

# ANTHROPOLOGY

## Overview

The ISU program in Anthropology is housed in the Department of World Languages and Cultures (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/collegeofliberalartsandsciences/worldlanguagesandcultures/>) (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/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. All students must also complete a minor or a second major as part of their degree requirements.

## 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 322 Archaeological Discovery and Analysis	
	or ANTHR 433 Ethnographic Methods	

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

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 310	Environmental Anthropology	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 332	Current Issues in Native North America	3
ANTHR 336	Culture and Capitalism	3
ANTHR 340	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion	3
ANTHR 342	Culture, Sex, and Gender	3
ANTHR 354	War and the Politics of Humanitarianism	3
ANTHR 355	Understanding Sub-Saharan Africa	3
ANTHR 411	Anthropology for Global Professionals	3
ANTHR 431	Ethnographic Methods	3
ANTHR 434B	Internship: Cultural Anthropology	2-6
ANTHR 434D	Internship: Linguistic Anthropology	2-6
ANTHR 450	Approaches in Anthropology	3

ANTHR 451B	Practicum in Anthropology: Cultural Anthropology	1-3
ANTHR 451D	Practicum in Anthropology: Linguistic Anthropology	1-3
ANTHR 490B	Independent Study: Cultural Anthropology	1-5
ANTHR 490D	Independent Study: Linguistic Anthropology	1-5

## 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	Archaeological 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 490A	Independent Study: Archaeology	1-5

## 3. Biological Anthropology:

ANTHR 202	Human Origins	3
ANTHR 307	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTHR 317	Primate Behavior, Ecology, and Evolution	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

As majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Anthropology students must meet College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/collegeofliberalartsandsciences/#lascollegerequirementstext>) and University-wide requirements (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/collegescurricula/>) for graduation in addition to those stated above for the major.

LAS majors require a minimum of 120 credits, including a minimum of 45 credits at the 300/400 level. You must also complete the LAS world language requirement and career proficiency requirement.

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.

**Freshman**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENGL 150	3 ANTHR 202	3
LIB 160	1 Minor choice	3
ANTHR 201	3 Social science choice	3
Elective	3 Natural science choice	3
Arts & Humanities choice	3 Arts & Humanities choice	3
Social science choice	3	
<b>16</b>		<b>15</b>

**Sophomore**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ANTHR 308	3 ANTHR 306	3
World Languages and Cultures/International Perspective	4 World Languages and Cultures/International Perspective	4
Humanities choice	3 ANTHR 300 choice	3
ENGL 250	3 Minor choice	3
ANTHR 300 choice	3 Natural science choice	3
LAS 203	1	
<b>17</b>		<b>16</b>

**Junior**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ANTHR 425	1 ANTHR 307	3
STAT 101	4 ENGL 300-level	3
Arts & Humanities choice	3 ANTHR 300	3
ANTHR 300 choice	3 Minor choice	3
Natural science choice	3 Additional Area requirement	3

Summer. It is highly recommended that students complete a field school, internship, or study abroad experience during the summer between their junior and senior years however, this is not required for graduation.

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.

	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Senior</b>		
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>
ANTHR 450	3	ANTHR 300 choice 3
Minor choice	3	Minor choice 3
ANTHR 300 choice	3	Elective 3
Additional Area requirement	3	Elective 3
Electives	3	
	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>

## 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
One of the following in cultural anthropology:		3
ANTHR 306	Culture and Interpretation	
	or ANTHR 3C Introduction to Culture and Language	
	or ANTHR 32 Peoples and Cultures of Native North America	
	or ANTHR 32 Topics in Latin American Anthropology	
	or ANTHR 34 Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion	
One of the following in archaeology or biological anthropology:		3
ANTHR 307	Biological Anthropology	
	or ANTHR 3C Archaeology	
	or ANTHR 31 Archaeology of North America	
	or ANTHR 31 Skeletal Biology	
	or ANTHR 32 World Prehistory	
	or ANTHR 4E Topics in Biological Anthropology	
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