Degree Options
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Minors
Anthropology

Program Strengths
• The Anthropology Museum houses the largest repository of archaeological artifacts from the interior Northwest.
• The flexible degree program allows students to concentrate in cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, or biological anthropology—or receive 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.

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.

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Areas of Faculty Research
Life history theory, human biology and behaviors in ecological context (A. Blackwell)
Health and life history in small scale Amazonian societies; human behavioral ecology; immune function and pathogens (A. Blackwell)
Psychological anthropology, medical anthropology, cognition and culture, contemporary social issues in Thailand, Southeast Asia (J. Cassaniti)
Archaeological identification of Puebloan communities in American Southwest; megalithic southern Ethiopia (A. Duff)
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)
Quantitative analysis of archaeological data of prehistoric behavior (T. Kohler)
Psychological anthropology, cultural memory, and historical ethnography (J. Mageo)
Life history theory, child development, reproductive strategies; research in Central African Republic and SW Ethiopia (C. Meehan)
Behavioral ecology, evolutionary and social psychology, behavioral economics, development anthropology, and Latin America (A. Pisar)
Hominin behavior and paleodemography through computer simulation and population genetics (L. Premo)
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)
Pacific Rim hunter-gatherer-fishers, historical ecology, ancestral diet, and modern health, residue studies (S. Tushingham)
Social processes of film production, commodities in media industries, film costume, research in Hindi film (C. 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
Software Development/Information Technology
Design (products and/or services)
International Development/Affairs
Forensics
Mass Communication
Administration/Management
Ethnography/Cultural Anthropology
Evaluation/Assessment
Health (international/public health)
Environment and Natural Resources
Business
Tourism/Heritage
Healthcare Management/Services/Delivery
Management Consulting/Organizational Development/Training
Social Impact Assessment
Market Research
Law/Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
Humanitarian Efforts