

ANTHROPOLOGY - BS

Majoring in anthropology will provide a background in behavioral studies ideal if you're interested in biological or social sciences. The Bachelor of Science option focuses slightly more on scientific and mathematical coursework.

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 the biological and 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 TAMU select this major because of the opportunity it affords them to acquire a sound holistic 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 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ²		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) ²		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

ANTH 225 & ANTH 226	Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Introduction to Biological Anthropology Laboratory ¹	4
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American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Communication (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) ²	3
Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Second Year

Fall

ANTH 210	Social and Cultural Anthropology ¹	3
Select one of the following: ³		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 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) ²	3
Literature directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

Government/Political science (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) ²	3
Anthropology elective ^{1,4}	3
Literature directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
General elective	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Third Year

Fall

STAT 302 or STAT 303	Statistical Methods or Statistical Methods	3
Additional Science elective ⁵		3
Anthropology elective ^{1,4}		3
General elective		3

General elective	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
ANTH 448 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology ¹ or ANTH 458 or Quantitative Ethnographic Methods	3
Additional Science elective ⁵	3
Anthropology elective ^{1,4}	3
General elective	3
General elective	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall	
ANTH 410 Anthropological Theory ¹ or ANTH 412 or Archaeological Theory	3
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ²	3
Additional Science elective ⁵	3
Anthropology elective ^{1,4}	3
General elective	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Select one of the following: ^{1,6}	3
ANTH 304 Archaeology Roadshow	
ANTH 330 Field Research in Anthropology	
ANTH 402 Archaeological Artifact Conservation	
ANTH 421/ MUST 421 Advanced Museum Studies	
ANTH 425 Human Osteology	
ANTH 437 Ethnobotany	
ANTH 447 Lithic Artifact Analysis	
ANTH 461 Environmental Archaeology	
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ²	3
Additional Science elective ⁵	3
General elective	3
General elective	2
Semester Credit Hours	14
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.² No anthropology course will satisfy this requirement.³ These courses fulfill the prerequisites for STAT 302 or STAT 303⁴ Select from ANTH 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/anth/>). Up to 6 hours from ANTH 200-299 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/anth/>), 6 to 12 hours may be selected from ANTH 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/anth/>).⁵ See departmental advisor for list of additional science courses.⁶ These courses have a Field or Lab experiential component

courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<https://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 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 have the option of selecting 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). Minors typically consist of 15-18 hours or coursework, at least 6 of which must be at the upper-division level. 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, with the exception of courses used for the international and cultural diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) or the cultural discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) requirement. 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.