Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of people, including cultural and biological origins, current beliefs, customs, social relationships and values in prehistoric, historic, and contemporary societies worldwide. The discipline lends global and comparative insights into life-ways, and strategies to improve the quality of life in diverse communities.

What does training in Anthropology do for you?
Anthropology helps students develop cross-cultural communication, human relations, critical thinking, writing, analysis, evaluation, problem-solving, planning, and community outreach skills. It is an ideal field to prepare for jobs that require people-skills and understanding of multicultural and institutional dynamics. The minor in Anthropology is also valuable for those planning to work with diverse national and international populations.

Anthropology at The University of Memphis is nationally recognized for top quality training. It offers broad training for the B.A., and highly respected applied anthropology in the M.A. It is also a partner with interdisciplinary majors and minors (e.g. International Studies, Environmental Studies, African and African American Studies, and Museum Studies).

Graduates of our program are employed in business and design, education, government, nonprofit foundations, medical facilities, research firms, social agencies, museums and heritage preservation organizations, libraries and public archives, and any work that involves international or cross-cultural relations.

What are some unique program features?
Award-winning faculty – opportunities for research, internships, service learning and study abroad - ethnographic research laboratory - CH Nash Museum at Chucalissa - professional workshop series - Anthropology Senior Scholar Award - Anthropology Engagement Award - Conference Travel Awards - extensive community networks - Active Anthropology Club.

Career Planning & Resources:
http://www.aaanet.org
https://www.sfaa.net
http://www.saa.org
http://www.physanth.org
http://www.medanthro.net
# ANTHROPOLOGY
## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

### Freshman Year

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*Semester Totals* 15-16 hrs. 15 hrs.

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*Semester Totals* 16 hrs. 16 hrs.

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*Semester Totals* 15 hrs. 13 hrs.

GE = General Education Requirements  
BA = Bachelor of Arts college requirements  
UD = Upper division  
Foreign Language Requirement – See the Undergraduate Catalog: [http://catalog.memphis.edu](http://catalog.memphis.edu)

Degree hours = 120  
42 Upper Division hours required for graduation  
No more than 2 hours of physical education courses may be counted toward a degree.  
Residence – 30 of the last 60 hours must be taken at University of Memphis; at least 60 hours must be at a four-year institution; transfer students must earn at least 6 hours of a major at UM and at least 3 hours of a minor at UM.
ANTH 1100. Biological Anthropology. Evolutionary basis of human origins and contemporary biocultural variation.
ANTH 1200. Cultural Anthropology. Global comparison of cultural traits such as social relations, language, religion and ritual, and problems of developing nations or minority groups in modern world.
ANTH 2300. Great Discoveries of Archaeology. Great discoveries of archaeology that underlie our understandings of ancient societies and social institutions are explored.
ANTH 2301. Fundamentals of Archaeology. Hands-on experience in archaeological methods; survey of past civilizations; critical evaluation of how modern archaeological methods and theories are applied.
ANTH 3200. Peoples and Cultures of the World. Major ethnographic areas and selected cultures of the world.
ANTH 3242. Peoples of Africa. Description and distribution of peoples and cultures of Africa.
ANTH 3253. Magic and Religion. Explores magic and religion around the world.
ANTH 3300. Rise of Civilization. The origin of social complexity, agriculture, and urbanism.
ANTH 3511. Culture, Kin and Family. Changing structure of family in Western and non-Western societies.
ANTH 4010. Ethnographic Methods. Qualitative and quantitative methods of anthropological research.
ANTH 4111. Evolution and Human Health. Implications of human evolutionary history for understanding human variation and contemporary health issues.
ANTH 4120. Africa’s New World Communities. Survey of African American cultures in the New World.
ANTH 4220. Cultural Perspectives on the Environment. Role of culture in the use and management of natural resources.
ANTH 4270. Ancient Human Soc/Envir Chng Examination of past people and their environments.
ANTH 4301. Archaeology of North America. Study of various prehistoric cultures from earliest times until historic contact.
ANTH 4302. Native Peoples of North America. Study of prehistoric cultures from earliest times until historic contact.
ANTH 4325. Archaeological Field and Laboratory Techniques. Instruction in field excavation, specimen preparation, use of survey instruments and photography, map making, archaeological record keeping.
ANTH 4335. Analysis of Stone Artifacts. This course outlines the basics of stone “lithics” artifacts analysis.
ANTH 4350. Archaeology of Collapse Emphasis on archaeology of regional politics and archaic states throughout the world.
ANTH 4352. Old World Archaeology. Old World cultures from first humans to early civilizations.
ANTH 4412. Neighborhood Development. Role of institutions and relationship to needs of city neighborhoods.
ANTH 4413. Anthropology of Tourism/Environment. Anthropological theories on conservation, indigenous rights, sustainability, and development as related to tourism development
ANTH 4418. Anthropology of Organizations. Anthropological approaches to studying organizations and institutions.
ANTH 4431. Shopping as Social Science. Advanced study of shopping and consumption from an anthropological perspective.
ANTH 4510. Health/Culture/Environ Justice. Creation of health inequalities through socio-cultural forces that shape differential exposure to environmental hazards.
ANTH 4511. Medical Anthropology. Analysis of bio-behavioral components of infectious, nutritional, genetic, chronic and psychiatric diseases; individual and cultural reactions to medical care, professionals and health care delivery systems.
ANTH 4521. Culture, Society & Mental Health. Examination of mental health and illness as a set of subjective experiences, social processes and objects of knowledge and intervention.
ANTH 4531. Alcohol, Drugs and Culture. Cross-cultural comparison of beliefs, meanings and behaviors regarding alcohol and other drug use.
ANTH 4551. Culture, Sex and Childbirth. Biological, environmental, social and cultural factors influencing reproduction.
ANTH 4571. Race and Health Disparities. History of scientific racism and race in the public and healthcare spheres.
ANTH 4661. Collections Research. Museum collections research methods and application.
ANTH 4662. Museum Exhibitions Methods and theory of research, design, layout, object selection and handling.
ANTH 4680. Applied Archaeology/Museums Representations of cultural heritage in a broad array of public venues.
ANTH 4840. Israel: Antiquity in Modernity. Relationship between ancient traditions and modern issues in Israel.
ANTH 4841. Biblical Archaeology. Relationship between historical texts in Hebrew Bible and historical evidence from archaeological research in Israel and surrounding area.

Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog at http://catalog.memphis.edu for complete descriptions.
ANTHROPOLOGY
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. University General Education Program (41 hours)
See the Undergraduate Catalog for the University General Education Program requirements.

B. College and Degree (B.A.) Requirements (6-9 hours)
The College and Bachelor of Arts requirements are in addition to the University General Education Program requirements and are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog.

C. The Major (30 hours)
Completion of 30 semester hours in anthropology courses including ANTH 1100, 1200, 3200, 4065; and 18 additional semester hours, with at least 15 hours at the upper division level.

D. Electives
Electives may be chosen to bring the total number of hours to 120.

E. Honors Program
The Department of Anthropology offers an honors program in anthropology to the superior anthropology student who desires a more intensive approach to and knowledge of the discipline, a deeper understanding of research skills, and an opportunity for original criticism and analysis. To be eligible a student must (a) have the approval of the Departmental Honors Committee, (b) be an anthropology major, (c) have attained at least junior standing, (d) have completed successfully ANTH 1100, 1200, and one upper-division anthropology course, (e) maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 in overall studies, (f) maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 in anthropology, (g) completion of four honors courses in anthropology (at least one of which must be an independent study culminating in a research paper/thesis or research report) and a minimum of six hours in honors courses outside anthropology. Details of the program are available at the Department of Anthropology office.

 Anthropology Minor
Completion of 18 semester hours in anthropology courses, including ANTH 1100, 1200, 3200, and 4065.

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Other University Resources:

The University of Memphis
http://www.memphis.edu

The College of Arts and Sciences
http://www.memphis.edu/cas

UM Career Services
http://www.memphis.edu/careerservices/

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