

Anthropology

ANTH

Degree:

- A.A. – Anthropology
- AA-T – Anthropology for Transfer

Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences

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Anthropology

Associate in Arts Degree

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

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of the processes of science, the scientific method, and the relationship between scientific research and established knowledge.
- clearly express self when writing or speaking about anthropology demonstrating knowledge of basic anthropological terminology and understanding major anthropological concepts.
- write essays explaining anthropological processes in clear and concise terms.
- demonstrate both content knowledge and test taking skills when completing essay, objective, and multiple choice exams.
- demonstrate content knowledge in the broad areas of anthropology, including evolution, culture, genetics, archaeology, and human evolution.
- reach and express logical conclusions drawn on anthropological data.

Required Program

Units

ANTH 300 Physical Anthropology (3)	3
or ANTH 480 Honors Physical Anthropology (3)	
ANTH 301 Physical Anthropology Laboratory.....	1
ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology (3)	3
or ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)	
ANTH 320 Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory.....	3
ANTH 331 The Anthropology of Religion (3)	3
or ANTH 332 Native Peoples of California (3)	
or ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America (3)	
or ANTH 341 Introduction to Linguistics (3)	
A minimum of 12 units from the following:.....	12
ADMJ 332 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)	
or ANTH 303 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)	
ETHNS 320 The African American Experience (3)	
ETHNS 330 The Asian American Experience in America (3)	
ETHNS 340 Chicanos/Mexican Americans in the U.S. (3)	
ETHNS 351 Native American Culture and the Impact of Federal ...	
Policy (3)	
GEOG 300 Physical Geography: Exploring Earth's Environmental ..	
Systems (3)	
GEOL 308 Introduction to Geology (3)	
GEOG 310 Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural	
Landscapes (3)	

- GEOG 320 World Regional Geography (3)
- HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)
- HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)
- HIST 320 History of the United States: African-American Emphasis (3)
- HIST 321 History of the United States: African-American Emphasis (3)
- HIST 360 History of African Civilizations (3)
- HIST 364 Asian Civilization (3)
- HIST 373 History of Mexico (3)
- HIST 380 History of the Middle East (3)
- SOC 300 Introductory Sociology (3)
- or SOC 480 Introductory Sociology – Honors (3)
- SOC 310 Marriage and the Family (3)
- or FCS 320 Marriage and the Family (3)
- SOC 312 The Child, the Family and the Community (3)
- or ECE 314 The Child, the Family and the Community (3)
- SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States (3)
- or SOC 482 Sociology of Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality – Honors (3)
- SOC 335 Sociology of Aging (3)
- or GERON 300 Sociology of Aging (3)
- SOC 341 Sex and Gender in the U.S. (3)
- or FCS 326 Sex and Gender in the U.S. (3)
- SOC 345 Global Women's Issues (3)
- or WGS 302 Global Women's Issues (3)

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.



**Associate Degree
for Transfer**
A Degree with a Guarantee.

Anthropology

Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree

Program Information

Anthropology is the study of humans. Anthropologists study our species throughout time, focusing on our diverse modern culture and cultural adaptations, our biological classification as a species, and our inclusion in the Order Primates, and our species' past developments, including our first steps to our first civilizations. The goal of Anthropology is to study the similarities and differences in biological and cultural adaptations and features across the globe throughout our human history.

Anthropology is a holistic discipline, which means that anthropologists study all aspects of humans and our behavior. The field of Anthropology has been broken up into four main subfields: Cultural Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, Archaeology, and Linguistics. Cultural Anthropology is concerned with the study of human culture and its variations across time and space. Physical Anthropologists aim to study our species from a biological perspective – examining our DNA, relationship to our closest animal relatives, the primates, and the fossil evidence of our earliest human ancestors. Archaeology is the study of our past, focused specifically on reconstructing past behavior by looking at objects used by past people. Linguistic Anthropologists study human language and communication.

This degree offers courses that satisfy lower division General Education requirements in both the physical and social sciences, providing students with a solid foundation in Anthropology as well as the standard prerequisites for upper division coursework leading to the baccalaureate degree. Students planning to transfer to a four-year school with a major in Anthropology should consult the lower division requirements at the university they plan to attend.

The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) student completion requirements (as stated in SB1440 law):

- (1) Completion of a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - (A) The Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-B).
 - (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

Note to Transfer Students:

The Associate Degree for Transfer program is designed for students who plan to transfer to a California State University (CSU). Other than the required core, the courses you choose to complete this degree will depend to some extent on the selected CSU for transfer. In addition, some CSU-GE Breadth or IGETC requirements can also be completed using courses required for this Associate Degree for Transfer major (known as "double-counting"). Meeting with a counselor to determine the most appropriate course choices will facilitate efficient completion of your transfer requirements. For students wishing to transfer to other universities (UC System, private, or out-of-state), the Associate Degree for Transfer may not provide adequate preparation for upper-division transfer admissions, because many universities require more lower division courses than those in this degree. Even the CSUs that accept this transfer degree may likely require more lower division courses to achieve the Bachelor degree. It is critical that you meet with a SCC counselor to select and plan the courses for the major, as programs vary widely in terms of the required preparation.

Career Opportunities

Anthropologists with baccalaureate or graduate degrees work as archaeological technicians or project directors for private, state or federal organizations, museum managers, forensic specialists in police departments and crime labs, primatologists and zoo curators, teachers, consultants or analysts for private, government or educational institutions or non-profit organizations.

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of the processes of science, the scientific method, and the relationship between scientific research and established knowledge.
- speak clearly about anthropology demonstrating knowledge of basic anthropological terminology and concepts.
- write essays explaining anthropological processes in clear and concise terms.
- demonstrate both content knowledge and test taking skills when completing essay, objective, and multiple choice exams.
- demonstrate content knowledge in the broad areas of anthropology, including evolution, culture, genetics, archaeology, and human evolution.
- reach and express logical conclusions drawn on anthropological data.

Required Program	Units
ANTH 300 Physical Anthropology (3)	3
or ANTH 480 Honors Physical Anthropology (3)	
ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology (3)	3
or ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)	
ANTH 323 Introduction to Archaeology	3
A minimum of 6 units from the following:	6
ANTH 301 Physical Anthropology Laboratory (1)	
ANTH 331 The Anthropology of Religion (3)	
ANTH 332 Native Peoples of California (3)	
ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America (3)	
ANTH 341 Introduction to Linguistics (3)	
A minimum of 3 units from the following:	3
ANTH 315 Cultures in Focus (3)	
GEOG 310 Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes (3)	
GEOG 320 World Regional Geography (3)	
SOC 345 Global Women's Issues (3)	
or WGS 302 Global Women's Issues (3)	
Total Units Required	18

Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree

The Associate in Arts in Anthropology for Transfer (AA-T) degree may be obtained by completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program, and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

Anthropology (ANTH)

ANTH 300 Physical Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 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. (C-ID ANTH 110)

ANTH 301 Physical Anthropology Laboratory 1 Unit

Prerequisite: ANTH 300 or 480 with a grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in ANTH 300 or 480. ENGWR 51 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. (C-ID ANTH 115L)

ANTH 303 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology 3 Units

Same As: ADMJ 332

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better

Advisory: ANTH 300 with a grade of "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area IV

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an overview of forensic anthropology, an applied field of physical anthropology. Forensic anthropology uses the analysis of human skeletal remains to answer medico-legal questions. This course emphasizes current techniques used in analysis of human skeletal remains, medico-legal procedures, and the role of the anthropologist in the investigative process. It examines the basics of bone biology, methods of skeletal analysis, and recognition of bone pathology and trauma. Students may earn credit for either ANTH 303 or ADMJ 332 but not for both.

ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 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 societies around the world. 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. (C-ID ANTH 120)

ANTH 320 Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 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, students will explore 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 51 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 27 hours LEC

This course 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.

ANTH 323 Introduction to Archaeology 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 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 concepts, methods, and theoretical perspectives employed in the scientific study of archaeology. Emphasis will be placed on how data is retrieved from the archaeological record and how it can be used to address questions about the development and evolution of human social systems. Topics will include archaeological theory, survey and excavation methods, laboratory analysis, reconstructing past environments, and drawing conclusions about the past from archaeological data. This course will draw upon examples from the New World as well as archaeological examples worldwide. A field trip may be required. Research assignments will be assigned to students who cannot participate in a field trip. (C-ID ANTH 150)

ANTH 331 The Anthropology of Religion 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); 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 course surveys the forms and functions of supernatural belief systems and their associated rituals in various societies. Ethnographic examples are utilized in order to study beliefs and rituals within their sociocultural contexts. Comparisons are then drawn in order to understand the functions of religious and magical beliefs and rituals in human life.

ANTH 332 Native Peoples of California 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 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 51 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. In this course students will gain an understanding of the peoples and cultures of North America and evaluate native ecological adaptations, languages, social organizations, religion, mythologies and world view, and artistic representations. Perspectives on changes in traditional life and Native Americans' current social roles and statuses will be included.

ANTH 341 Introduction to Linguistics 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 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 language from an anthropological perspective, including the biological basis of language, the role of language in social interaction and world view, minority languages and dialects, bilingualism, literacy, the social motivation of language change, and the impact of language loss. 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: ENGWR 51 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better

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. (C-ID ANTH 110)

ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 51 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

Enrollment Limitation: Eligibility for admission to the Honors Program.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a seminar-style 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 will be emphasized including human culture and language, cultural relativism, holism, ethnocentrism, cross-cultural comparisons, fieldwork, 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. This honors section uses an intensive instructional methodology designed to challenge motivated students. (C-ID ANTH 120)

ANTH 494 Topics in Anthropology 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: Determined by topic

Course Transferable to UC/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. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.

ANTH 495 Independent Studies in Anthropology 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 162 hours LAB

This course provides an opportunity to take a course in anthropology that covers topics that are not part of the regular curriculum. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.

ANTH 499 Experimental Offering in Anthropology .5-4 Units

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

See Experimental Offering. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.