

ANTHROPOLOGY

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Department: Social Science

The Anthropology curriculum extends the range of comprehension of human social and cultural life through comparative studies, permitting the student to become aware of the more profound significance of being “human” and to discover that there are many paths, reflected in many different cultures, directed toward the goal of living a full and satisfying human life. The Anthropology curriculum is linked closely with the Sociology curriculum, and a limited amount of coursework may be applied to satisfying requirements for the Sociology major. In addition, students may elect to complete an Anthropology minor.

Minor: Anthropology (18 credits)

ANTH 116	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 418	Culture Change	3
	Anthropology electives*	12

* Selected with an advisor in Anthropology. A maximum of 3 credits may be applied from ANTH 450 Individual Study, and a maximum of 3 credits may be applied from ANTH 485 Field Experience.

Total Credits: 18

ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES (ANTH)

ANTH 101 (LAC, G) General Anthropology (3 credits)

Provides a broad overview of the major subdisciplines of Anthropology which include physical anthropology, archaeology, and cultural anthropology. The course will progress from the historical development of human evolution and adaptation to methods of documenting prehistoric cultural relations to exploring the similarities and differences of contemporary societies.

ANTH 116 (LAC, G) Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)

This course studies the scope of human diversity across cultures ranging from hunting-gathering bands to industrial states. The course balances an introduction to theoretical concepts with practical information about peoples and cultures.

ANTH 117 World Prehistory (3 credits)

The origin and development of culture from the Stone Age to the dawn of civilization in both the New and Old World; methods and theory employed in the study of prehistory.

ANTH 120 (LAC) Introduction to Ethnicity (3 credits)

An introduction to issues of race, identity, and diversity through readings about people in the United States as well as other countries. Ethnic identity will be explored through its relationship to other social dimensions such as nationality, gender, and social class.

ANTH 215 Peoples and Cultures of Africa (3 credits)

This course surveys some of the diverse cultures of Africa. Topics include theories of African culture and society, agrarian change, commerce, kinship and marriage systems, the African Diaspora, and the effects of Christianity and other religious movements. Primary emphasis will be on the African continent, although students will have the opportunity to research transnational African communities.

ANTH 216 Indians of North America (3 credits)

The native cultures of North America; the effects of culture contact; contemporary problems of Indian reservations and communities.

ANTH 217 Indians of Minnesota (3 credits)

The pre-history, ethnohistory and major cultural characteristics of the dominant peoples of the state, including the study of the migration of people, the acculturative influence of the advancing non-Indian frontier and the situation and problems of the contemporary Indian population. Prerequisite: ANTH 216 or consent of instructor.

ANTH 218 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia (3 credits)

Social and cultural aspects of contemporary Southeast Asia are studied in environmental and historical context.

ANTH 286 Special Topics (1-4 credits)

Designed to provide lower-division students an opportunity to experience a special or experimental curriculum enrichment course.

ANTH 301 Cultural Geography (3 credits)

The study of human relationships with the earth's environment. Topics during the semester include the study of subsistence, land use, settlement patterns and population pressures on natural resources; review of ecosystems and human adaptation to environment. The course will also pay special attention to the areal distribution of culture types and regional cultural traits.

ANTH 315 Culture through Film (3 credits)

This course surveys various cultures through examination of classic and contemporary ethnographic film essay, video studies, and a review of photography as a field method in the study and analysis of visual communication.

ANTH 316 (D, G) Gender and Culture (3 credits)

This course exposes students to information about women and men from a variety of societies from Africa, Europe, and elsewhere. The course is based on the notion that what it means to be female or male varies tremendously across cultures.

ANTH 318 Anthropology of Education (3 credits)

This course provides an exploration of education as a form of cultural transmission, cultural exchange, and cultural conflict. The course explores methods of education in the United States as well as selected countries throughout the world. Prerequisite: ANTH 116 or ANTH 101, or consent of instructor.

ANTH 416 Anthropology of Religion (3 credits)

Religion and magic in culture, primarily in non-western societies, treating concepts of supernatural power and beings, religious specialists and the functions of ritual and belief under conditions of culture stability and culture change. Prerequisite: ANTH 116 or consent of instructor.

ANTH 418 Culture Change (3 credits)

Innovation and acculturation in culture change, theories of culture change and the methods, problems and ethics of applied anthropology. Prerequisite: ANTH 116 or consent of instructor.

ANTH 445 Class and Class Conflict (3 credits)

Class stratification in preindustrial, industrial, and post-industrial societies, institutionalized inequality, sources of strain and conflict, automation and the prospects for the industrial population. Prerequisite: SOCI 101 or consent of instructor.

ANTH 450 Individual Study (1-3 credits)

Limited to 6 hours, not more than 3 hours in a given subject area. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ANTH 485 Field Experience; Internship (3-12 credits)

Systematic field study in conjunction with formal academic work. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ANTH 486 Special Topics (1-4 credits)

Designed to provide upper-division students with an opportunity to experience a special or experimental curriculum enrichment course.