

ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

Anthropology students are typically interested in a wide range of topics, unified only by their connection to the human condition. These interests range from the reconstruction of the evolutionary processes leading to modern humans to complex issues concerning contemporary human cultural diversity. Many students are fascinated by the archaeological remains of the peoples who previously occupied not only our region, but many other areas of the world. Many of our students are interested in traveling, meeting people of other societies, viewing museum exhibits, analyzing artifacts, interviewing and learning techniques of observation, learning new languages and developing excellent cross-cultural communication skills. Anthropology students acquire skills that serve them in many different settings and occupations, including how to communicate with people of different cultures, how to recognize the varied perspectives that characterize people from different societies, how to gather and interpret data about human beings and how to obtain funding and work within a budget.

Admission into the Major

Students are expected to formally declare a major no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). Students can declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

Students are expected to meet the director of undergraduate studies as soon as they declare a major in Anthropology. The director will advise them of curriculum requirements, assign an adviser in the department, and answer any questions concerning curriculum.

Special Opportunities

The department sponsors a local chapter of Lambda Alpha, a national anthropology honor society. Membership requires junior standing, at least 12 hours of completed coursework in the major and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. The department also supports an active student-run Anthropology Club, which is involved in archaeological digs, the Moundville Native American Festival, and many other academic and recreational activities throughout the year.

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in anthropology must complete all University, College and departmental degree requirements. These include the general education requirements, the following major requirements, all requirements for an approved minor (or second major) and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

Code and Title	Hours
Major Courses	
ANT 102 Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT 107 Intro to Archaeology	3
ANT 210 Language and Culture	3
ANT 270 Biological Anthropology	4
ANT 421 or Ethnography	3
ANT 440 Culture	
ANT archaeology 300-400 level ¹	3
ANT biological 300-400 level ²	3
ANT general elective 100+ level	3
ANT general electives 300+ level	6

Archaeology Courses ¹

The archaeology requirement must be completed from this list:

ANT 303	Maya Language and Culture
ANT 319	Ancient New World Civilization
ANT 361	Environmental Archaeology
ANT 368	Southeastern Archaeology
ANT 409	Ancient Maya Civilization
ANT 422	Archaeological Ethics
ANT 424	Cultural Resource Management
ANT 425	GIS for Archaeologists
ANT 426	Archaeology East North America
ANT 428	North American Archaeology
ANT 434	Archaeology of Food
ANT 444	Anthropology and Cemeteries
ANT 445	Historical Archaeology
ANT 458	Museum Collections Management
ANT 460	Anthropology and Museums
ANT 462	Ancient Andean Civilizations
ANT 464	Paleoethnobotany
ANT 466	Laboratory Methods Archaeology
ANT 468	Ceramics for the Archaeologist

Biological Anthropology Courses ²

The biological anthropology course must be completed from this list:

ANT 311	Pop., Health & Human Origins
ANT 312	Non-Human Primates
ANT 423	Legal Anthropology
ANT 471	Fossil Humans and Evolution
ANT 473	Human Osteology
ANT 474	Neuroanthropology
ANT 475	The Plastic Human
ANT 476	Nutritional Anthropology
ANT 478	Anthro of Human Development
ANT 479	Human Paleopathology

Cultural Anthropology/Linguistics Electives

Possible 300+ electives in cultural anthropology and linguistics can be completed from this list:

ANT 302	Language and Race
ANT 317	Anth-Modern Life
ANT 322	Anthropology of CAM
ANT 326	Service Ethnography
ANT 401	Linguistic Anthropology
ANT 402	Health Inequities
ANT 405	Culture, Mind, and Behavior
ANT 406	Biocultural Bodies
ANT 410	Ethnography of Communication
ANT 411	Culture, Health, and Healing
ANT 412	Anthropology of Europe
ANT 413	Peoples of Latin Amer
ANT 414	Peoples Of Africa
ANT 415	Contemporary China
ANT 419	Myth, Ritual, And Magic

ANT 438	Anthropology of Art	
ANT 440	Culture	
Total Hours		31

Footnotes

¹ or any other 300- or 400-level archaeology course

² or any 300- or 400-level biological anthropology course

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

Ancillary Courses

The major in anthropology does not require ancillary courses. However, students considering graduate school are encouraged to study a foreign language.

Required Minor

This major requires the completion of a minor or a second major.

Additional Major Requirements

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with minor, College and University requirements.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for 300+ level ANT courses include introductory courses specific to a subfield (i.e., ANT 102 Intro to Cultural Anthropology is required to enroll in upper level courses in cultural anthropology, ANT 107 Intro to Archaeology is required to enroll in upper level courses in archaeology, ANT 210 Language and Culture is required to enroll in upper level courses in linguistic anthropology, and ANT 270 Biological Anthropology is required to enroll in upper level courses in biological anthropology). Independent research classes require at least 6 hours of ANT classes be completed prior to enrollment. If a student lacks the necessary credits or courses, they may request permission to enroll from the instructor.

Concentrations

Students majoring in Anthropology have the options of concentrating in Archaeology of the Americas or Health Professions. No additional classes are required, but specific electives (9 hrs) will replace the 3 general electives for the major.

Health Professions Concentration

Students pursuing a major in anthropology who are interested in a career in health professions such as medicine, nursing, public health, health policy, epidemiology, medical anthropology or medical sociology can choose a sequence of courses in the health professions concentration. These students should choose anthropology electives from the following courses below for their general 100+ (3 hrs) and 300+ (6 hrs) electives:

Health Professions Concentration		Hours
ANT 275	Race, Ethnicity, & Human Var.	3
ANT 411	Culture, Health, and Healing	3
Select one of the following (3 hours):		3
ANT 302	Language and Race	
ANT 305	Tattooing and Human Nature	
ANT 311	Pop., Health & Human Origins	
ANT 322	Anthropology of CAM	
ANT 402	Health Inequities	
ANT 406	Biocultural Bodies	
ANT 405	Culture, Mind, and Behavior	
ANT 474	Neuroanthropology	
ANT 475	The Plastic Human	
ANT 478	Anthro of Human Development	
ANT 476	Nutritional Anthropology	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9

Archaeology of the Americas Concentration

Students pursuing a major in anthropology who are interested in an academic career in archaeology or a career in cultural resource management with companies such as the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, Bureaus of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and State Historic Preservation offices or private consulting firms should choose a total of nine hours of anthropology electives from the following courses:

Archaeology of the Americas Concentration		Hours
ANT 366	Field Archaeology (3 hours of this 6 hour course will apply)	3
ANT 466	Laboratory Methods Archaeology	3
Select one of the following (3 hours):		3
ANT 303	Maya Language and Culture	
ANT 319	Ancient New World Civilization	
ANT 361	Environmental Archaeology	
ANT 368	Southeastern Archaeology	
ANT 409	Ancient Maya Civilization	
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ANT 468	Ceramics for the Archaeologist	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9

Students with anthropology degrees have employment opportunities in educational institutions, museums, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, international agencies, marketing (and other aspects of commerce), health agencies, the Park and Forest services, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state historic

preservation offices, cultural resource management firms and many other professions.

Types of Jobs Accepted

Graduates of the Department of Anthropology at UA have gone on to pursue advanced degrees, found employment in institutions of higher learning, in private cultural resource firms, in journalism and in public health entities (both in the U.S. and abroad.)

Jobs of Experienced Alumni

Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal; professor, vice president of public service and outreach; Center for Disease Control specialist; archaeologist with the National Park Service, National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; consumer habit researcher with Microsoft; product promotion strategist with AT&T

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center