Anthropology (BA/BS)

At the UO's Department of Anthropology, you can learn about various cultures and populations, dig up fossils, study gorillas, hunt for ancient relics, and more. Pursue your specific interests through our three anthropological subfields: cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and archaeology.

You will be taught by working anthropologists who study societies from the past and present in West Africa, East Africa, Latin America, North America, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Oceania, and the Caribbean. Learn about the human species from ecological and evolutionary perspectives, and gain a deeper understanding of human biological variation and our relation to other animals. You can participate in field schools that travel across the world digging for artifacts, and go abroad to study international cultures.

Program's Admission Requirements

Please visit the program's website (https://anthropology.uoregon.edu/undergrad-program/major/).

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Explain how Anthropology as a discipline examines what it means to be human through a holistic and integrative approach.
- Explain how knowledge is produced and how incorporation of diverse perspectives leads to broader understandings of the human experience.
- Evaluate the influence of genetic, ecological, and sociocultural factors on human biological and cultural variation in the past, present, and future.
- Evaluate how anthropology can help us to better understand the broad range of important issues that will require decision and policy making in the future.
- Demonstrate cross cultural awareness, cultural competency, and the importance of understanding different perspectives.

Anthropology Major Requirements

Courses used to fulfill major requirements must be taken for letter grades and passed with a C– or better. To ensure a liberal education, anthropology majors are strongly encouraged to limit their anthropology credits to 52. Majors contemplating graduate work are advised to complete two years of a second language. Statistics is desirable for those with interests in biological anthropology and archaeology.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		**12**
ANTH 145	Principles of Archaeology	
ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 270	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	
Breadth Requirements		**12**
One upper-division geographic area course in archaeology		
One course in cultural anthropology		
One course in biological anthropology		
Four upper-division anthropology courses in one area of concentration [1]		16
Two upper-division anthropology electives [2]		8
Total Credits		**48**

1. Areas of concentration: cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology.
   ANTH 406, ANTH 408, ANTM 406, and ANTM 408, may not be used to fulfill Area of Concentration requirement.
   Courses that may only be taken P/NP, e.g., ANTH 401, 403, and 405 do not count toward the fulfillment of major requirements.
2. No more than 8 credits of independent study and 8 credits of eligible courses in other departments may be used to fulfill Anthropology electives requirement.

Majors must meet with an anthropology advisor at least once a year.

Concentration in Archaeology

Code	Title	Credits
Four Upper Division Archaeology Courses [1]		**16**
ANTH 340	Fundamentals of Archaeology	
ANTH 341	Food Origins	
ANTH 342	Archaeology of Egypt and Near East	
ANTH 343	Pacific Islands Archaeology	
ANTH 344	Oregon Archaeology	
ANTH 345	Archaeology of East Asia	
ANTH 373	Psychoactive Substances in Ancient Societies	
ANTH 442	Northwest Coast Archaeology	
ANTH 443	North American Archaeology	
ANTH 446	Practical Archaeobotany	
ANTH 448	Gender and Archaeology	
ANTH 449	Cultural Resource Management	
ANTH 453	African Archaeology	
ANTH 456	Peopling of the Americas	
ANTH 471	Zooarchaeology: [Topic]	
Total Credits		**16**

1. The following additional upper division Anthropology courses MAY NOT be used to fulfill this requirement: ANTH 406, ANTH 408, ANTM 406 & ANTM 408.
   Students may complete a second or third area of concentration by taking 3 additional courses (12 credits) in that area of concentration. Please see a major advisor for details.

All courses must be graded, with a minimum grade of C-. Courses that may only be taken P/NP, e.g., ANTH 401, 403, 405, and 409 do not count toward the fulfillment of major requirements.

Concentration in Biological Anthropology

Code	Title	Credits
Four Upper Division Biological Courses [1]		**16**
ANTH 332	Human Attraction and Mating Strategies	
ANTH 349	Origins of Art	
ANTH 361	Human Evolution	
ANTH 362	Human Biological Variation	
ANTH 366	Human Osteology Laboratory	
ANTH 369	Human Growth and Development	

ANTH 375	
ANTH 376	Decoding Your Genome
ANTH 459	Advanced Evolutionary Medicine
ANTH 462	Primate Evolution
ANTH 463	Primate Behavior
ANTH 466	
ANTH 467	Paleoecology and Human Evolution
ANTH 468	Evolutionary Theory
ANTH 470	Statistical Analysis of Biological Anthropology
ANTH 472	Primate Conservation Biology
ANTH 473	Advanced Forensic Anthropology
ANTH 479	Taphonomy: Bones, Bugs, and Burials
ANTH 481	Principles of Evolutionary Psychology
ANTH 487	Bioanthropology Methods
Total Credits	**16**

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Concentration in Cultural Anthropology

Code	Title	Credits
Four Upper Division Cultural Anthropology Courses [1]		**16**
ANTH 311	Anthropology of Globalization	
ANTH 315	Gender, Folklore, Inequality	
ANTH 320	Native North Americans	
ANTH 322	Anthropology of the United States	
ANTH 326		
ANTH 329	Immigration and Farmworkers	
ANTH 330	Hunters and Gatherers	
ANTH 331	Cultures of India and South Asia	
ANTH 365	Food and Culture	
ANTH 411		
ANTH 413	Culture and Psychology	
ANTH 415	Human Life History	
ANTH 420	Culture, Illness, and Healing	
ANTH 427M	Latino Roots I	
ANTH 428M	Latino Roots II	
ANTH 429	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology	
ANTH 434	Native South Americans	
ANTH 438	Race and Gender in Latin America	
Total Credits		**16**

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Honors

The Anthropology Honors Program is designed for outstanding Anthropology majors interested in independent exploration of a special topic of their own choosing under the guidance of a faculty member.

Students should identify an area of research interest during their junior years or earlier, and approach members of the faculty with whom they want to work. It is best if a student can take a class taught by the faculty member during the junior year (at the latest). Some faculty members require students to take a course from them before allowing students to work in their laboratories.

Complete form with faculty advisor: Individualized Study Form (https://anthropology.uoregon.edu/files/2020/12/ISform-ANTH_Oct2020.pdf)

An honors thesis is expected to make a substantial and persuasive argument situated with in, and contributing to, current critical debates while demonstrating exceptional verbal clarity and sophistication.

If you intend to pursue honors in Anthropology you will need to notify the department via email, anthro@uoregon.edu, no later than the first term of your senior year.

Must meet all requirements:

- Maintains at least a 3.75 GPA in Anthropology coursework
- Maintain a cumulative 3.50 overall GPA
- Submit an original undergraduate thesis written under the guidance of a departmental faculty member, who serves as thesis advisor.
- Honors thesis must be submitted to thesis advisor ***3 weeks*** before the end of the term you are graduating. *(example Graduating: Fall – last week in November, Winter- last week in April, Spring- last week in May, Summer- last week in August)*
- An electronic copy of Honors Thesis emailed to anthro@uoregon.edu.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

An optional minor is included in this example. Please consult with an anthropology advisor concerning a plan that is best for you.

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
WR 121Z	Composition I	4	

ANTH 145 or ANTH 150	Principles of Archaeology or World Archaeology	4
First term of first-year second-language sequence		4
	Credits	**12**
Winter		
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
ANTH 270	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	4
Second term of first-year second-language sequence		4
Multicultural course		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
Third term of first-year second-language sequence		4
Multicultural course		4
Group-satisfying social science course		4
	Credits	**16**
Second Year		
Fall		
Upper-division geographic-area course in archaeology		4
First term of second-year second-language sequence		4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters		4
Group-satisfying course in social science		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
One course in cultural anthropology		4
Second term of second-year second-language sequence		4
Group-satisfying course in social science		4
Group-satisfying course in science		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
One course in biological anthropology		4
Third term of second-year second-language sequence		4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters		4
Group-satisfying course in science		4
	Credits	**16**
Third Year		
Fall		
Upper-division course in an area of concentration		4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters		4
Group-satisfying course in science		4
Course that satisfies minor requirement		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
Upper-division course in an area of concentration		4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters		4
Group-satisfying course in social science		4
Course that satisfies minor requirement		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
Upper-division course in an area of concentration		4
Group-satisfying course in science		4
Two courses that satisfy minor requirement		8
	Credits	**16**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Upper-division course in an area of concentration		4
Two courses that satisfy minor requirement		8
Additional course		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
Anthropology elective		4
Course that satisfies minor requirement		4
Additional course		4
	Credits	**12**
Spring		
Anthropology elective		4
Course that satisfies minor requirement		4
Additional course		4
	Credits	**12**
	Total Credits	**180**

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

An optional minor is included in this example. Please consult with an anthropology advisor concerning a plan that is best for you.

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
First Year		
Fall		
MATH 105Z	Math in Society	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
ANTH 145 or ANTH 150	Principles of Archaeology or World Archaeology	4
	Credits	**12**
Winter		
MATH 106	University Mathematics II	4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
ANTH 270	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	4
Multicultural course		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
MATH 107	University Mathematics III	4
ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
Multicultural course		4
Group-satisfying course in social science		4
	Credits	**16**
Second Year		
Fall		
Upper-division geographic-area course in archaeology		4
Course that satisfies minor requirement		4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters		4
Group-satisfying course in social science		4
	Credits	**16**

Winter	
One course in cultural anthropology	4
Course that satisfies minor requirement	4
Group-satisfying course in social science	4
Group-satisfying course in science	4
Credits	**16**
Spring	
One course in biological anthropology	4
Course that satisfies minor requirement	4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters	4
Group-satisfying course in science	4
Credits	**16**
Third Year	
Fall	
Upper-division course in an area of concentration	4
Course that satisfies minor requirement	4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters	4
Group-satisfying course in science	4
Credits	**16**
Winter	
Upper-division course in an area of concentration	4
Course that satisfies minor requirement	4
Group-satisfying course in arts and letters	4
Group-satisfying course in social science	4
Credits	**16**
Spring	
Upper-division course in an area of concentration	4
Course that satisfies minor requirement	4
Group-satisfying course in science	4
Additional course	4
Credits	**16**
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Upper-division course in an area of concentration	4
Course that satisfies minor requirement	4
Additional courses	8
Credits	**16**
Winter	
Anthropology elective	4
Course that satisfies minor requirement	4
Additional course	4
Credits	**12**
Spring	
Anthropology elective	4
Additional courses	8
Credits	**12**
Total Credits	**180**