

Anthropology ANTH

Associate in Arts Degree

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Program Information

Anthropology majors are encouraged to participate in community activities, archaeological internships, Sacramento Zoo activities, and to attend relevant guest lectures.

Career Opportunities

The Anthropology major is designed to prepare students for further study in Anthropology leading to BA, MA, and/or PhD degrees. Anthropologists with graduate degrees teach at high schools, colleges, and graduate levels. Archaeologists manage cultural resources for State, Federal, and Private organizations. Physical Anthropologists work in Forensics and Primatology. Both Archaeologists and Cultural Anthropologists manage and coordinate museums and research facilities.

Recommended High School Preparation

Preparatory courses including history, English, mathematics, and foreign languages.

Required Program	Units
ANTH 300, Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH 301, Physical Anthropology Laboratory	1
ANTH 310, Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 320, Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory ...	3
A minimum of 3 units from the following:.....	3
One other three-unit Anthropology course	
A minimum of 12 units from the following:	12
Courses in Geography, Sociology, or History	
Total Units Required	25

Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree

The Associate in Arts Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60 unit total. See SCC graduation requirements.

Anthropology (ANTH)

ANTH 300 Physical Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B2; IGETC Area 5B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the science of physical anthropology. The topics to be covered will include: the field of anthropology; the scientific method; genetics and inheritance; natural selection; principles and mechanics of evolution; evidence of evolution; modern human variation; living primates; and the fossil evidence for human evolution.

ANTH 301 Physical Anthropology Laboratory 1 Unit

Prerequisite: ANTH 300 or 480 or concurrent enrollment in ANTH 300 or 480. ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B3; IGETC Area 5B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LAB

This introductory laboratory course is designed to familiarize students with the methods and materials of physical anthropology. Topics of significance covered in the course will include human osteology, forensic anthropology, genetics and evolutionary theory, biological classification, primatology, and the fossil evidence for the evolution of humans and their ancestors. Field trips may be included at the discretion of the instructor.

ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the variety of customs, traditions, and forms of social organization in a variety of western and non-western societies. The main goal of the course is to understand the importance of culture for both the individual and societies. Anthropological concepts that will be stressed include human culture and language, cultural relativism, holism, ethnocentrism, cross-cultural comparisons, field work and theory. Topics include the nature of culture, subsistence methods, religion, linguistics, trade and economic systems, arts, kinship, marriage and family systems, technology, and change.

ANTH 315 Cultures in Focus 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines American and non-Western/Third World cultures with emphasis on development problems. The historical and cultural context of development will be examined. The technological changes are examined as they impact ideological aspects of culture. Problems of overpopulation, underemployment and famine will be studied.

ANTH 317 Cultures of Southeast Asia 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: Completion of ENGWR 100 or ESLW340 with a grade of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to and comparison of the many cultures of Southeast Asia, including those in the countries of Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Cultural themes will include prehistory, gender, religion, the arts, cuisines, economies, social organization, colonialism, conflict, development, and migration. The course will include studies of Southeast Asian communities in the United States, the historical precedents of their arrivals, and some of the challenges that they face as minority cultures.

ANTH 320 Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the field of Archaeology and a survey of World Prehistory. Students will be introduced to the theories, concepts, and methods employed by archaeologists in the study of the human past. By examining the archaeological record of cultures in Africa, Europe, Asia, the Americas, and the Pacific Islands, this course explores the trajectory of human cultures from the Upper Paleolithic onward, using a range of case studies from around the world.

ANTH 322 Archeological Site Identification 1.5 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 27 hours LEC

This class provides classroom and field experience in all aspects of identifying prehistoric and historic sites: map reading, making sketch maps, artifact identification, historic and prehistoric background of Northern California, completing an official Site Survey Form acceptable to State Standards, and experience identifying sites in real field situations. Students receive partial preparation for entry level jobs with government agencies or archeological consulting firms. Two field trips are required. This class may be repeated once for credit.

ANTH 330 Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This is a cross-cultural study of the forms and functions and supernatural beliefs and associated rituals in various societies of Africa, Asia, aboriginal Australia, Oceania, South America, native North America and elsewhere. The emphasis of the course is on understanding beliefs and rituals within their social contexts, and on broad comparison to derive insight into the general functions of beliefs and rituals in human life.

ANTH 332 Native Peoples of California 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course provides a study of the Native inhabitants of California from the prehistoric period to the present time, in addition to offering an introduction to the diversity and complexity of aboriginal California. It includes the environmental adaptation, material culture, social structure, ideology, and response to change. This course meets the SCC Multicultural Graduation Requirement for comparative examination of diverse culture groups in the U.S. In addition to gaining perspectives on the great diversity of aboriginal cultures in California, the student will examine the impact of the other Native and non-Native groups on those cultures.

ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introductory survey of traditional Native American societies. The course will describe our understanding of the peoples and cultures of North America and emphasize native ecological adaptations, languages, social organizations, religion, mythologies and world view, and artistic representations. Perspectives on changes in traditional life and Native American's current position in American society will be included. A field trip may be optional.

ANTH 341 Introduction to Linguistics 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 50 and ENGWR 59 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course will involve the student in the exploration of the role of language in social interaction and world view, minority languages and dialects, bilingualism, literacy, and the social motivation of language change. The student will also be introduced to the analytical techniques of linguistics and the demonstration of their relevance to language in sociocultural issues.

ANTH 480 Honors Physical Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B2; IGETC Area 5B

Enrollment Limitation: Eligibility for admission to the Honors Program.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a seminar-style Honors-level introduction to the science of physical anthropology. Topics will include: the field of anthropology; the scientific method; genetics and inheritance; natural selection; principles and mechanics of evolution; evidence of evolution; modern human variation; living primates; and the fossil evidence for human evolution. This honors section uses an intensive instructional methodology designed to challenge motivated students.

ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D1; IGETC Area 4A

Enrollment Limitation: Eligibility for admission to the Honors Program.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

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ANTH 494 Topics in Anthropology 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: Determined by topic.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course provides an examination of specific topics from an anthropological perspective. The particular subject to be covered each semester will be determined by the anthropology faculty and depend on topical events. Students can earn from 1-3 units. Students should consult the schedule of classes for the specific topic.

ANTH 495 Independent Studies in Anthropology 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LAB

See Independent Studies

ANTH 499 Experimental Offering in Anthropology .5-4 Units

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

See Experimental Offerings