The Anthropology Major (BA)

I. Prerequisites

Majors must complete the following 1 course (4 credit hours):

- ANTHROP 2200  Introduction to Physical Anthropology

II. Core Courses

Majors must complete the following 5 courses in the following three subfields (15 credit hours):

1. Physical Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 3300  Human Origins
   - OR  ANTHROP 3301  Modern Human Physical Variation

2. Archaeology
   - ANTHROP 2201  Introduction to Archaeology
   - ANTHROP 3401  Fundamentals of Archaeology

3. Cultural Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 2202  Peoples and Cultures
   - ANTHROP 4525  History of Anthropological Theory

III. Electives

Majors must complete at least 15 hours of electives (~5 courses) including at least one course in each of the three sub-disciplines.

1. Physical Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 3211  Introduction to Forensic Science
   - ANTHROP 3300*  Human Origins
   - ANTHROP 3301*  Modern Human Physical Variation
   - ANTHROP 3302  Introduction to Medical Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 3304  The Living Primates
   - ANTHROP 3305  Introduction to Forensic Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 3315  Evolution: Contemp./Interdiscip. Perspectives
   - ANTHROP 3403  Polynesia and the South Pacific
   - ANTHROP 3409  Primate Evolution
   - ANTHROP 3411  Human Ecological Adaptations
   - ANTHROP 3500  Primate Sexuality
   - ANTHROP 3504  Introduction to Anatomy
   - ANTHROP 4597.04  The Molecular Revolution
   - ANTHROP 5600  Evolutionary Medicine
   - ANTHROP 5602  Women’s Health in Global Perspective
   - ANTHROP 5607  Human Osteology
   - ANTHROP 5608  Skeletal Biology
   - ANTHROP 5609  Dental Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 5610  Bioarchaeology
   - ANTHROP 5641  Primate Behavior

* used as elective if not used to fulfill core physical anthropology requirement
III. Electives Continued

1. Physical Anthropology Cont.
   - ANTHROP 5642  Growth and Development
   - ANTHROP 5644  Forensic Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 5651  Spatial Analysis for Anthropologists
   - ANTHROP 5797  Study at a Foreign Institution (with approval)

2. Archaeology
   - ANTHROP 3350  Native am. of the Ohio Valley: Ice Age-Col. Per.
   - ANTHROP 3420  Indians of North America
   - ANTHROP 3434  Archaeology of the Holy Land
   - ANTHROP 3451  Archaeology of the Near East
   - ANTHROP 3452  Archaeology of the Pacific Islands
   - ANTHROP 3554  Archaeology of North America
   - ANTHROP 3555  New World Prehistory: Ancient Maya
   - ANTHROP 3604  Intro. to the Methods of Arch. Science
   - ANTHROP 3623  Environmental Archaeology
   - ANTHROP 4597.03H  Models of Sust. & Resil., Lessons from the Past
   - ANTHROP 5603  Strategy of Archaeological Field Research
   - ANTHROP 5604  Archaeological Laboratory Methods
   - ANTHROP 5606  Who Owns the Past
   - ANTHROP 5614  Ethnobotany
   - ANTHROP 5651  Spatial Analysis for Anthropologists
   - ANTHROP 5797  Study at a Foreign Institution (with approval)

3. Cultural Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 3302  Introduction to Medical Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 3334  Zombies: The Anthropology of the Undead
   - ANTHROP 3340  The Anthropology of Mental Health
   - ANTHROP 3416  Latin American Peoples and Cultures
   - ANTHROP 3418  Anthropology of Africa
   - ANTHROP 3419  Latin American Cultures and Migration
   - ANTHROP 3550  Native Am. of the Ohio Valley: Ice Age-Col. Per.
   - ANTHROP 3597.01  Crisis! An Anth. Perspective of Global Issues
   - ANTHROP 3597.02  Women, Culture, and Development
   - ANTHROP 3623  Environmental Anthropology
   - ANTHROP 5600  Evolutionary Medicine
   - ANTHROP 5601  The Anthropology of Sex, Drugs, and HIV
   - ANTHROP 5602  Women’s Health in Global Perspective
   - ANTHROP 5614  Ethnobotany
   - ANTHROP 5615  Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior
   - ANTHROP 5620  Hunters and Gatherers
   - ANTHROP 5624  The Anthropology of Food
   - ANTHROP 5625  Anthropology of Religion
   - ANTHROP 5626  More: Culture and Economic Life
   - ANTHROP 5627  Migrants and Refugees: The Anth. of Mobility
   - ANTHROP 5650  Research Design and Ethnographic Methods
   - ANTHROP 5651  Spatial Analysis for Anthropologists
   - ANTHROP 5700  Anthropology, Public Health, and Human Rights
   - ANTHROP 5701  Health in Healing in Latin Am. & the Caribbean
   - ANTHROP 5797  Study at a Foreign Institution (with approval)

4. Two additional electives from the lists above (or one elective and 3005).
   - ANTHROP 3005  Careers with Anthropology

Important information about the Anthropology Major

Students must meet with an advisor to officially declare the Anthropology Major.

The Anthropology Major requires thirty-four (34) semester credits in approved Anthropology coursework.

No more than 7 of the 15 hours of elective credit may be comprised of non-graded credit work (independent study, undergraduate course work, etc.).

At least half of the major’s curriculum must be completed at Ohio State.

 Majors will follow the Bachelor of Arts curriculum for GE and other degree requirements.

Students are encouraged to focus on completion of the core requirements before beginning their specialization coursework.

For courses to apply towards the major, you must earn at least a “C-”.

To earn your degree you will need an overall GPA of at least a 2.0 and at least a 2.0 within the major curriculum.

Research experience is strongly encouraged for students considering graduate and professional training. Please contact Dr. Debbie Guatelli-Steinberg (guatelli-steinbe1@osu.edu) to explore a variety of options.

If you have questions about graduate school, need to have transfer credit evaluated, or want to discuss any departmental grievances, please contact Cameron Beason to set up an appointment (beason.11@osu.edu).

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