Anthropology (ANTH)

ANTH 201. Introduction to Archaeology and Physical Anthropology. 3 Hours.
The study of humanity from the perspective of two of the four main subfields of anthropology. Archaeology studies humankind through time, since the species’ appearance in the evolutionary record until the historical era, and across the wide geographical range of hominins. Physical anthropology studies humankind as evolving from biological organisms in all of our variations stretching from the tropical to the polar regions and from pre-birth to death. Students interested in learning about the other two main subfield are invited to take ANTH 202, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology & Communications.

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Taught in tandem with ANTH 201, this course focuses on the study of humanity from the perspective of cultural anthropology and linguistics. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirements for graduation.

ANTH 225. Human Ecology. 3 Hours.
An ecological approach to an examination of the relationships between natural resource bases and the human societies they support. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

ANTH 280. Selected Topics in Anthropology. 1 to 4 Hours.
Introductory-level independent research or exploration in topics not offered in the regular department courses.

ANTH 300. Ethnography. 3 Hours.
An introduction to nonquantitative methods in anthropological research, including case studies, participant observation, and unstructured interviews. Students will apply these methods in their own study of a social scene. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

ANTH 310. Ethnographic Film. 3 Hours.
This course in visual anthropology leads the student through a series of case studies about peoples around the world as they represent themselves and as they are represented by others in film and writing. To expand students’ social science research skills, this course teaches students how to interpret visual documentations of culture and how to produce films. Students will explore cross-cultural patterns and differences in human societies by viewing films about peoples from Australia, the Canadian Arctic, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, India, Indonesia, and many other places. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

ANTH 311. Ecological Anthropology. 3 Hours.
Explores the ways people perceive and manage ecosystems using an evolutionary, comparative, and interdisciplinary approach. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

ANTH 312. Medical Anthropology. 3 Hours.
Explores understandings of health, disease, and the body using a comparative biocultural approach to examine medical systems throughout the world. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.