

Anthropology

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Anthropology is the study of past and present peoples. Among the social sciences, anthropology is distinguished by its comparative approach to peoples and cultures. As a major in a liberal arts curriculum, it provides students with basic and advanced training in all four branches of the discipline: cultural anthropology (ethnology), archaeology, biological anthropology, and anthropological linguistics. Major and minor programs are designed to prepare students for postgraduate activities, which include graduate studies and research. Students are also prepared for careers in teaching, social work, and work in museums, government, and industry, both domestic and overseas. Many use anthropology as a prelaw or premedical degree. Hunter College also offers a master of arts degree in anthropology; a doctoral degree in anthropology is offered by The City University of New York, of which Hunter is a senior college member.

The COR Program The departments of psychology, anthropology, and sociology jointly offer a program called COR (Career Opportunities in Research and Education). This interdisciplinary research training program for talented minority juniors and seniors is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Participants receive a monthly stipend and tuition and fee remission; they take a special curriculum and get individualized research training in a variety of areas under the supervision of a faculty mentor. The program has several levels of participation, and all minority students—especially freshmen and sophomores—intending to pursue a research-related career in the participating disciplines are urged to register with the program. Additional details and descriptive literature are available from the COR program manager: 532 North Building; 772-4562.

General Education Requirement (GER) ANTHC 101, 126, or 151 may be used to fulfill Broad Exposure/Stage 2, Group B; ANTHP 101 or 102 may be used to fulfill Broad Exposure/Stage 2, Group E.

Distribution Requirement See Appendix A for the Distribution Requirement, which was replaced by the General Education Requirement in fall 2001, and which may be binding on students who matriculated prior to fall 2001.

Major The anthropology major is designed to give students an overview of the discipline, as well as training in all four fields of the subject (archaeology, cultural anthropology and ethnology, anthropological linguistics, and biological anthropology). The anthropology major consists of 25 credits [see table below].

Note: While ANTHC 101 is a prerequisite for many courses in cultural anthropology, including some of the required courses, it is not itself included in the courses required for the major.

Minor The minor consists of 12 credits. Sociology, history, education, languages, biology, geology, psychology, art, art history, and classics are often selected as minor concentrations, but they are not the only suitable choices. The minor for the anthropology major should be selected after consultation with the undergraduate advisor or the department chair.

It is also possible for the anthropology major to minor in one of the four fields of anthropology by combining relevant courses from other departments:

Anthropological Linguistics—relevant courses in anthropological linguistics (in the Department of Anthropology), and in classics, English, film and media, German, Hebrew, philosophy, Romance languages, Russian, and theatre.

Archaeology—relevant courses in prehistoric archaeology (in the Department of Anthropology), and in art, chemistry, classics, geography, geology, history, mathematics, and physics.

Cultural Anthropology or Ethnology—relevant courses in cultural anthropology (in the Department of Anthropology), and in art, classics, education, economics, English, geography, geology, Latin American and Caribbean studies, mathematics, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, and foreign languages.

Physical Anthropology—relevant courses in physical anthropology (in the Department of Anthropology) and in biological sciences, chemistry, geography, geology, mathematics, and physics.

Honors Work Honors work is possible in each of the major branches of anthropology. The emphasis is on independent student research under the supervision of a faculty member. In order to graduate with departmental honors in anthropology, a student must (1) have taken at least 2 credits of ANTHC 400; (2) have a GPA in the major of not less than 3.5 and a GPA of not less than 2.8 at the time of graduation; and (3) complete a departmental honors form available from the departmental undergraduate advisor.

Major Requirements

<i>Field</i>	<i>Courses</i>	<i>Credits</i>	
Biological Anthropology	ANTHP 101 or 102	4	Human Evolution or Human Variation
Linguistics	ANTHC 151	3	Introduction to Linguistics
Archaeology	ANTHC 126	3	Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology
General	ANTHC 314	3	Research Design
General	ANTHC 318	3	History of Anthropological Theory
Elective courses (selected from the above fields)		9	
		<u>25</u>	

ANTH 400 Honors Project (available to students in each of the four fields of anthropology) Open to qualified juniors and seniors every semester. Research under supervision of a faculty member. From 2 to 3 credits per semester, depending on the nature of the student's work. May be taken for 1, 2, or 3 semesters for a maximum of 6 credits. To apply, students must (1) present a research plan prepared in conjunction with a faculty member; (2) have this plan approved by the undergraduate advisor and the department chair; and (3) obtain approval *prior* to preregistration.

Interdepartmental Fields Students who want to do work in anthropology as part of an interdepartmental field, such as Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino studies, Latin American and Caribbean studies, religion, urban affairs and planning, or women's studies, should refer to descriptions under the department or field of their interest.

BA/MA Program in Anthropology For a limited number of outstanding students, the department offers a BA/MA program in anthropology. The program is designed for freshmen, but in certain circumstances sophomores can be considered. Interested and qualified students should consult the program's advisor or the department chair at the earliest possible date.

COURSE LISTINGS

Most courses are not offered every semester. Courses which are offered every semester are noted below in the course description.

Biological Anthropology, Genetics, and Paleontology

ANTHP 101 Human Evolution 6 hrs (3 lec, 3 lab), 4 cr; GER/2/E. Offered every semester. Ethology, morphology, paleontology, and genetics pertaining to living and extinct hominids.

ANTHP 102 Human Variation 6 hrs (3 lec, 3 lab), 4 cr; GER/2/E. Offered every semester. Genetic and racial analysis of contemporary human populations. Lab experiments and demonstrations.

ANTHP 301 Human Fossil Record 3 hrs, 3 cr; Prereq: ANTHP 101, 102, or equiv; PD/C. The hominid fossil record of Africa, Asia, and Europe. Human evolution as evidenced in fossil record.

ANTHP 310 Primate Ecology and Behavior 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHP 101 or 102 or BIOL 100 or 102. Examination of ecological factors responsible for the distribution and behavior of living primate species.

ANTHP 311 Primate Evolution 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHP 101 or perm instr. Evolution of primate behavior and morphology; interdependence of ecology, behavior, and morphology.

ANTHP 316 Human Evolutionary Adaptations 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHP 101 or 102 or BIOL 100 or 102. Studies adaptive significance of distinctive biological features of human species, including brain size, secondary sexual characteristics, sparse body hair, and use of complex language.

ANTHP 400 Seminars in Selected Topics 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: depends on topic. Course provides in-depth study of specific topics in field of physical anthropology.

Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology

ANTHC 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3 hrs, 3 cr; GER/2/B; PD/A. Offered every semester. Comparative and historical examination of the human condition through a focus on diverse responses to universal problems, such as making a living, resolving conflict, organizing family/kin relations, and finding meaning in the world.

ANTHC 102 Contemporary Issues in Anthropological Perspectives 3 hrs, 3 cr. Anthropological perspectives on current issues such as crime, war, sex differences, cults, and energy crisis.

ANTHC 200 Africa: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr, PD/A. Pre-colonial, colonial, and contemporary communities, subsistence and exchange systems, and ecological adaptations.

ANTHC 201 The Middle East: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/A. Peasant, nomadic, and urban society; kinship, ethnic, religious, and ecological diversity; colonialism and modernization.

ANTHC 204 East Asia: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/A. Historical and regional variation in various East Asian societies, with a focus on political economy, family, kinship, community, and national minorities.

ANTHC 211 Native North America: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/A or B. Adaptive strategies and cultural variations in pre- and post-contact periods; problems in contemporary societies.

ANTHC 213 Latin America: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/A. Development and organization of tropical forest Indians, hacienda and plantation economies, peasant and urban societies.

ANTHC 214 The Caribbean: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/A. Indigenous peoples, colonization, and slavery; minorities, race relations; family life, religion, and economy.

ANTHC 301 Gender in Anthropological Perspective 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr. Men and women in different societies, division of labor, socialization, stratification, political activism, and gender construction.

ANTHC 304 Economy and Culture 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr; PD/A. Various systems of production, consumption, and exchange; relationship to politics and ecology; connections between rural, urban, and global economies.

ANTHC 305 Psychological Anthropology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr; PD/A. Factors related to cross-cultural variation in personality, including male-female relationships and sexual preferences. Psychological explanations of different customs (initiation, folktales, games).

ANTHC 306 Folklore and Myth 3 hrs, 3 cr. Cultural and psychological functions and symbolic meanings.

ANTHC 307 Anthropology of Religion 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/A. Emphasis on non-Western societies; theories of religion, magic; functions and symbolic meaning.

ANTHC 308 Human Ecology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr; PD/A. Relationship between human populations and environment; ecosystems, population interactions, resource management and environmental movements.

ANTHC 310 Politics and Power in Anthropological Perspective 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/A. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr. Leadership, conflict, inequality, decision-making, and law in different societies; interaction of local politics with state and global institutions.

ANTHC 311 Anthropology of Art 3 hrs, 3 cr. Symbolic forms of human behavior; paleolithic cave art, tribal art, ethnomusicology.

ANTHC 314 Research Design in Anthropology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101. Introduction to basic principles of research design employed in anthropology. Normally offered once each year.

ANTHC 315 Applied Anthropology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr. Practical applications of theory and methods to contemporary social problems; community development; intercultural relations.

ANTHC 318 History of Anthropological Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr. Changing approaches to the study of society and culture. Political and historical context of the development of theory, the link between theory and method, and the impact of theory on policy. Normally offered every semester.

ANTHC 320 Problems in Anthropology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Perm instr. Offered every semester. Topic to be announced. Recent courses have looked at energy policy, women and economic development, and international migration.

ANTHC 321 Women and Globalization 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr. The situation of women from less developed countries with attention to the local and global forces shaping their lives. Topics include migration, the international division of labor, and worldwide adoption. Includes both theoretical approaches and practical issues related to improving women's place in society.

ANTHC 325 Special Projects and Independent Research in Anthropology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: perm instr. Offered every semester.



ANTHC 332 East Asia: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr. Historical and regional variation in various East Asian societies with a focus on political economy, kinship, community, and national minorities.

ANTHC 334 Latin America: Societies and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 101 or perm instr. Changing views of US and Latin American anthropologists on ethnic, class and gender relations, underdevelopment, migration, and social movements.

ANTHC 400 Honors Projects Prereq: perm chair. Offered every semester.

ANTHC 401 Seminars in Selected Topics Topics to be announced.

Linguistics

ANTHC 151 Introduction to Linguistics 3 hrs, 3 cr; GER/2/B. Offered every semester. Structure and analysis of human languages; language history; language in society, culture, and mind; language universals.

ANTHC 260 North American Indian Languages and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr. Linguistic analysis and sociocultural background of North American Indian languages.

ANTHC 263 Afro-New World Languages and Cultures 3 hrs, 3 cr. Linguistic analysis, history, sociocultural background of Caribbean Creole languages, other Afro-American speech forms.

ANTHC 351 Language and Culture 3 hrs, 3 cr. Semantics; uses of languages in culture, cognition, society; linguistic archaeology; structural models in social science.

ANTHC 352 Language in Society 3 hrs, 3 cr. Offered once a year either spring or fall. Language, dialect, bilingualism in social and political life; language and ethnic identity; anthropology of communication.

ANTHC 353 Phonological Analysis and Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 151 or equiv. Phonetics of diverse languages, their phonemic analysis at different levels of theory, including distinctive feature analysis and phonological links to grammar.

ANTHC 354 Grammatical Analysis and Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 151 or equiv. Methods of syntax and morphology in work with diverse languages; syntactic theories and their development relative to universals, semantics, pragmatics, discourse.

Archaeology

ANTHC 126 Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology 3 hrs, 3 cr; GER/2/B. Offered every semester. Human social and cultural evolution from the earliest humans to the rise of the first civilizations.

ANTHC 127 Introduction to Archaeological Techniques 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Strategies of data collection; determination of age of deposits, environmental reconstruction, examination of artifacts.

ANTHC 226 Archaeology of Africa 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr; PD/A. Prehistory; origins, adaptations, cultural evolution of early hominids; origins of agriculture, early complex societies.

ANTHC 227 Archaeology of Europe 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr; PD/D. Prehistory; early hunting and gathering adaptations, beginnings of sedentary village life, development of complex societies.

ANTHC 228 Archaeology of the Near East to 2000 BC 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr; PD/A. Sociocultural development of Near East from early hunter-gatherers to first states and empires.

ANTHC 230 Prehistory of North American Indians 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Examination of adaptation and change in prehistoric cultural systems, employing archaeological and ethnohistorical sources.

ANTHC 231 Archaeology of Mesoamerica 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Sociocultural development from early hunter-gatherers to first pre-Hispanic states and empires.

ANTHC 232 Archaeology of South America and the Caribbean 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Sociocultural development from early hunter-gatherers to first pre-Hispanic states and empires.

ANTHC 326 Rise of Old and New World Civilizations 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Theoretical and empirical examination of development of urbanism and state, in Old and New Worlds.

ANTHC 327 Prehistoric Cultural Ecology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Survey of selected problems in human evolution and adaptation from an ecological perspective.

ANTHC 346 Analytic Methods in Archaeology 5 hrs (3 lec, 2 lab), 4 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Theory and methods of analysis of materials recovered from archaeological excavations and surveys.

ANTHC 426 Seminar in Archaeological Field Methods 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ANTHC 126 or perm instr. Introduction to field methods and techniques in survey and excavation; involves weekend fieldwork on nearby sites.

Courses less frequently offered:

ANTHC 203 Kinship and Social Organization

ANTHC 306 Folklore and Myth

ANTHC 309 Country and City in Comparative Perspective

ANTHC 316 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology

ANTHC 317 Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology

ANTHC 328 Technology and Material Culture

ANTHP 214 Theory of Evolution