

ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Major: Anthropology

Program Overview

As a student in the anthropology program at Case Western Reserve University you will be challenged to form a unique perspective on human behavior, institutions, and biology. Skills of investigation, discovery, and critical thinking prepare you for a wide range of careers from health and international affairs, to public service, education, and law, to management and industry. An undergraduate degree in anthropology can lead you to an enriching career, to further study in medicine and law, or to advanced study in various academic programs. Just a few examples of the exciting opportunities open to anthropologists include working with local police forensic departments, studying health issues for hospitals or medical centers, and consulting for companies that develop software and electronics.

The Anthropology Department's undergraduate programs investigate human behavior through four emphases, offered as both majors and minors. Each of these emphases pushes you to develop the qualitative and quantitative analytic skills necessary for both a career and further academic study. Students may pursue one of four areas of concentration: general anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and medical anthropology.

Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Accelerated Master's Programs

Undergraduate students may participate in accelerated programs toward graduate or professional degrees. For more information and details of the policies and procedures related to accelerated studies, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Program Requirements

Students seeking to complete this major and degree program must meet the general requirements for bachelor's degrees and the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. Students completing this program as a secondary major while completing another undergraduate degree program do not need to satisfy the latter set of requirements.

The undergraduate major requires a minimum of 30 semester hours in anthropology. The undergraduate program provides a cross-cultural perspective on human behavior, culture, and biology. Students may choose from four major concentrations: General Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, and Archaeology.

Departmental Honors

This program is open to qualified majors in anthropology who have completed 15 hours of anthropology with a 3.25 GPA and who have an overall 3.0 GPA. Students should apply for the program in the fall semester of their junior year and, if approved, register

for ANTH 391 Honors Tutorial and ANTH 392 Honors Tutorial in the spring of their junior year and the fall of their senior year.

Honors students are required to undertake a research project under the supervision of one or more faculty members and to present an acceptable research paper in the fall semester of their senior year. Students interested in the program should contact one of the department's undergraduate advisors.

Concentration Requirements

- The General Anthropology Concentration** provides training in three subdisciplines of anthropology. The first, sociocultural anthropology, emphasizes relationships among socioeconomic institutions, cultural ecology, health and medicine, religion and symbolism, individual psychological variables, and language. The second, physical anthropology, emphasizes human ecology and adaptability, human growth and development, nutritional adaptation, epidemiology, and human and nonhuman primate evolution. The third, archaeology, deals with the long sequences of independent sociocultural, technological, and ecological evolution that have taken place under diverse conditions.
- The Medical Anthropology Concentration** provides training in the three subdisciplines discussed above, but with a focus on their relationship to physical and mental health, illness, disease, and medicine.
- The Physical Anthropology Concentration** deals with the biological nature of humans past and present. Physical anthropologists look beyond purely biological phenomena to understand how biology, behavior, and environment interact. Most course work is in the subdiscipline of human biology, which seeks to understand those interactions by studying physiology, genetics, nutrition, and epidemiology in modern human populations throughout the world. The concentration also provides training in paleoanthropology, which documents the biological history of humans and, in conjunction with archaeology, analyzes those interactions for past humans.
- The Archaeology Concentration** focuses on the customs and daily life of people who lived in the past. Anthropologists excavate and analyze the material remains of the sites of human occupation. At the same time, archaeological research seeks to understand the evolution of culture and society by determining how and why changes in human society have occurred.

General Anthropology Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 102	Being Human: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 103	Introduction to Human Evolution	3
ANTH 319	Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences	3
One geographic area course, such as the courses listed here. Other courses must be approved by the department.		3
ANTH 312	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 314	Cultures of the United States	
ANTH 331	The Most Ancient Near East	
ANTH 333	Roots of Ancient India: Archaeology of South Asia	
ANTH 349	Cultures of Latin America	
ANTH 353	Chinese Culture and Society	

Approved anthropology electives	18
Total Hours	30

Medical Anthropology Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 102	Being Human: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 103	Introduction to Human Evolution	3
ANTH 215	Health, Culture, and Disease: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 319	Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences	3

One geographic area course, such as the courses listed here. Other courses must be approved by the department. **3**

ANTH 312	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 314	Cultures of the United States	
ANTH 331	The Most Ancient Near East	
ANTH 333	Roots of Ancient India: Archaeology of South Asia	
ANTH 349	Cultures of Latin America	
ANTH 353	Chinese Culture and Society	

Three anthropology courses covering health/illness-related topics, such as the courses listed here. Other courses must be approved by the department. **9**

ANTH 302	Darwinian Medicine	
ANTH 303	Interdisciplinary Solutions to Global Health Issues	
ANTH 306	The Anthropology of Childhood and the Family	
ANTH 316	Current Global Health Events	
ANTH 323	AIDS: Epidemiology, Biology, and Culture	
ANTH 326	Power, Illness, and Inequality: The Political Economy of Health	
ANTH 328	Medical Anthropology and Public Health	
ANTH 335	Illegal Drugs and Society	
ANTH 337	Comparative Medical Systems	
ANTH 338	Maternal Health: Anthropological Perspectives on Reproductive Practices and Health Policy	
ANTH 359	Introduction to Global Health	
ANTH 360	Global Politics of Reproduction	
ANTH 365	Gender and Sex Differences: Cross-cultural Perspective	
ANTH 366	Population Change: Problems and Solutions	
ANTH 371	Culture, Behavior, and Person: Psychological Anthropology	
ANTH 376	Topics in the Anthropology of Health and Medicine	
ANTH 378		

Approved anthropology electives	6
Total Hours	30

Physical Anthropology Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 102	Being Human: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 103	Introduction to Human Evolution	3
ANTH 319	Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences	3

One geographic area course, such as the courses listed here. Other courses must be approved by the department. **3**

ANTH 312	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 314	Cultures of the United States	
ANTH 331	The Most Ancient Near East	
ANTH 333	Roots of Ancient India: Archaeology of South Asia	
ANTH 349	Cultures of Latin America	
ANTH 353	Chinese Culture and Society	

Three physical anthropology courses, such as: **9**

ANTH 302	Darwinian Medicine	
ANTH 320B	Field Methods and Field Work in Paleoanthropology	
ANTH 367	Topics in Evolutionary Biology	
ANTH 323	AIDS: Epidemiology, Biology, and Culture	
ANTH 355	Paleodiet(s)?: Understanding Food and Diet Past and Present	
ANTH 370		
ANTH 378		
ANTH 396	Undergraduate Research in Evolutionary Biology	

Approved anthropology electives	9
Total Hours	30

Archaeology Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 102	Being Human: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 103	Introduction to Human Evolution	3
ANTH 107	Archaeology: An Introduction	3
ANTH 319	Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences	3

One geographic area course, such as the courses listed here. Other courses must be approved by the department. **3**

ANTH 312	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 314	Cultures of the United States	
ANTH 331	The Most Ancient Near East	
ANTH 333	Roots of Ancient India: Archaeology of South Asia	
ANTH 349	Cultures of Latin America	
ANTH 353	Chinese Culture and Society	

Three approved archaeology courses, such as: **9**

ANTH 202		
ANTH 320A	Field Methods and Field Work in Archaeology	
ANTH 331	The Most Ancient Near East	
ANTH 333	Roots of Ancient India: Archaeology of South Asia	
ANTH 399	Independent Study (if approved by advisor)	

Approved anthropology electives	6
Total Hours	30