered by anthropology.

Students must complete a minimum of 36 hours of 300- or 400-level coursework at Texas A&M University.