Anthropology

AN 121L  Biological Anthropology Lab  1 cr
The lab section of this course is designed to provide a more in-depth understanding of biological anthropology through a variety of exercises and hands-on learning opportunities. Topics covered parallel those in lecture (AN 121) and include evolutionary theory, living primates, primate origins, human evolution, and modern human variation.
Co-requisite: AN 121

AN 100  Intro to Cultural Anthropology  3 cr
Introduces culture as a set of integrated behaviors and meanings learned in a social environment. Explores the diversity of human cultural practices in terms of kinship, gender, religion, subsistence, and politics. Language is emphasized as the means by which culture is transmitted from one generation to the next.

AN 101  Intro Archaeology-Bio Anthro  3 cr
The place of people in nature; the origin, development, and differentiation of people as biological organisms; archaeological evidence of early human cultures; basic concepts and principles for understanding human cultures. Introduces students to the topics of evolution, genetics, and primates and integrates cultural aspects associated with early human development. The fundamental orientation and methods of archaeology are introduced and an overview of world prehistory presented.

AN 121  Biological Anthropology  3 cr
This course covers the topics of human evolution and modern human variation, focusing on humanity’s biological roots and modern appearance. To understand our present physical and social condition, we must understand our evolutionary past. This course discusses our place within the mammalian evolutionary lineage, evolutionary theory, population genetics, primate behavior, human evolution, and modern human variation.
Co-requisite: AN 121L

AN 190  Special Topics -  3 cr
Different topics of anthropological importance will be studied as announced. This course may be taken twice for credit when content varies, but not for more than six credits.

AN 200  Language and Culture  3 cr
Brief introduction to descriptive and structural linguistics, language universals, classification and processes of change in language, language and thought, social cultural factors as expressed in language, origin of language, child language and non-verbal communication.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 250  Forensic Anthropology  3 cr
This course will introduce students to the field of forensic anthropology. Specifically, it will survey the basic methods employed by forensic anthropologists to recover and analyze human skeletal remains, including the construction of a biological profile and the analysis of skeletal trauma.

AN 290  Special Topics -  1 TO 3 cr
Different topics of anthropological importance will be studied as announced. This course may be taken twice for credit when content varies, but not for more than 6 credits.
Prerequisites: AN 100 or AN 101 or permission of instructor.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 300  Thinking Anthropologically  1 cr
This one-credit hour course is designed to expose anthropology majors to important applied concepts in our field, with a particular emphasis on scientific literacy and professional development. Through short lectures, guided activities, facilitated discussions, and student presentations, this course will help our majors identify and engage in practical skills to enhance their success as students as well as in their chosen post-graduation career paths.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of C and AN 101 Minimum Grade of C and AN 121 Minimum Grade of C and AN 121L Minimum Grade of C.

AN 305  Arch Method and Theory  3 cr
The theoretical basis of archaeology, and the various methods used to discover and interpret the human past from material evidence.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 313  New World Archaeology  3 cr
The evolution of Native American cultures, from the first arrival of humans across the Bering Straits land bridge to the European settlement of the New World.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 314  North American Archaeology  3 cr
This course explores over 10,000 years of North American archaeological record, primarily investigating the unwritten histories of Native American people through archaeological remains including architecture, art, foodways, and the tools of everyday life.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 315  Maya, Aztec, & Inca  3 cr
This course explores the human cultures of Mesoamerica and the Andes region of South America through archaeological remains including architecture, art, foodways, and the tools of everyday life.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 335  Field Work in Archaeology  4 cr
Archaeological field and laboratory techniques include excavation, site survey, artifact processing and analysis. Fee.
Pre-requisite: AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.
AN 340  Native American Cultures-W  3 cr
An ethnographic and ethnohistorical survey of native cultures of North America, including historical and modern groups, with an emphasis on Indians of the Southeast. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 342  Applied Anthropology  3 cr
Issues surrounding theory and method of applied anthropology. Presentation and analysis of case studies concerning problems in areas such as development, both domestic and in foreign settings, community health, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, and others. Prerequisites: AN 100 or permission of instructor. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 347  Latin Amer Cultures-Societies  3 cr
A survey of Latin American society and culture from the pre-contact period to the present. Pre-Columbian antecedents, colonial use of land and labor, patterns of race, class and ethnicity, and problems of development are examined. Prerequisite: AN 100 or permission of instructor. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 355  Gender and Anthropology  3 cr
This course provides an introduction to anthropological themes and debates in gender theory, including an ethnographic survey of women and men in a variety of cultures. Prerequisites: AN 100 or permission of instructor. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 357  Political Anthropology  3 cr
Authority, power, and conflict are examined cross-culturally and in evolutionary perspective. Particular emphasis is placed on the origins of stratification and the state. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 358  Economic Anthropology  3 cr
An evolutionary survey of production and exchange in diverse societies. Considers the applicability of western economic theory to nonmarket economies, as well as their transformation by global capitalism. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 365  Human Osteology  3 cr
This hands-on course focuses on the identification of the bones of the human skeleton and its application to specialties within biological anthropology, including bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology. Topics to be covered include human skeletal and dental anatomy, skeletal growth and development, skeletal pathology and anomalies, and the biological profile. Pre-requisite: AN 210 Minimum Grade of B or AN 250 Minimum Grade of B.

AN 370  Human Origins and Evolution  3 cr
This lecture, discussion, and lab-based seminar will examine the fossil, genetic, and archaeological evidence for human evolution - from the origins of primates to anatomically modern humans - with particular attention given to our hominid ancestors. Students will learn about the nature and timing of these developments, current theoretical models used to explain such changes, and the implications of these evolutionary trends for understanding modern human adaptations. Important fossil sites and associated material culture will also be used to provide insight into hominid biocultural behavior. Students must take AN 121/L (formerly AN 210/L) as a prerequisite for this course, or receive permission of the instructor. Pre-requisite: AN 210 Minimum Grade of C and AN 210L Minimum Grade of C or AN 121 Minimum Grade of C and AN 121L Minimum Grade of C.

AN 390  Special Topics  1 TO 3 cr
Different topics of anthropological importance will be studied as announced. This course may be taken twice for credit when content varies, but not for more than 6 credits. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 394  Directed Studies -  1 TO 3 cr
Supervised readings or projects. No more than a total of six hours may be taken for credit. Requires prior approval of instructor. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 435  Museum Methods in Archaeology  3 cr
Archaeology as practiced in museums, including the registration and curation of archaeological collections; artifact conservation; public interpretation of the past; and exhibit design, composition, construction, and evaluation. Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 440  Adv Archaeological Field Meth  4 cr
This course involves participant instruction in archaeological field and laboratory techniques, including advanced excavation and survey methods, soils analysis, site mapping with electronic instruments, sampling strategy, and site interpretation. Requires permission of instructor.

AN 442  Cultural Resource Management  3 cr
This course examines the interaction between archaeologists, architectural historians, historic preservationists, state and federal governments, and the public with regard to cultural resources. The focus of the course is identification, evaluation, and mitigation of cultural resources. Related topics discussed include public perceptions of the past, ethics, and being a professional in historical preservation.
AN 454  Anthropological Theory - W  3 cr
An advanced historical survey of anthropological ideas, with primary emphasis on contemporary theoretical orientations and debates. Examines anthropology's often contested status as a science or humanity.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 470  Bioarchaeology - W  3 cr
This class introduces students to the field of bioarchaeology, the study of human remains in archaeological contexts. Through lectures, readings, activities, and discussions, students will examine how skeletal remains are used to reconstruct life in the past, including patterns of subsistence, diet, disease, demography, biological relatedness, and physical activity.
Pre-requisite: AN 250 Minimum Grade of B or AN 365 Minimum Grade of B.

AN 490  Special Topics  3 cr
Different topics of anthropological importance will be studied as announced. This 3 hour course may be repeated for credit as long as the content varies up to a maximum of 6 credit hours. Requires junior or senior standing; or permission of instructor.
Pre-requisite: (AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D).

AN 492  Senior Seminar -  3 cr
Course specifically designed for majors in their senior year. Some topical aspect of the discipline will be analyzed.
Pre-requisite: AN 100 Minimum Grade of D or AN 101 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 496  Anthropology Internship  3 TO 6 cr
Provides an opportunity to combine academic principles with practical experiences in an agency dealing with human relationships, cultural resources, or primate research. Specifics of the assignment result from mutual agreement among student, course director and agency. Course may be repeated for a maximum of six hours of credit. Requires advanced standing in Anthropology major and permission of course instructor. Fee.

AN 498  Senior Thesis  3 cr
With the guidance and advice of a faculty mentor, student will identify and carry out an in-depth, year-long, field research project in anthropology. The Senior Thesis will be judged and graded by a committee of three faculty, chaired by the faculty mentor. This course will be repeated to continue the thesis during a second semester. This is a 3 hour course that is expected to be repeated once for a total of six hours. Must be an Anthropology major; senior status; permission of a faculty mentor through an AN 394 Directed Studies course taken during the junior year.
Pre-requisite: AN 394 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 499  Honors Senior Thesis - H  3 cr
With the guidance and advice of a faculty mentor, honors students will identify and carry out an in-depth, year-long field research project in anthropology. The Honors Senior Thesis will be judged and graded by a committee of three faculty, chaired by the faculty mentor. This is a 3 hour course that can be repeated once for a total of six hours. Must be an Anthropology major; senior status; permission of a faculty mentor; grade point average of 3.5; and completion of a thesis prospectus prepared in consultation with the faculty mentor through an AN 394 Directed Studies course taken during the junior year.
Pre-requisite: AN 394 Minimum Grade of D.

AN 535  Museum Methods in Archaeology  3 cr
Archaeology as practiced in museums, including the registration and curation of archaeological collections; artifact conservation; public interpretation of the past; and exhibit design, composition, construction, and evaluation.

AN 542  Adv. Cultural Resource Mgmt.  3 cr
This course examines the interaction between archaeologists, architectural historians, historic preservationists, state and federal governments, and the public with regard to cultural resources. The focus of the course is identification, evaluation, and mitigation of cultural resources. Related topics discussed include public perceptions of the past, ethics, and being a professional in historical preservation.

AN 594  Directed Studies -  1 TO 3 cr
Field or library projects through which special interests of the student may be pursued on a tutorial basis with a graduate faculty member. Arrangements must be made prior to registration. Permission of the Department Chair is required.