Anthropology, BA

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 BA 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.

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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.

Course #  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 |

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: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

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.

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ANTH:3127 Anthropology of the Great Plains 3
ANTH:3277 Roman Archaeology 3
ANTH:3700 Latin American Studies Seminar 3-4

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 [prefix ANTH] numbered 2000 or above.

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.

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**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.

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**Technical/Practical Elective**

One of these:

- ANTH:2208 Archaeological Methods
- ANTH:2265 Tools, Treasures, and Trash: Archaeology of the Material World
- ANTH:2290 Practicum in Archaeology
- ANTH:3207 Animal Bones in Archaeology
- ANTH:3237 Politics of the Archaeological Past
- ANTH:3241 Lithic Analysis in Archaeology
- ANTH:3255 Introduction to Archaeological Ceramics
- ANTH:3305 Human Osteology

**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 the environment, ecology, and subsistence technologies. The following are sample courses in each area (courses must be numbered 2000 or above).

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**Area or Topical Electives**

Three of these:

- ANTH:2140 Food, Drink, and Culture
- ANTH:2220 The Olmec, Maya, and Aztecs: Archaeology of Mesoamerica
- ANTH:3123 Making a Living: Perspectives on Economic Anthropology
- ANTH:3207 Animal Bones in Archaeology
- ANTH:3239 The Archaeology of the First Europeans
- ANTH:3243 Archaeology of the American Midcontinent
- ANTH:3265 Archaeology of the Great Plains
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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.

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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.