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 third semester begins: at least one anthropology course or other course in the major.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least four anthropology courses or other courses in the major, one course in the topical field, and one course for the quantitative or formal reasoning tool requirement.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least seven courses in the major, three courses in the topical field, the second quantitative or formal reasoning tool course, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least nine courses in the major, including the directed research requirement, and four courses in the topical field.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major (including the topical field), 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.

Anthropology, B.S.

**Course** | **Title** | **Hours**
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**First Year** | | |
**Fall** | | |
ANTH:1101 | Cultural Anthropology | 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 | Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2
| **Hours** | 15-17
**Spring** | | |
ANTH:1201 | World Archaeology | 3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 | The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
| **Hours** | 13-15
**Second Year** | | |
**Fall** | | |
ANTH:1301 | Human Origins | 3
ANTH:1401 | Language, Culture, and Communication | 3
Major: upper-level quantitative or formal reasoning course | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
| **Hours** | 16-17
**Spring** | | |
ANTH:1001 | Issues in Anthropology | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab | 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 2
| **Hours** | 16-17
**Third Year** | | |
**Fall** | | |
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion | 3
Major: topical concentration course | 3
Major: Area Studies Anthropology course/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues | 3
Elective course | 3
| **Hours** | 15
**Spring** | | |
Major: topical concentration course | 3
Major: upper-level anthropology course/track course | 3
Major: Archaeology or Biological Anthropology course/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture | 3
Elective course | 3
| **Hours** | 15
**Summer** | | |
Major: directed laboratory/research or field school | 3
| **Hours** | 3
**Fourth Year** | | |
**Fall** | | |
Major: topical concentration course | 3
Major: upper-level anthropology course/track course | 3
Major: Sociocultural or Linguistic Anthropology course/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
| **Hours** | 15
**Spring** | | |
Major: topical concentration course | 3
Major: topical concentration course | 3
Major: upper-level anthropology course/track course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts | 3
Elective course | 3
| **Hours** | 15
**Degree Application**: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

| **Total Hours** | 123-129
a Students may only use three ANTH courses to satisfy GE CLAS Core requirements.
b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
c 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.
d 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.
e 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.
f Students must complete 15 s.h. in one area of study.
g 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.
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.