

# Medical Anthropology

Bachelor of Science



## What is Medical Anthropology?

Medical Anthropology combines knowledge of human culture and biology to tackle national and global health challenges.

### Medical Anthropologists:

- Examine how health and illness are shaped, experienced, and understood across cultures and in light of global, historical, and political forces.
- Study healthcare systems and healing practices across human societies.
- Apply knowledge to improve the health and healing of individuals, communities, and societies and the delivery of medical care around the world.

## Declaration Requirements

In order to declare the major, students must meet with an Anthropology advisor  
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# The Medical Anthropology Major (BS)

## I. Prerequisites

Majors must complete the following courses (10 credit hours):

- ANTHROP 2200/2200(H) Introduction to Physical Anthropology
- ANTHROP 2202/2202(H) Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- STATS 1450 Introduction to Practice of Statistics
- **OR** STATS 2450, 2480 Introduction to Statistical Analysis  
**OR** Equivalent as approved by the Department of Anthropology

## II. Introductory Course work

Majors must complete the following 2 courses (6 hours)

- ANTHROP 3302 Introduction to Medical Anthropology
- PUBHEPI 2410 Introduction to Epidemiology

## III. Core Courses

Majors must complete the following 3 courses (9 hours)

- ANTHROP 3301 Modern Human Physical Variation
- ANTHROP 4525 History of Anthropological Theory
- ANTHROP 5650 Research Design and Ethnographic Methods

## IV. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Health

Majors must complete 2 courses from the following list (6 hours). Courses with an \* have pre-requisites

- COMPSTD 3645(H) Cultures of Medicine
- EEOB 4240\* Plants and People
- HISTORY 3307\* History of African Health and Healing
- PUBHEHS 4530\* Food Safety and Public Health
- PUBHEHS 5320 Climate Change and Human Health
- PUBHEPI 4410\* Social Epidemiology
- PUBHEPI 5412 Infectious Diseases in the Developing World
- PUBHEPI 5420\* Infectious Disease Modeling in Humans and Animals
- SXLYST 5620\* Sexuality and Violence
- SOCIOL 3630 Medical Sociology
- SOCIOL 5450\* Sociology of Global Health and Illness
- SOCWORK 3597\* Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: An International Perspective
- SOCWORK 5026\* Exploring Community Food Security Strategies
- WGSST 4189.01S\* Reproductive Rights and Justice
- WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies

## V. Foundations in Human Evolution and it's Application to Health

Majors must complete the following 2 courses (6 hours)

- ANTHROP 3300/3300(H) Human Origins
- ANTHROP 5600 Evolutionary Medicine

## VI. Evolutionary Perspective on Health

Majors must complete 2 courses (6 hours) from the following list

- ANTHROP 3504 Introduction to Anatomy
- ANTHROP 5615 Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior
- ANTHROP 5621 †Anthropology of Women
- ANTHROP 5642 Growth and Development
- ANTHROP 5645 †Biology of Senescence

## VI. Biocultural Perspectives on Health

Majors must complete 1 course from the following list (3 hours)

- ANTHROP 3340 Anthropology of Mental Health and Addiction
- ANTHROP 4597.05H †Global Food Crisis
- ANTHROP 5601 Anthropology of Sex, Drugs and HIV
- ANTHROP 5602 Women's Health in Global Perspective
- ANTHROP 5624 The Anthropology of Food: Culture, Society and Eating
- ANTHROP 5700 Anthropology, Public Health and Human Rights
- ANTHROP 5701 †Health and Healing in Latin America and the Caribbean

†These courses are offered less frequently. Please consult with Cameron Beason about integrating them into your degree plan.

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## **Important information about the Medical Anthropology (BS) Degree**

Students must meet with an advisor to officially declare the Medical Anthropology (BS) degree.

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

For courses to apply to 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 within the major curriculum.

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

Research experience is strongly encouraged for students considering graduate and professional training. Please contact Dr. Barbara Piperata ([piperata.1@osu.edu](mailto:piperata.1@osu.edu)) or Dr. Lexine Trask ([trask.12@osu.edu](mailto:trask.12@osu.edu)) to explore a variety of options and for more details on the degree and your career goals.

If you have questions about graduate school, need to have transfer credit evaluated, or want to discuss any departmental grievances, please contact Cameron Beason ([beason.11@osu.edu](mailto:beason.11@osu.edu)).

