Anthropology, BS

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. To graduate with honors in the major, 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.

Students may count their directed research project or laboratory practicum toward the requirements for graduation with honors, but fulfilling the research requirement for the BS degree does not by itself fulfill the honors research requirement. Students must work with their honors thesis advisor to structure their research so that it meets the added requirements of honors work.

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.