

College of Arts and Sciences

Anthropology

B.A. in Anthropology

Admission to the Program

Formal admission to the major by the department's undergraduate studies director requires a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) and a grade point average of 2.00 or higher in two anthropology courses.

University Requirements

- A total of 120 credit hours
- 6 credit hours of college writing
- 3 credit hours of college mathematics or the equivalent by examination

General Education Requirements

- A total of ten courses, consisting of one foundation course and one second-level course in an approved sequence from each of the five curricular areas
- No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in the same discipline

Major Requirements

- 48 credit hours with grades of C or better

Course Requirements

Core Courses (24 credit hours)

- ANTH-250 Human Origins 5:2 (3)
- ANTH-251 Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ANTH-253 Introduction to Archaeology (3)
- ANTH-254 Language and Culture (3)
- ANTH-340 Contemporary Ethnographics (3)
- ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3)
- ANTH-450 Anthropology of Power (3)
- ANTH-552 Anthropological Research Methods (3)

Fieldwork (3 credit hours)

- 3 credits from the following:
 - ANTH-392 Cooperative Education Field Experience (3–9)
 - ANTH-491 Internship in Anthropology (1–6)
 - ANTH-550 Ethnographic Field Methods (3)
 - ANTH-560 Summer Field School: Archaeology (3–9)
- Other fieldwork, including study abroad programs or community service learning projects, may be used with the approval of the student's advisor

Elective Courses (21 credit hours)

- 21 credit hours from the following with a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 300 level or above:
 - ANTH-210 Roots of Racism and Interracial Harmony 3:2 (3)
 - ANTH-215 Sex, Gender, and Culture 3:2 (3)
 - ANTH-220 Living in Multicultural Societies 3:2 (3)
 - ANTH-225 Language and Human Experience 1:2 (3)
 - ANTH-230 India: Its Living Traditions 3:2 (3)
 - ANTH-235 Early America: The Buried Past 2:2 (3)
 - ANTH-334 Environmental Justice (3)
 - ANTH-337 Anthropology of Genocide (3)
 - ANTH-350 Special Topics (3)
 - ANTH-430 Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (3)
 - ANTH-431 Taboos (3)
 - ANTH-498 Senior Thesis in Anthropology (3–6)
 - ANTH-531 Topics in Archaeology (3)
 - ANTH-532 Changing Culture (3)
 - ANTH-534 Class and Culture (3)
 - ANTH-535 Ethnicity and Nationalism (3)
 - ANTH-537 Topics in Language and Culture (3)
 - ANTH-542 Reinventing Applied Anthropology (3)
 - ANTH-543 Anthropology of Development (3)
 - ANTH-544 Topics in Public Anthropology (3)

University Honors Program

All University Honors students must complete at least 12 credit hours of advanced-level (300-level and above) Honors courses including a 3 to 6 credit hour Honors Senior Capstone Project. Students may graduate with University Honors in the major if they complete at least 12 advanced-level Honors courses including the Senior Capstone Project in the department. Each department has three levels of University Honors requirements: Level I Options (100-200-level Honors classes); Level II Options (300-level and above Honors classes); and Level III Options (Honors Senior Capstone). The department Honors coordinator advises students in the University Honors Program regarding departmental options. For more information, go to www.american.edu/academic.depts/honors/.

Minor in Anthropology

- 18 credit hours with grades of C or better and at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor

Course Requirements

- ANTH-251 Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology (3)
- Two courses from the following:
 - ANTH-250 Human Origins 5:2 (3)
 - ANTH-253 Introduction to Archaeology (3)
 - ANTH-254 Language and Culture (3)
- An additional 9 credit hours at the 300 level or above chosen in consultation with an advisor

Minor in Public Anthropology

- 18 credit hours with grades of C or better with at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor

Course Requirements

- ANTH-251 Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ANTH-542 Reinventing Applied Anthropology (3) (taken after completion of at least 6 credit hours in anthropology)
- An additional 12 credit hours with at least 9 credit hours at the 300 level or above, chosen from at least two subfields (socio-cultural, linguistic, archaeological, physical) in consultation with an advisor.

Undergraduate Certificate in Public Anthropology

Admission to the Program

Open to undergraduate degree and nondegree students. Students must complete 6 credit hours with grades of C or better in anthropology courses at the 200 level or above, or have internship experience in a related field before beginning course work for the certificate.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 300-level or above, with grades of C or better. Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements,

although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 12 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- ANTH-541 Anthropology and State Policy (3)
or
ANTH-542 Reinventing Applied Anthropology (3)
- 12 credit hours in public anthropology courses at the 300 level or above, chosen in consultation with the student's faculty advisor.

Combined B.A. in Anthropology and M.A. in Public Anthropology

This program allows qualified students to complete both the B.A. in Anthropology and the M.A. in Public Anthropology.

Admission to the Program

The standards for admission to the undergraduate major must first be satisfied. Undergraduate majors ordinarily apply for admission to the combined B.A./M.A. program at the end of their junior year. Admission decisions follow the procedures used to evaluate graduate applicants to the M.A. program. Interest in this program should be discussed with members of the faculty before formal application is begun.

Requirements

- All requirements for the B.A. in Anthropology
Undergraduate students may apply up to 9 credit hours of approved graduate-level course work in anthropology to satisfy the requirements for both degrees.
- All requirements for the M.A. in Public Anthropology, including a minimum of 18 credit hours completed in residence in graduate status after the undergraduate degree has been awarded.

M.A. in Public Anthropology

Admission to the Program

Applicants must meet the minimum university requirements for admission to graduate study. Admission is based on academic record, two academic letters of reference, and an example of the applicant's work, e.g., a term paper. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required.

Degree Requirements

- 30 credit hours of approved graduate work
Students focus their studies in either cultural/social anthropology or archaeology
- One written comprehensive examination, appropriate to the student's concentration
- A thesis or nonthesis option of two substantial research papers prepared in conjunction with advanced courses or research seminars, read and approved by two faculty members and the department chair

Tracks

Cultural/Social Anthropology or Archeology

Course Requirements

- ANTH-552 Anthropological Research Methods (3)
- ANTH-632 Contemporary Theory: Culture, Power, History (3)

Cultural/Social Anthropology

- 18 credit hours from the following as approved by the student's advisor, with no more than 6 credit hours from ANTH-691 and ANTH-797:
ANTH-531 Topics in Archaeology (3)
ANTH-532 Changing Culture (3)
ANTH-534 Class and Culture (3)
ANTH-535 Ethnicity and Nationalism (3)
ANTH-537 Topics in Language and Culture (3)
ANTH-541 Anthropology and State Policy (3)
ANTH-542 Reinventing Applied Anthropology (3)
ANTH-543 Anthropology of Development (3)
ANTH-544 Topics in Public Anthropology (3)
ANTH-550 Ethnographic Field Methods (3)
ANTH-631 Foundations of Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANTH-634 Foundations of Archaeology (3)
ANTH-635 Race, Gender and Social Justice (3)
ANTH-637 Discourse, Narrative, and Text (3)
ANTH-640 Current Issues in Anthropology (3)

ANTH-691 Internship in Anthropology (1–6)
ANTH-797 Master's Thesis Seminar (6) (thesis option)

- 6 credit hours of approved graduate course work from another discipline, such as history, sociology, communication, or international service.

Archeology

- ANTH-533 Cultural Resources Management (3) *or*
ANTH-536 Archaeology and Politics (3)
- ANTH-634 Foundations of Archaeology (3)
- 12 credit hours from the following as approved by the student's advisor. Students without field archaeology experience are strongly encouraged to take ANTH-560 Summer Field School: Archaeology:
ANTH-531 Topics in Archaeology (3)
ANTH-532 Changing Culture (3)
ANTH-533 Cultural Resources Management (3) (if not taken to meet requirement above)
ANTH-534 Class and Culture (3)
ANTH-535 Ethnicity and Nationalism (3)
ANTH-536 Archaeology and Politics (3) (if not taken to meet requirement above)
ANTH-537 Topics in Language and Culture (3)
ANTH-541 Anthropology and State Policy (3)
ANTH-542 Reinventing Applied Anthropology (3)
ANTH-543 Anthropology of Development (3)
ANTH-544 Topics in Public Anthropology (3)
ANTH-550 Ethnographic Field Methods (3)
ANTH-560 Summer Field School: Archaeology (3–9)
ANTH-590 Independent Reading in Anthropology (1–6)
ANTH-631 Foundations of Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANTH-635 Race, Gender and Social Justice (3)
ANTH-637 Discourse, Narrative, and Text (3)
ANTH-639 Culture Area Analysis (3)
ANTH-640 Current Issues in Anthropology (3)
ANTH-690 Independent Study Project in Anthropology (1–6)
ANTH-691 Internship in Anthropology (1–6)
ANTH-797 Master's Thesis Seminar (6) (thesis option)
- 6 credit hours of approved graduate course work from another discipline, such as history, sociology, communication, economics, mathematics and statistics, computer science, information systems, business, and public affairs.

Ph.D. in Anthropology

Admission to the Program

Applicants must meet the minimum university requirements for admission to graduate study. Admission is based on academic record, two academic letters of reference, and an example of the applicant's work, e.g., a term paper. GRE scores should be sent directly to the department.

Degree Requirements

- 72 credit hours of approved graduate work
Students entering the program with an M.A. in Anthropology earned elsewhere must complete at least 30 credit hours of course work and no more than 12 credit hours of dissertation credit in residence.
- Two languages or one language and statistical or computer analysis as a tool of research
- Four comprehensive examinations, at least two written and at least one oral
- Dissertation and oral defense
- Field work is a component of dissertation research

Concentrations

Cultural/Social Anthropology, Archeology, or Race, Gender, and Social Justice

Course Requirements

Cultural/Social Anthropology or Archeology

- ANTH-631 Foundations of Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)
 - ANTH-634 Foundations of Archaeology (3)
 - ANTH-637 Discourse, Narrative, and Text (3)
 - ANTH-799 Doctoral Dissertation Seminar (6)
- #### **Race, Gender, and Social Justice**
- ANTH-632 Contemporary Theory: Culture, Power and History (3)
 - ANTH-635 Race, Gender and Social Justice (3)
 - 12 credit hours in race, gender, and social justice course work from the following, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor:
 - ANTH-531 Topics in Archaeology :
Archaeology and Politics (3)
 - ANTH-532 Changing Culture (3)
 - ANTH-535 Ethnicity and Nationalism (3)
 - ANTH-537 Topics in Language and Culture:
Language, Culture, and Education (3)
 - ANTH-541 Anthropology and State Policy (3)
 - ANTH-542 Reinventing Applied Anthropology (3)
 - ANTH-544 Topics in Public Anthropology :
Environmental Justice (3)
Human Rights (3)

ANTH-637 Discourse, Narrative, and Text (3)
ANTH-640 Current Issues in Anthropology (3)

- 15 credit hours of course work from at least two other teaching units, including the Departments of Justice, Law and Society; History; and Sociology; and the School of International Service
- ANTH-691 Internship in Anthropology (3) or other practical experience in race, gender and social justice
- ANTH-799 Doctoral Dissertation Seminar (6) including a 3-credit hour capstone seminar in race, gender and social justice

Graduate Certificate in Public Anthropology

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Students must complete 6 credit hours with grades of C or better in anthropology courses at the 200 level or above, or have internship experience in a related field before beginning course work for the certificate.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 600-level or above, with grades of C or better
Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- ANTH-541 Anthropology and State Policy (3)
or
ANTH-542 Reinventing Applied Anthropology (3)
- 12 credit hours in graduate public anthropology courses with at least 6 credit hours at the 600 level or above, chosen in consultation with the student's faculty advisor.