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B.A. in Anthropology

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

What Is the Study of Anthropology?

Anthropology explores what it means to be human. Anthropology is the scientific study of humankind in all the cultures of the world, past and present. This study includes humankind's physical development and creation of diverse lifestyles. The cross-cultural approach of Anthropology provides a framework for understanding all the diverse facets of what it means to be human.

The Anthropology Department provides training in four sub-disciplines: Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Physical Anthropology and Anthropological Linguistics. Using ethnographic, ethnological and ethnohistorical tools and information supplied by the four sub disciplines, the Anthropologist studies cultures and the processes of human development comparatively. Students earning a degree in Anthropology will be able to apply their learning to a variety of jobs locally and internationally in the global economy of today's world.

Why Should I Consider This Major?

Do you find human diversity and various cultures fascinating? Do you like to approach subjects from multiple perspectives? Do you prefer a holistic style of learning? Do you want to know why as well as how? Are you fascinated by human diversity? Are you enthusiastic, intelligent, and open-minded? If so, you may wish to consider a major in Anthropology.

How to Declare:

Students are eligible to declare after completion of ANTH 301 or ANTH 303 or ANTH 335. Set up an advising appointment as early as possible to explore declaring a major in Anthropology. Prospective majors who have taken Anthropology courses at a community college, or a college or university other than WWU, need to bring unofficial copies of their college transcripts to their advising appointment. Advisors will provide information about the different Anthropology majors, answer questions regarding major and develop a plan of study.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Anthropology within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Complete ANTH 201, 210, and 215.

Begin assembling materials for ANTH 496 portfolio.

Contact Information:

Anthropology Department

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Sample Careers:

International Studies

Law Enforcement

Ethnologist

Diplomacy

Museum Curator

Overseas Consultant

Linguist

Education

Researcher

Translator

Archaeologist

International Business

Politics

Governmental Advisor

Cultural Diversity Programs

Human Resources

Social Services



Anthropology Major Requirements: 65 Credits

Core Component:

ANTH 201 Cultural Anthropology (5)

At least one course in each of the major subfields:

- Physical Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Linguistics (*LING 201 or 204 or ENG 370 may be substituted for an anthropological linguistics course*)

ANTH 301 Anthropological Theory (5)

ANTH 303 Qualitative Methods in Anthropology (5)

ANTH 335 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology (5) or another basic statistics course under advisement

ANTH 490 Senior Seminar in Anthropology (5), or other culminating project under advisement

ANTH 496 Portfolio Assembly (1)

Methods Component: one course minimum

ANTH 410 Archaeological Analysis and Interpretation (5)

ANTH 420 Human Osteology and Forensic Anthropology (5)

ANTH 428 Cultural Resource Management (4)

ANTH 448 *Course discontinued; consult Anthropology advisor*

ANTH 470 Museology Studies (3-5)

ANTH 471 Field Work Methods in Cultural Anthropology (7)

ANTH 472 Visual Anthropology (5)

ANTH 473 Field Course in Ethnography (5-12)

ANTH 480 Applied Anthropology (4)

ANTH 495 Teaching-Learning Processes in Anthropology (3)

Culture Region Component: one course minimum

ANTH 361 Native Peoples of North America (5)

ANTH 362 Peoples of Asia (5)

ANTH 364 Peoples of the Pacific (5)

ANTH 365 Peoples of Latin America (5)

ANTH 460 Culture and Society of Japan (4)

ANTH 462 Native Peoples of the Northwest (3)

ANTH 463 Peoples of East and Southeast Asia (5)

ANTH 465 Peoples of Mexico and Central America (5)

ANTH 476 Borderlands (5)

Topical Component: one course minimum

ANTH 330 Religion and Culture (5)

ANTH 338 Economic Anthropology (5)

ANTH 350 The Ecology of Human Variation (5)

ANTH 351 Family and Kinship Organization (5)

ANTH 352 Cross-Cultural Study of Aging (4)

ANTH 353 Sex and Gender in Culture (5)

ANTH 424 Medical Anthropology (5)

ANTH 429 Politics, Participation and the Critique of Power (3)

ANTH 453 Women of Global South (5)

ANTH 475 Global Migration (5)

ANTH 481 Childhood and Culture (5)

ANTH 484 Cross-Cultural Education (5)

Anthropology electives under departmental advisement

NOTE: Student selection of a complementary minor under advisement is strongly recommended.

NOTE: Only one 100-level course will count toward the major.

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

QSR: ANTH 335

SSC: ANTH 102, 201, 210, 247

ACGM: ANTH 362, 364, 365

BGCM: ANTH 104, 353, 361

LSCI: ANTH 215

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.

Other Anthropology options:

B.A. Anthropology/Archaeology (80 credits)

B.A. Anthropology/Biology (89 credits)

B.S. Biology/Anthropology (101-104 credits)

B.A. Anthropology/Social Studies (86-88 credits)

B.A. Anthropology–Biocultural Concentration (95-98 credits)

B.A.Ed. Anthropology–Elementary (45 credits, plus 107 credits for Elementary Education Professional Program)

Minor in Anthropology (25 credits)