

Anthropology, B.A.

Learning Outcomes

Students should be able to:

- describe a broad range of changing and diverse human experiences and practices across time and space;
- demonstrate how diverse cultural backgrounds and structural inequalities, including race, gender, class, and other socially constructed categories of difference, relate to peoples' beliefs, experiences, and practices;
- explain the evolutionary perspective as it pertains to human and nonhuman primates, including origins, behavior, ecology, and biocultural variation;
- apply anthropological research tools to collect and interpret data; and
- communicate anthropological concepts and findings.

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 grade-point average 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 GE CLAS Core. Anthropology courses that fulfill GE CLAS Core requirements are located under "Anthropology GE CLAS Core 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 30 s.h. Students who have earned more than 30 s.h. are advised by the departmental undergraduate advisor.

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

Code	Title	Hours
	Common Requirements	24
	Electives	9
	Optional Undergraduate 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.

Code	Title	Hours
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:2166	Arts of Native North America	3
ANTH:2208	Archaeological Methods	3
ANTH:2220	The Olmec, Maya, and Aztecs: 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 Archaeology	arr.
ANTH:2320	Origins of Human Infectious Disease	3
ANTH:2390	Laboratory Methods in Biological Anthropology	arr.
ANTH:3204	Food in Ancient Mediterranean Society	3
ANTH:3207	Animal Bones in Archaeology	3
ANTH:3237	Politics of the Archaeological Past	3
ANTH:3239	The Archaeology of the First Europeans	3
ANTH:3240	Cultural Resources Management Archaeology: Practice and Practicalities	3
ANTH:3241	Lithic Analysis in Archaeology	3
ANTH:3243	Archaeology of the American Midcontinent	3
ANTH:3255	Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics	3
ANTH:3257	North American Archaeology	3
ANTH:3258	Southwestern Archaeology	3
ANTH:3260	Pleistocene Peopling of the Americas	3
ANTH:3261	Our Life With Dogs: The Anthropological Study of Animals in Human Societies	3
ANTH:3265	Archaeology of the Great Plains	3
ANTH:3275	The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ANTH:3276	Greek Archaeology and Ethnohistory	3
ANTH:3277	Roman Archaeology	3

ANTH:3278	Archaeology of Ancient Cities	3
ANTH:3295	Field Research in Archaeology	arr.
ANTH:3305	Human Osteology	3
ANTH:3306	The Neanderthal Enigma	3
ANTH:3307	Modern Human Origins	3
ANTH:3308	Human Variation	3
ANTH:3325	Human Evolutionary Genetics	3
ANTH:3328	Molecular Genetics of Human Disease	3
ANTH:4080	Anthropology Internship	arr.
ANTH:4315	Human Evolutionary Anatomy	3
Sociocultural or Linguistic Anthropology		
One of these:		
ANTH:2102	Anthropology of Marriage and Family	3
ANTH:2103	Introduction to Global Health Studies	3
ANTH:2105	Cultural Worlds of Science and Scientists	3
ANTH:2108	Gendering India	3
ANTH:2136	Race, Place, and Power: Urban Anthropology	3
ANTH:2140	Food, Drink, and Culture	3
ANTH:2151	Global Migration in the Contemporary World	3
ANTH:2160	Culture, Health, and Wellness: Southeast Asia in Focus	3
ANTH:2164	Culture and Healing: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH:2165	Native Peoples of North America	3
ANTH:2181	The Anthropology of Aging	3
ANTH:2182	Africa: Health and Society	3
ANTH:2190	Love Rules: Law and the Family Across Cultures	3
ANTH:2191	Love, Sex, and Money: Sexuality and Exchange Across Cultures	3
ANTH:3017	Decolonizing Anthropology in Native North America	3
ANTH:3101	Anthropology of Sexuality	3
ANTH:3103	Environment and Culture	3
ANTH:3109	Culture, Mind, and Mental Health	3
ANTH:3110	Colonialism and Indigenous Health Equity	3
ANTH:3113	Religion and Healing	3
ANTH:3117	Using Ethnographic Methods	3
ANTH:3118	Politics of Reproduction	3
ANTH:3121	Love, Marriage, and Family in India	3
ANTH:3123	Making a Living: Perspectives on Economic Anthropology	3
ANTH:3125	Transnational Feminism	3

ANTH:3127	Anthropology of Death	3
ANTH:3133	Anthropology of Race	3
ANTH:3151	The Anthropology of the Beginnings and Ends of Life	3
ANTH:3152	Anthropology of Caregiving and Health	3
ANTH:3190	Global Debt	3
ANTH:3300	Mothers and Motherhood	3
ANTH:4140	Feminist Activism and Global Health	3
Area Studies		
One of these:		
ANTH:2108	Gendering India	3
ANTH:2160	Culture, Health, and Wellness: Southeast Asia in Focus	3
ANTH:2165	Native Peoples of North America	3
ANTH:2166	Arts of Native North America	3
ANTH:2182	Africa: Health and Society	3
ANTH:2220	The Olmec, Maya, and Aztecs: Archaeology of Mesoamerica	3
ANTH:3017	Decolonizing Anthropology in Native North America	3
ANTH:3121	Love, Marriage, and Family in India	3
ANTH:3239	The Archaeology of the First Europeans	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
ANTH:3275	The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ANTH:3276	Greek Archaeology and Ethnohistory	3
ANTH:3277	Roman Archaeology	3
ANTH:3306	The Neanderthal Enigma	3
ANTH:4700	Latin American Studies Seminar	3-4

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 Europe, South Asia, and Native North America.

Code	Title	Hours
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 [p. 3], cultural resource and heritage management [p. 3], environmental anthropology [p. 4], or medical anthropology [p. 4].

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 discussions 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.

Code	Title	Hours
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:2190	Love Rules: Law and the Family Across Cultures	3
ANTH:2191	Love, Sex, and Money: Sexuality and Exchange Across Cultures	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: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.

Code	Title	Hours
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:2166	Arts of Native 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:2208	Archaeological Methods	3
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:3237	Politics of the Archaeological Past	3
ANTH:3241	Lithic Analysis in Archaeology	3
ANTH:3255	Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics	3
ANTH:3305	Human Osteology	3
Field School		
One of these:		
ANTH:3295	Field Research in Archaeology	arr.
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 the environment, ecology, and subsistence technologies. The following are sample courses in each area (courses must be numbered 2000 or above).

Code	Title	Hours
Theory Courses		
Both of these:		
ANTH:2261	Human Impacts on the Environment	3
ANTH:3103	Environment and Culture	3
Area or Topical Electives		
Three of these:		
ANTH:2140	Food, Drink, and Culture	3
ANTH:2220	The Olmec, Maya, and Aztecs: Archaeology of Mesoamerica	3
ANTH:3123	Making a Living: Perspectives on Economic Anthropology	3
ANTH:3207	Animal Bones in Archaeology	3
ANTH:3239	The Archaeology of the First Europeans	3
ANTH:3243	Archaeology of the American Midcontinent	3
ANTH:3261	Our Life With Dogs: The Anthropological Study of Animals in Human Societies	3
ANTH:3265	Archaeology of the Great Plains	3
ANTH:3275	The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ANTH:3277	Roman Archaeology	3
ANTH:3278	Archaeology of Ancient Cities	3

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. Coursework 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. Future health professionals are increasingly called upon to understand how sociocultural and biological factors intersect to produce experiences of health, sickness, and healing.

The medical anthropology track requires 15 s.h. (five courses): an introductory course plus four electives that focus on health-related topics. Electives include 2000- and 3000-level intermediate courses that apply medical anthropology to specific topics, as well as more advanced 4000-level courses that help students to engage with more complex topics in this field. Students can choose to mix intermediate and advanced electives in ways that best meet their interests and goals.

Code	Title	Hours
Overview		
This introductory course:		
ANTH:2164	Culture and Healing: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
Electives		
Four intermediate and advanced courses from these:		
ANTH:2160	Culture, Health, and Wellness: Southeast Asia in Focus	3
ANTH:2181	The Anthropology of Aging	3
ANTH:2182	Africa: Health and Society	3
ANTH:2320	Origins of Human Infectious Disease	3
ANTH:3101	Anthropology of Sexuality	3
ANTH:3109	Culture, Mind, and Mental Health	3
ANTH:3110	Colonialism and Indigenous Health Equity	3
ANTH:3113	Religion and Healing	3
ANTH:3118	Politics of Reproduction	3
ANTH:3133	Anthropology of Race	3
ANTH:3151	The Anthropology of the Beginnings and Ends of Life	3
ANTH:3152	Anthropology of Caregiving and Health	3
ANTH:3199	Anthropology and Global Health Policy	3
ANTH:3325	Human Evolutionary Genetics	3
ANTH:3328	Molecular Genetics of Human Disease	3
ANTH:4140	Feminist Activism and Global Health	3

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

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 grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 in anthropology coursework and a cumulative University of Iowa GPA of at least 3.33. They must conduct an independent research project that culminates in a 30-50 page thesis. The project includes the 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.

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, planning and public affairs, 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 also offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.

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 coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
ANTH:1101	Cultural Anthropology ^{b, c}	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		15-17
Spring		
ANTH:1301	Human Origins ^{b, c}	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		16-18
Second Year		
Fall		
ANTH:1201	World Archaeology ^{b, c}	3
ANTH:1401	Language, Culture, and Communication ^{b, c}	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^f		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		16-17
Spring		
ANTH:1001	Issues in Anthropology	3
Major: upper-level anthropology course/track course ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		16-17

Third Year**Fall**

Major: Archaeology or Biological Anthropology course/track course ^g	3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^f	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Hours	15

Spring

Major: Sociocultural or Linguistic Anthropology course/track course ^g	3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^f	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Hours	15

Fourth Year**Fall**

Major: upper-level anthropology course/track course ^g	3
Major: Area Studies Anthropology course/track course ^g	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Hours	15

Spring

Major: upper-level anthropology course/track course ^g	3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^f	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^h	
Hours	15
Total Hours	123-129

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.

b Students may only use three ANTH courses to satisfy GE CLAS Core requirements.

c Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

d Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

e Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

f GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students

should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

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

h Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.