Anthropology, B.A.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in anthropology requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 33 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major.

Students also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education Program. Anthropology courses that fulfill General Education requirements are located under "Anthropology General Education Courses" in the Department of Anthropology section of the Catalog.

The B.A. is designed to offer a comprehensive overview of anthropology's four main subfields and the broadest possible cross-cultural background.

Students may choose to complete one of four specialized tracks: gender and culture, cultural resource and heritage management, environmental anthropology, or medical anthropology. See "Optional Undergraduate Tracks" below.

Undergraduates majoring in anthropology, including transfer students, must earn a minimum of 15 s.h. for the major at the University of Iowa. Students may apply credit earned at approved field schools offered by other institutions toward the major, with Department of Anthropology approval.

Students who declare anthropology as their major when they are admitted to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised at the Academic Advising Center until they have earned 24 s.h. Students who have earned more than 24 s.h. are advised by the departmental undergraduate advisor.

The B.A. with a major in anthropology requires the following course work.

Common Requirements 24
Electives 9
Optional Track
Total Hours 33

Common Requirements

Students must complete 11 courses from the lists below: five introductory courses, one course in archaeology or biological anthropology, one course in sociocultural or linguistic anthropology, one course in area studies, and a minimum of 9 s.h. in elective anthropology (prefix ANTH) courses numbered 2000 or above. Several courses are listed in more than one of these categories; students may not select the same course to fulfill requirements in more than one category.

Introductory Courses

All of these:
ANTH:1001 Issues in Anthropology 3
ANTH:1101 Cultural Anthropology 3
ANTH:1201 World Archaeology 3
ANTH:1301 Human Origins 3
ANTH:1401 Language, Culture, and Communication 3

Archaeology or Biological Anthropology (Area or Topical)

One of these:
ANTH:2216 Foodways and Cuisine in the Past 3
ANTH:2220 Archaeology of Mesoamerica 3
ANTH:2261 Human Impacts on the Environment 3
ANTH:2265 Tools, Treasures, and Trash: Archaeology of the Material World 3
ANTH:2290 Practicum in Anthropology arr.
ANTH:2320 Anthropological Perspectives on Human Infectious Disease: Origins and Evolution 3
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ANTH:3207 Animal Bones in Archaeology 3
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ANTH:3275 The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt 3
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ANTH:3277 Roman Archaeology 3
ANTH:3278 Archaeology of Ancient Cities 3
ANTH:3295 Field Research in Archaeology arr.
ANTH:3305 Human Osteology 3
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**Sociocultural or Linguistic Anthropology**

One of these:
- ANTH:2102 Anthropology of Marriage and Family
- ANTH:2103 Introduction to Global Health Studies
- ANTH:2108 Gendering India
- ANTH:2136 Urban Anthropology
- ANTH:2140 Food, Drink, and Culture
- ANTH:2151 Global Migration in the Contemporary World
- ANTH:2164 Culture and Healing for Future Health Professionals
- ANTH:2165 Native Peoples of North America
- ANTH:2175 Japanese Society and Culture
- ANTH:2181 The Anthropology of Aging
- ANTH:2182 Africa: Health and Society
- ANTH:3101 Anthropology of Sexuality
- ANTH:3102 Medical Anthropology
- ANTH:3103 Environment and Culture
- ANTH:3107 Literature and Anthropology
- ANTH:3109 Culture, Mind, and Mental Health
- ANTH:3110 Health of Indigenous Peoples
- ANTH:3111 Health in Mexico
- ANTH:3113 Religion and Healing
- ANTH:3114 Anthropology of Religion
- ANTH:3116 Fictionalized Ethnography in Literature and Film
- ANTH:3117 Using Ethnographic Methods
- ANTH:3118 Politics of Reproduction
- ANTH:3121 Love, Marriage, and Family in India
- ANTH:3123 Making a Living: Perspectives on Economic Anthropology
- ANTH:3125 Transnational Feminism
- ANTH:3127 Anthropology of Death
- ANTH:3131 Anthropology and Human Rights
- ANTH:3133 Anthropology of Race
- ANTH:3140 Feminist Anthropology
- ANTH:3142 American Cultures
- ANTH:3151 The Anthropology of the Beginnings and Ends of Life
- ANTH:3152 Anthropology of Caregiving and Health
- ANTH:3170 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia
- ANTH:3171 Voices of Islam in Southeast Asia
- ANTH:3300 Mothers and Motherhood
- ANTH:4130 Religion and Environmental Ethics
- ANTH:4140 Feminist Activism and Global Health

**Area Studies**

One of these:
- ANTH:2108 Gendering India
- ANTH:2165 Native Peoples of North America
- ANTH:2175 Japanese Society and Culture
- ANTH:2182 Africa: Health and Society
- ANTH:2220 Archaeology of Mesoamerica
- ANTH:3111 Health in Mexico
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- ANTH:3258 Southwestern Archaeology
- ANTH:3260 Pleistocene Populations of the Americas
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- ANTH:3275 The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt
- ANTH:3276 Greek Archaeology and Ethnohistory
- ANTH:3277 Roman Archaeology
- ANTH:3306 The Neanderthal Enigma
- ANTH:4700 Latin American Studies Seminar

**Electives**

Anthropology electives offer many options, including courses dealing with environment and culture, expressive culture (art, verbal arts, literature, music, and dance), gender and sexuality, human evolution, human osteology,
human prehistory, identity, language and culture, medical anthropology, molecular genetics, primatology, psychological anthropology, religion and ritual, and urban anthropology. Department faculty members offer area studies courses that focus on Latin America, Europe, Japan, South Asia, and Native North America.

A minimum of 9 s.h. in elective anthropology courses (prefix ANTH) numbered 2000 or above

Additional Requirements
Students are strongly encouraged to take courses and participate in archaeological field and laboratory research, biological anthropology laboratory research, ethnographic research methods in sociocultural anthropology, and multimedia research in linguistic anthropology.

Optional Undergraduate Tracks
Students have the option of adding a particular focus to their study plan by completing a specialized track. They may choose one of four options: gender and culture, cultural resource and heritage management, environmental anthropology, or medical anthropology.

The optional tracks reflect broad issues bridging subfields in and outside of anthropology. Completion of a track indicates the acquisition of considerable expertise and is noted on a student's transcript.

The optional tracks each require 15 s.h. (five courses). By selecting courses carefully, students majoring in anthropology can complete a specialization track without adding to the semester hours required for graduation.

Gender and Culture Track
Anthropological research regarding gender and sexuality has grown dramatically in recent years, enhancing and drawing from other theoretical and methodological approaches in anthropology. This research contributes a cross-cultural perspective to discussion surrounding these fundamental aspects of human experience, both in academia and in public life.

The gender and culture track requires 15 s.h. (five courses) chosen from the following list. Each course provides an integrated overview of essential theoretical and topical issues in the field.

Five of these:
ANTH:2102 Anthropology of Marriage and Family 3
ANTH:2108 Gendering India 3
ANTH:2151 Global Migration in the Contemporary World 3
ANTH:3101 Anthropology of Sexuality 3
ANTH:3118 Politics of Reproduction 3
ANTH:3121 Love, Marriage, and Family in India 3
ANTH:3125 Transnational Feminism 3
ANTH:3133 Anthropology of Race 3
ANTH:3140 Feminist Anthropology 3
ANTH:3151 The Anthropology of the Beginnings and Ends of Life 3
ANTH:3152 Anthropology of Caregiving and Health 3
ANTH:3300 Mothers and Motherhood 3

ANTH:4140 Feminist Activism and Global Health 3

Cultural Resource and Heritage Management Track
In North America and throughout much of the rest of the world, modern land use continually threatens evidence of past land use. Most archaeological excavations are conducted as cultural resource management (CRM), so it is essential that all researchers who work with archaeological data and individuals committed to site preservation have a basic understanding of CRM. Students who choose this emphasis learn about the field and about how to address related ethical issues as well as technical and theoretical challenges.

The cultural resource and heritage management track requires 15 s.h. (five courses): a fundamental overview course, two area electives, a technical/practical elective, and a field school course. Students may use some of these courses to satisfy requirements for the major, such as the course in archaeology and the electives.

Overview
This course:
ANTH:3240 Cultural Resources Management Archaeology: Practice and Practicalities 3

Area Electives
Two of these (or one of these and one other
Department of Anthropology area course):
ANTH:2165 Native Peoples of North America 3
ANTH:3243 Archaeology of the American Midcontinent 3
ANTH:3257 North American Archaeology 3
ANTH:3258 Southwestern Archaeology 3
ANTH:3260 Pleistocene Peopling of the Americas 3
ANTH:3265 Archaeology of the Great Plains 3

Technical/Practical Elective
One of these:
ANTH:2265 Tools, Treasures, and Trash: Archaeology of the Material World 3
ANTH:2290 Practicum in Archaeology arr.
ANTH:3207 Animal Bones in Archaeology 3
ANTH:3208 Archaeological Methods 3
ANTH:3237 Politics of the Archaeological Past 3
ANTH:3241 Lithic Analysis in Archaeology 3
ANTH:3255 Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics 3
ANTH:3256 Household Archaeology and Anthropology 3
ANTH:3305 Human Osteology 3
ANTH:4620 Approaches to Geoarchaeology 3
Field School
One of these:
ANTH:3295 Field Research in Archaeology

An equivalent course from another university

Environmental Anthropology Track
The interaction between humans and the environments they inhabit has long been a central issue in anthropology, and environmental degradation is a worldwide concern today. Pollution, loss of biodiversity, and global warming recognize no political boundaries, but attitudes and behaviors involving the natural environment vary widely from culture to culture. The understanding and incorporation of these varied perspectives are vital to the development and successful use of workable solutions.

The environmental anthropology track requires 15 s.h. (five courses): two theory courses, which deal primarily with human-environmental interactions; and three area or topical electives, which deal in part with environment, ecology, and subsistence technologies. The following are sample courses in each area (courses must be numbered 2000 or above).

**Theory Courses**
Two of these:
ANTH:2261 Human Impacts on the Environment
ANTH:3103 Environment and Culture
ANTH:4130 Religion and Environmental Ethics

**Area or Topical Electives**
Three of these:
ANTH:2140 Food, Drink, and Culture
ANTH:2175 Japanese Society and Culture
ANTH:2216 Foodways and Cuisine in the Past
ANTH:2220 Archaeology of Mesoamerica
ANTH:2261 Human Impacts on the Environment
ANTH:3103 Environment and Culture
ANTH:3123 Making a Living: Perspectives on Economic Anthropology
ANTH:3207 Animal Bones in Archaeology
ANTH:3238 Archaeology of the Iberian Peninsula
ANTH:3239 The Archaeology of the First Europeans
ANTH:3243 Archaeology of the American Midcontinent
ANTH:3261 Our Life With Dogs: The Anthropological Study of Animals in Human Societies
ANTH:3265 Archaeology of the Great Plains
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ANTH:4205 Rise of Ancient Civilization
ANTH:4620 Approaches to Geoarchaeology

Medical Anthropology Track
Human experiences of sickness and suffering are universal yet profoundly shaped by cultural and historical contexts. Medical anthropology explores cultural and biological diversity in sickness, health, and healing through approaches that include examining individual experiences of disrupted well-being, considering how biological and cultural factors interact to promote health or produce sickness, analyzing political-economic causes of health inequalities, and applying research to improve health research and services in an increasingly global world. Course work in medical anthropology helps students prepare for a range of health professions and social services careers and for work in diverse settings that increasingly include nongovernmental organizations devoted to improving health.

The medical anthropology track requires 15 s.h. (five courses): one overview course and four electives that focus on particular topics.

**Overview**
This course:
ANTH:3102 Medical Anthropology

**Electives**
Four of these:
ANTH:2103 Introduction to Global Health Studies
ANTH:2164 Culture and Healing for Future Health Professionals
ANTH:2181 The Anthropology of Aging
ANTH:2182 Africa: Health and Society
ANTH:2320 Anthropological Perspectives on Human Infectious Disease: Origins and Evolution
ANTH:3101 Anthropology of Sexuality
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ANTH:3152 Anthropology of Caregiving and Health
ANTH:3325 Human Evolutionary Genetics
ANTH:3326 Infectious Disease and Human Evolution
ANTH:3327 Genes, Culture, and Human Diversity
B.A. with Teacher Licensure

Anthropology majors interested in earning licensure to teach in elementary and/or secondary schools must complete the College of Education's Teacher Education Program (TEP) in addition to the requirements for the major and all requirements for graduation. The TEP requires several College of Education courses and student teaching. Contact the Office of Student Services for details.

Students must satisfy all degree requirements and complete Teacher Education Program licensure before degree conferral.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students majoring in anthropology have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must have a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 in anthropology course work. They must conduct an independent research project that culminates in a 30-50 page thesis. The project includes completion of 6 s.h. divided between ANTH:4995 Honors Research Seminar (offered only in fall semesters) and ANTH:4996 Honors Research, typically taken the next semester. Honors students also must take one of their anthropology courses at the graduate level.

Contact the department's director of undergraduate studies to learn more about honors in anthropology.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the anthropology major.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least two courses in the major

Before the seventh semester begins: at least seven courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree

Before the eighth semester begins: at least eight courses in the major

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining course work in the major, all remaining General Education courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

Sample Plan of Study

Anthropology (B.A.)

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1. General Education (GE) courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Please talk to an advisor about the best sequencing of courses. For more information, view the General Education Program.

2. Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE: World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

3. Students may use their elective courses to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

4. Students have the option to choose one of four tracks in the major: medical anthropology; cultural resource and heritage management; gender and culture; or environmental anthropology. Courses must be numbered 2000 or above.

### Career Advancement

The major in anthropology prepares individuals for advanced training or careers in anthropology, allied fields, and professional programs. Students who complete an anthropology major gain special understanding of human relations and expertise for jobs involving international or cross-cultural work, cultural resource management, and in responding to social and ethnic diversity, whether in the United States or globally.

Upon graduation, anthropology majors embark on careers in government, international affairs, conservation, economic development, public health, cultural resource management, urban and regional planning, social work, museum work, and education. Many go on to help resolve contemporary world problems by working with international or domestic organizations such as AmeriCorps, the Peace Corps, and Teach for America. Some pursue graduate study in anthropology or related social and natural sciences, while others earn degrees in business, law, or the health professions.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.