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B. A. in Anthropology– Biocultural Concentration

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

What Is the Study of Biocultural 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 of lifestyles. The cross-cultural approach of Anthropology provides a framework for understanding what it means to be human in all its diverse facets. The Anthropology Department provides training in four sub-disciplines: Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Physical Anthropology and Anthropological Linguistics. Using ethnographic, ethnological and ethno-historical 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 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:

Set up an advising appointment as early as possible to explore and declare 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 an unofficial copy of college transcripts to their appointment with an advisor. 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 and 210
MATH 114
CHEM 121, 122, 123
BIOL 204, 205, 206.

Other Activities:

Develop laboratory skills.
Develop writing skills.
Develop good study habits.
Become familiar with the library and its resources.
Develop communication skills.
Join the Anthropology Club.

Contact Information:

Anthropology Department Website:
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Sample Careers:

Physical Anthropologist
Archaeologist
Cultural Anthropologist
Anthropological Linguist
Forensic Anthropologist
Applied Health
Medical fields



Anthropology Major Requirements: 95-98 Credits

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 linguistic course*)

ANTH 301 Anthropological Theory (5)

ANTH 303 Qualitative Methods in Anthropology (5)*

ANTH 335 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology (5)

ANTH 350 The Ecology of Human Variation (5)

ANTH 424 Medical Anthropology (5)

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

ANTH 496 Portfolio Assembly (1)

*ANTH 303 and ANTH 490 optional

CHEM: 121, 122, 123

or CHEM 125, 126, 225

CHEM 251 Elementary Organic Chemistry (4)

or CHEM: 351, 352, 353 Organic Chemistry (4, 4, 3)

BIOL 204 Introduction to Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity (4)

BIOL 205 Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology (5)

BIOL 206 Introduction to Organismal Biology (5)

BIOL 348 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)

BIOL 349 Human Physiology (5)

Two from the following:

ANTH 422 Nutritional Anthropology (5)

ANTH 423 Human Evolution (5)

ANTH 457 The Anthropology of Death & Dying (5)

ANTH 466 Reproductive Ecology (5)

Or any course from the following:

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 & Central America (5)

ANTH 476 Borderlands (5)

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

QSR: ANTH 215

SSC: ANTH 201, 210

ACGM: ANTH 362, 363, 365

BGCM: ANTH 353, 361

LSCI: CHEM 121, 122, 123; BIOL 204, 205, 206; 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 (65 credits)

B.A. Anthropology/Archaeology (80 credits)

B.A. Anthropology/Biology (89 credits)

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

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

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

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

Minor in Anthropology (25 credits)

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