

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The mission of the Department of Anthropology and Geography is to:

- 1) offer and maintain instructional programs that provide a comprehensive overview and analyses of people and their cultures, both past and present;
- 2) conduct research in order to advance and expand knowledge of the fields of anthropology and geography;
- 3) participate actively in programs of interdisciplinary research.

The Department of Anthropology and Geography houses a faculty of cultural anthropologists, archaeologists, biological anthropologists, and geographers whose scholarship spans the breadth of the human experience. The program prepares undergraduate students to describe, analyze, and interpret the human condition. An examination of the social, environmental, and evolutionary contexts in which the human species is embedded defines most course work in the discipline. The program is integrative, drawing from geography, biology, the humanities, and other social and natural sciences. Geography figures prominently in our program and provides an important spatial lens through which human groups are examined over time. Four programmatic areas define faculty research and scholarship with which students can engage: humans and the environment, international development and globalization, health and well-being, and professional methods and techniques. In the education of undergraduates, the department values and promotes experiential training, primary research as well as public engagement and education.

The research endeavors of the anthropology faculty are trans-disciplinary and international. They are interested in diverse topics including but not limited to contemporary culture, ethnicity, linguistics, comparative religion, virtual worlds, subsistence patterns, archaeology, human ecology, human anatomy, human evolution, biogeography, land cover/land use patterns, and the behavior of non-human primates.

Anthropology majors follow a liberal arts curriculum that provides a broad education with an emphasis on learning how to learn. The department has ten research and teaching laboratories and three summer field schools; the Ethnographic Field School, the Archaeology Field School, and the Paleontology Field School.

Undergraduate students can pursue a general anthropology degree focused on an appreciation human diversity, past and present, from a broad and holistic perspective. Students can also declare a concentration within the program. Declaring a concentration allows for a focused course of study, specializing in the particular subfield of interest. Within each concentration (Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Cultural Anthropology), specific categories of classes guide students in learning the major theories, methods, and applications related to the modern practice of our discipline. Along with our offerings of world class field schools, course work in archaeological, biological, and ethnographic methods and geographical techniques are encouraged in order to further gain experience and perspective. Upon graduation, students are prepared for a diverse array of jobs or advanced training in graduate school. Students come away with a respect and appreciation for the diversity of human existence.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Employ anthropological theory and qualitative/quantitative research methods to describe and analyze human biological and cultural variation over time and across space.
- Describe and evaluate the inter-relationships between environments, health and well-being, and human cultural and biological evolution.
- Synthesize anthropological theory, methods, and data to formulate arguments both orally and in written format.
- Articulate anthropology to non-specialists and explain anthropological concepts across subfields and/or with other social sciences and humanities disciplines.
- Transfer knowledge gained in anthropology program to a career trajectory after graduation.

Potential Occupations

Anthropology, like many majors in the liberal arts, provides students with a broad academic background suitable for a variety of jobs in the public and private sectors. Anthropology majors are trained to think independently and critically, communicate effectively, and function in a multicultural world. Employers appreciate liberal arts majors for their multiple skills and their ability to adapt to a variety of tasks and work environments. Participating in internships and cooperative education opportunities is highly recommended to enhance students' practical training and development. Careers for graduates are available in international development, health care, education, business, natural resource management, and government. Graduates who go on for advanced studies can pursue careers in anthropology or attain advanced positions with the possibility of rising to top professional levels.

Some career opportunities for Anthropology graduates include, but are not limited to: museum curator/researcher, genealogist, international relief representative, salvage archaeologist, collections assistant, resource specialist, classical or historical anthropologist, cultural affairs officer, diplomatic service representative, immigration or foreign service officer, linguist, educational television researcher, forensic osteologist, biographical writer, scientific/technical writer, reporter, ethnographic photographer, anthropological linguist, rural development worker, ethnic groups' special concerns advocate, intercultural educator, medical anthropologist, grant writer, psychological anthropologist, international development administrator, public relations representative, public opinion pollster, sales/marketing representative, consultant for cross-cultural relations, personnel worker, geographic information systems specialist.

Concentrations

- Archaeology Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/anthropology-geography/anthropology-major-archaeology-concentration/>)
- Biological Anthropology Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/anthropology-geography/major-anthropology-biological-anthropology-concentration/>)
- Cultural Anthropology Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/anthropology-geography/anthropology-major-cultural-anthropology-concentration/>)

Requirements

Effective Fall 2023

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
ANTH 100	Introductory Cultural Anthropology (GT-SS3)	3C	3
ANTH 101	Practicing Anthropology		1
ANTH 120	Human Origins and Variation (GT-SC2)	3A	3
ANTH 121	Human Origins and Variation Laboratory (GT-SC1)	3A	1
ANTH 140	Introduction to Archaeology (GT-HI1)	3D	3
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitativereasoning)		1B	3
Electives			13
Total Credits			30

Sophomore

GR 100	Introduction to Geography (GT-SS2)	3C	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	6
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences) ¹		3A	3
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#diversity-equity-inclusion)		1C	3
Anthropology electives (ANTH subject code) not taken in another category			3
Electives			12
Total Credits			30

Junior

ANTH 400/GR 400	History of Theory-Anthropology and Geography	4B	3
Complete a minimum of 3 credits in archaeology not taken in another category:			3
ANTH 240	Museum and Cultural Heritage Studies		
ANTH 350	Archaeology of North America		
ANTH 352	Geoarchaeology		
ANTH 353	Archaeology of Rock Art		
ANTH 354	Race/Ethnicity in the Ancient Mediterranean		
ANTH 355	Archaeology of the Ancient Nile		
ANTH 356	Archaeology of Ancient Roman Food		
ANTH 358	Archaeologies of Graffiti		
ANTH 359	Colorado Prehistory		
ANTH 360	Archaeological Investigation		
ANTH 420	Digital Digging—Geophysics in Archaeology		
ANTH 451	Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory	4A	
ANTH 452	Archaeology of Mesoamerica	4A	
ANTH 453	Impacts on Ancient Environments	4A	
ANTH 454	Anthropological Perspectives on Food		
ANTH 455	Great Plains Archaeology	4A	
ANTH 456	Archaeology and the Public	4A	
ANTH 457	Lithic Technology		
ANTH 458	Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management		
ANTH 459	Gods, Heroes, Stones—Greek Archaeology		
ANTH 460	Field Class in Archaeology		
ANTH 461	Anthropological Report Preparation	4A	

ANTH 462	Anthropology Curation and Exhibition Methods	
ANTH 465	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 469	Archaeology of the Ancient Near East	
ANTH 476	The Archaeology of Time	
ANTH 478/HIST 478	Heritage Resource Management	
ANTH 492A	Seminar: Archaeology	
Complete a minimum of 3 credits in biological anthropology not taken in another category:		3
ANTH 274	Human Diversity (GT-SC2)	3A
ANTH 275/SOC 275	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 330	Human Ecology	4A
ANTH 365	Quantifying Anthropology	
ANTH 370	Primates	4A
ANTH 371	Growing Up Primate	
ANTH 372	Human Osteology	
ANTH 373	Human Evolution	4A
ANTH 374	Human Biological Variation	4A
ANTH 375	Evolution of Primate Behavior	
ANTH 376	Evolution of Human Adaptation	4A
ANTH 377	Anthropology Perspectives-Evolution, Society	
ANTH 378	Bipedal Apes	
ANTH 379	Evolutionary Medicine and Human Health	
ANTH 465	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 470	Paleontology Field School	
ANTH 472	Human Biology	4A
ANTH 473	The Neandertals	4A
ANTH 474	Human Skeleton Analysis	
ANTH 475	Methods of Analysis in Paleoanthropology	
ANTH 492B	Seminar: Biological Anthropology	
Complete a minimum of 3 credits in cultural anthropology not taken in another category:		3
ANTH 225	Anthropology of the Arts	
ANTH 232/MU 232	Soundscapes-Music as Human Practice	3C
ANTH 310	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	
ANTH 312	Modern Indian Culture and Society	
ANTH 313	Modernization and Development	
ANTH 314	Southeast Asian Cultures and Societies	4A
ANTH 315	Global Mobilities-The African Diaspora	
ANTH 317	Anthropology of Human Rights	
ANTH 322	The Anthropology of Religion	4A
ANTH 330	Human Ecology	4A
ANTH 333	Anthropology of Sex and Reproduction	
ANTH 334	Narrative Traditions and Social Experience	4A
ANTH 335	Language and Culture	4A
ANTH 336	Art and Culture	
ANTH 338	Gender and Anthropology	4A
ANTH 340	Medical Anthropology	4A
ANTH 343	Applied Medical Anthropology	
ANTH 401	Psychological Anthropology Laboratory	
ANTH 405	Public Anthropology and Global Challenges	
ANTH 413	Indigenous Peoples Today	4A
ANTH 414/ETST 414	Development in Indian Country	4A
ANTH 416	Gender, Culture, and Health	
ANTH 417	Indigenous Environmental Stewardship	

ANTH 423	Cultural Psychiatry	4A	
ANTH 440	Theory in Cultural Anthropology		
ANTH 441	Method in Cultural Anthropology		
ANTH 442	Ethnographic Field School		
ANTH 444	Cultures of Virtual Worlds—Research Methods	4A	
ANTH 445	Psychological Anthropology	4A	
ANTH 479/IE 479	International Development Theory and Practice	4A	
Complete a minimum of 3 credits in geography (GR subject code) not taken in another category			3
Anthropology electives (ANTH subject code) not taken in another category			9
Advanced Writing (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		2	3
Electives			3

Total Credits**30****Senior**

Students must take ANTH 493 concurrently with one of the courses listed in the selection below it:

ANTH 493 ²	Capstone Seminar	4C	1
Select one AUCC 4A course from the following not taken in another category: ²			3-4

Cultural Anthropology:

ANTH 314	Southeast Asian Cultures and Societies	4A	
ANTH 322	The Anthropology of Religion	4A	
ANTH 334	Narrative Traditions and Social Experience	4A	
ANTH 335	Language and Culture	4A	
ANTH 338	Gender and Anthropology	4A	
ANTH 340	Medical Anthropology	4A	
ANTH 412	Indians of North America	4A	
ANTH 413	Indigenous Peoples Today	4A	
ANTH 414/ETST 414	Development in Indian Country	4A	
ANTH 415	Indigenous Ecologies and the Modern World	4A	
ANTH 423	Cultural Psychiatry	4A	
ANTH 443	Ethnographic Field Methods	4A	
ANTH 444	Cultures of Virtual Worlds—Research Methods	4A	
ANTH 445	Psychological Anthropology	4A	
ANTH 479/IE 479	International Development Theory and Practice	4A	

Archaeology:

ANTH 451	Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory	4A	
ANTH 452	Archaeology of Mesoamerica	4A	
ANTH 453	Impacts on Ancient Environments	4A	
ANTH 455	Great Plains Archaeology	4A	
ANTH 456	Archaeology and the Public	4A	
ANTH 461	Anthropological Report Preparation	4A	

Biological Anthropology:

ANTH 330	Human Ecology	4A	
ANTH 370	Primates	4A	
ANTH 373	Human Evolution	4A	
ANTH 374	Human Biological Variation	4A	
ANTH 376	Evolution of Human Adaptation	4A	
ANTH 472	Human Biology	4A	
ANTH 473	The Neandertals	4A	

Anthropology electives (ANTH subject code) not taken in another category			9
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Electives ³	16-17
Total Credits	30
Program Total Credits:	120

¹ ANTH 274 fulfills AUCC 3A.

² ANTH 493 must be taken concurrently with one of the AUCC 4A anthropology courses listed with ANTH 493 in the senior year. Using Competencies (AUCC 4A) must be taken concurrently with ANTH 493. Courses approved for AUCC category 4A taken in the sophomore, junior, or senior year and not concurrently with ANTH 493 and not included in the approved list in the program will not count toward completion of the 4A requirement for this major. Students taking Senior Honors Thesis (HONR 499, 3 credits) are also required to register for ANTH 493 (1 credit).

³ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

Major Completion Map

Freshman

Semester 1		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ANTH 100	Introductory Cultural Anthropology (GT-SS3)	X		3C	3
ANTH 101	Practicing Anthropology	X			1
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)		X	1A	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitative-reasoning)	X		1B	3
	Electives				5
Total Credits					15

Semester 2		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ANTH 120	Human Origins and Variation (GT-SC2)	X		3A	3
ANTH 121	Human Origins and Variation Laboratory (GT-SC1)	X		3A	1
ANTH 140	Introduction to Archaeology (GT-HI1)	X		3D	3
	Electives				8
	AUCC 1B (Quantitative Reasoning) and CO 150 must be completed by the end of Semester 2.	X			
Total Credits					15

Sophomore

Semester 3		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
GR 100	Introduction to Geography (GT-SS2)			3C	3
	Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
	Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	3
	Electives				6
Total Credits					15

Semester 4		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
	Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#diversity-equity-inclusion)	X		1C	3
	Anthropology elective (ANTH subject code) not taken in another category				3
	Electives				6
Total Credits					15

Junior

Semester 5		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
	Anthropology electives (ANTH subject code) not taken in another category				3
	Complete a minimum of 3 credits in archaeology not taken in another category (See List on Requirements Tab)				3

Complete a minimum of 3 credits in biological anthropology not taken in another category (See List on Requirements Tab)					3
Advanced Writing (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)			2		3
Elective					3
Total Credits					15
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ANTH 400/ GR 400	History of Theory-Anthropology and Geography			4B	3
Complete a minimum of 3 credits in cultural anthropology not taken in another category (See List on Requirements Tab)					3
Complete a minimum of 3 credits in geography (GR subject code) not taken in another category					3
Anthropology electives (ANTH subject code) not taken in another category					6
Total Credits					15
Senior					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ANTH 493	Capstone Seminar		X	4C	1
AUCC 4A: Select one course not taken elsewhere from the AUCC 4A List on the Requirements Tab			X	4A	3-4
Anthropology electives (ANTH subject code) not taken in another category					9
Electives					1-2
Total Credits					15
Semester 8		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Electives		X			15
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.		X			
Total Credits					15
Program Total Credits:					120