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B.A. in Anthropology Social Studies

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Why Should I Consider This Major?

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How to Declare:

Students are advised to declare their major early in their academic career. Transfer students should declare in their first quarter at Western, other students before the end of their sophomore year. Set up an advising appointment as early as possible to explore and declare a major in Anthropology. Prospective majors need to bring unofficial copies of college transcripts and syllabi of any courses taken from colleges outside of Washington State 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/Social Studies 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:

Work on fulfilling GURs.
Complete prerequisites and co-requisites for major courses.
Complete ANTH 201, 210, 215.
Declare or apply for major.

Other Activities:

Meet with departmental advisor or Academic Advising Center by the time you reach 60 credits regarding your choice of major.

Contact Information:

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<http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~anthro/>

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Sample Careers:

Teacher
Education
Attorney
Researcher
Politician
Governmental Advisor
Diplomacy
Human Services



Anthropology/Social Studies Major Requirements: 86-88 Credits

Anthropology Courses (45 credits)

ANTH 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (5)

ANTH 210 Introduction to Archaeology (5)

ANTH 215 Introductory Biological Anthropology (5)

ANTH 481 Childhood and Culture (5)

Or ANTH 484 Cross-Cultural Education (5)

ANTH 496 Portfolio Assembly (1)

Electives under departmental advisement –

At least one course from each of the following groups:

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 (5)

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 247 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (5)

ANTH 330 Religion and Culture (5)

ANTH 338 Economic Anthropology (5)

ANTH 348 Anthropological Linguistics (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 the Global South (5)

ANTH 475 International Migration (5)

ANTH 480 Applied Anthropology (5)

Social Studies Courses (41-43 credits)

ECON 206 Introduction to Microeconomics (4)

Or ECON 446 Economics for the Teacher (3) (preferred)

ECON 207 Introduction to Macroeconomics (4)

Or ECON 447 Methods for Teaching About the National Economy in the Public Schools (3) (preferred)

EGEO 201 Human Geography (4)

And EGEO 250 Geographic Information Systems Survey (2)

Or two additional geography credits

PLSC 250 The American Political System (5)

HIST 103 American History to 1865 (4)

HIST 104 American History since 1865 (4)

HIST 391 History of the Pacific Northwest (4)

Plus 3 additional courses in history (minimum 12 credits) as follows:

One course in ancient history

One course from two of the following subject areas:

- Europe
- Africa and Middle East
- East and South Asia
- Western Hemisphere (outside U.S.)

To receive a recommendation for State of Washington certification, students must complete the “teacher certification: program, including the content methods course SEC 426, offered by the Dept of Secondary Education, as part of the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree or as a post-baccalaureate program or as part of the Master’s in Teaching degree. See the Secondary Education section of the catalog for program admission, completion, and teacher certification requirements.

Completion of this combined major leads to an endorsement in social studies. Courses required for a state teaching endorsement must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Other Anthropology/Social Studies Options:

B.A. Anthropology (65 credits)

B.A. Anthropology/Archaeology (80 credits)

B.A. Anthropology/Biology (89 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)

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

QSR: ANTH 335

HUM: HIST 103, 104

SSC: ANTH 201, 210; ECON 206, 207;
EGEO 201; PLSC 250

BCGM: ANTH 353

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.