

Anthropology

College of Arts and Sciences

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.



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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, crosscultural 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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