ANTHROPOLOGY

Overview

The ISU program in Anthropology is housed in the Department of World Languages and Cultures (http://catalog.iastate.edu/collegeofliberalartsandsciences/worldlanguagesandcultures/).

Anthropology students develop a well-rounded professional education in cultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology. An undergraduate major in Anthropology can serve as the nucleus for a general liberal education, or as the prerequisite for graduate training qualifying a person for positions in (1) college and university teaching, (2) research, and (3) administrative and applied positions in government, development organizations, museums, and private businesses or corporations.

Anthropology majors may choose either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science degree, both of which require 33 credits in anthropology. A bachelor of arts degree is obtained by fulfilling the college general education requirements plus 6 additional credits in Area I (Arts and Humanities) or III (Social Sciences) or a combination of both. A bachelor of science degree is obtained by fulfilling the college general education requirements plus 6 additional credits in Area IIA (Mathematics) or IIB (Natural Sciences) or a combination of both.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the major in anthropology, students will be able to:

1. Explain what it means to be human through the study of culture and society, the biology and evolution of humans and other primates, and through the study of past human communities and material culture;
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the important historical and contemporary issues in the subdisciplines of archaeological, biological, and cultural anthropology;
3. Describe and evaluate local and global issues from an anthropological perspective;
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the value of cultural diversity.

Degree Requirements

Undergraduate students with majors in anthropology are required to take the following anthropology core courses:

ANTHR 201  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3
ANTHR 202  Human Origins 3
ANTHR 306  Culture and Interpretation 3
ANTHR 307  Biological Anthropology 3
ANTHR 308  Archaeology 3
ANTHR 450  Approaches in Anthropology 3

One of the following methods courses is required: 3

ANTHR 319  Skeletal Biology
or ANTHR 32  Archaeological Discovery and Analysis
or ANTHR 431  Ethnographic Methods

In addition to the above, 15 ANTHR choice credits are required.

Communication Proficiency requirement: According to the university-wide Communication Proficiency Grade Requirement, students must demonstrate their communication proficiency by earning a grade of C or better in ENGL 250.

ENGL 250  Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition 3
or ENGL 250H  Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition: Honors

Additionally, the Anthropology Program requires a grade of C or better in one of the following courses:

ENGL 302  Business Communication
ENGL 309  Proposal and Report Writing
ENGL 314  Technical Communication

The principal sub-disciplines of anthropology are represented by the following:

1. Cultural anthropology.

ANTHR 201  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3
ANTHR 230  Globalization and the Human Condition 3
ANTHR 306  Culture and Interpretation 3
ANTHR 309  Introduction to Culture and Language 3
ANTHR 313  Kinship and Marriage in a Global Perspective 3
ANTHR 322  Peoples and Cultures of Native North America 3
ANTHR 323  Topics in Latin American Anthropology 3
ANTHR 325  Peoples and Cultures of Africa 3
ANTHR 332  Current Issues in Native North America 3
ANTHR 336  Global Development 3
ANTHR 340  Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion 3
ANTHR 354  War and the Politics of Humanitarianism 3
ANTHR 411  Anthropology for Global Professionals 3
ANTHR 418  Global Culture, Consumption and Modernity 3
ANTHR 431  Ethnographic Methods 3
ANTHR 434B  Internship: Cultural Anthropology 2-6
ANTHR 434D  Internship: Linguistic Anthropology 2-6
ANTHR 444  Cross-cultural Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality 3
ANTHR 450  Approaches in Anthropology 3
ANTHR 451B  Practicum in Anthropology: Cultural Anthropology 1-3
2. Archaeology:

ANTHR 202 Human Origins 3
ANTHR 308 Archaeology 3
ANTHR 315 Archaeology of North America 3
ANTHR 320 Great Plains Archaeology 3
ANTHR 321 World Prehistory 3
ANTHR 328 Archological Discovery and Analysis 3
ANTHR 429 Topics in Archaeological Laboratory Methods and Techniques: Archaeological Field School 4-6
ANTHR 434A Internship: Archaeology 1-6
ANTHR 450 Approaches in Anthropology 3
ANTHR 451A Practicum in Anthropology: Archaeology 1-3
ANTHR 427I Field Archaeology 4
ANTHR 490A Independent Study: Archaeology 1-5

3. Biological Anthropology:

ANTHR 202 Human Origins 3
ANTHR 307 Biological Anthropology 3
ANTHR 319 Skeletal Biology 3
ANTHR 424 Forensic Anthropology 3
ANTHR 434C Internship: Biological Anthropology 1-6
ANTHR 445 Biological Field School 4-6
ANTHR 451C Practicum in Anthropology: Biological Anthropology 1-3
ANTHR 490C Independent Study: Biological Anthropology 1-5

LAS majors require a minimum of 120 credits, including a minimum of 45 credits at the 300/400 level. Students in all ISU majors must complete a three-credit course in U.S. diversity and a three-credit course in international perspectives. Check (http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/courses/div-ip-guide.html) for a list of approved courses.

Students in Anthropology have the option of pursuing a B.S. or a B.A. A B.S requires six additional group requirement credits in natural science or mathematics disciplines. A B.A. requires six additional group requirement credits in social or humanities disciplines.

Anthropology B.S., B.A.
Electives 3

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Minor

A minor in anthropology consists of at least 15 credits. The minor must include at least 9 credits that are not used to meet any other department, college, or university requirement.

ANTHR 201  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  3
ANTHR 202  Human Origins  3

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Three additional credits in ANTHR at the 300+ level  3

Graduate Programs

The department offers a master of arts degree with a major in anthropology. Graduate courses are offered in the areas of archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology. Competence in statistics or a methodology relevant to the student's program of study must be demonstrated. Students are required to do original field, archival, or laboratory research that will result in a scholarly thesis.