Degree Options
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Minors
Anthropology

Program Strengths
• The flexible degree program allows students to concentrate in cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, or biological anthropology, while receiving a broad background in all four.
• Anthropology students can join WSU faculty working throughout the world for cultural, archaeological, and biological anthropological research.
• The department hosts a regular lecture series where faculty, advanced graduate students, and visiting experts share their work.
• Faculty are experts in archaeology and cultural, biological, medical, and evolutionary anthropology.
• The Anthropology Museum houses the largest repository of archaeological artifacts from the interior Northwest.

Student Club
The Anthropology Club offers a series of activities designed to bring faculty and students together in informal gatherings that facilitate and expand hands-on learning opportunities and foster greater anthropological understanding. The club is open to any currently enrolled, full-time undergraduate students.

Admission to the Major Requirements
Students may be admitted as Anthropology majors upon declaring their intent to the department.

Suggested Classes for Freshmen
Anth 101: General Anthropology*
Anth 130: Great Discoveries in Archaeology*
Anth 201: Art and Society*
Anth 203: Global Cultural Diversity*
Anth 230: Archaeological Methods & Interpretation

Suggested Classes for Transfer Students
Anth 203: Global Cultural Diversity*
Anth 230: Archaeological Methods & Interpretation
Anth 260: Introduction to Biological Anthropology*
Anth 268: Sex, Evolution & Human Nature*

Math Requirement
Any QUAN Course, most commonly:
Math 105: Exploring Mathematics
Math 212: Introduction to Statistical Methods (Preferred)
Phil 201: Elementary Logic

Core Courses
Anth 203: Global Cultural Diversity*
Anth 230: Archaeological Methods & Interpretation
Anth 260: Introduction to Biological Anthropology*
Anth 390: History of Anthropological Thought*
Anth 490: Integrative Themes in Anthropology*

* Anthropology offers courses that fulfill UCORE requirements.
Areas of Faculty Research

• Life history theory, human behavioral ecology; immune function and pathogens (A. Blackwell)

• Psychological and medical anthropology, cognition and culture, contemporary social issues in Thailand, Southeast Asia (J. Cassaniti)

• Archaeology of Childhood and Boarding Schools Archaeology, Peopling of the Americas (M. .Cory)

• Archaeological and ethnographic communities in the American Southwest; megalithic southern Ethiopia (A. Duff)

• Southwest Archaeology, Architecture, Use of Space, Depositional Processes, Social Theory, Museum Interpretation, History of Archaeology (S. Fladd)

• Hunter-gatherers of Northwest Coast of North America, spatial analysis, zooarchaeology (C. Grier)

• Depression & other mental health issues in evolutionary perspective (E. Hagen)

• Anthropology of childhood, also infectious and parasitic diseases (B. Hewlett)

• Life history theory, child development, reproductive strategies; research in Central African Republic and SW Ethiopia (C. Meehan)

• Medical anthropology, social inequalities in health, food security, nutrition, and biocultural perspectives (C. Owens)

• Behavioral ecology, evolutionary and social psychology, behavioral economics, development anthropology, Latin America (A. Pisor)

• Medical anthropology concentrating in family health, ethnomedicine, and ethnobotany (M. Quinlan)

• Behavioral ecology, medical anthropology, cross-cultural analysis, research in East Africa (R. Quinlan)

• Environmental archaeology in New World societies, zooarchaeology, stable isotope analysis (E. Thornton)

• Indigenous Archaeology, Rock Art, Archaeological Ethics, Gender, Landscape (E. Van Alst)

• Social processes of film production, commodities in media industries, film costume, research in Hindi film Wilkinson)

Career Options

• Education/Outreach
• Archaeology/Cultural Resource Management (CRM)
• Historic Preservation
• Museum/Curation/Project Design
• Community Development
• Advocacy (human rights/social justice)
• Human/Social Services
• Design (products and/or services)
• International Development/Affairs
• Forensics
• Administration/Management
• Ethnography/Cultural Anthropology
• Evaluation/Assessment
• Health (international/public health)
• Environment and Natural Resources
• Tourism/Heritage
• Healthcare Management/Services/Delivery
• Management Consulting/Organizational Development/Training
• Social Impact Assessment
• Market Research
• Law/Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
• Humanitarian Efforts

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