

ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

Anthropology is the comparative study of human diversity through time and across the world. Its scope spans the humanities, the social sciences, and the biological, physical, and evolutionary sciences. As a history of the human species, anthropology studies all human biological and behavioral variation, including nonhuman primates, from the earliest fossil records to the present. Anthropology uncovers the patterns of past and present societies and seeks to understand the ways cultural meaning and political power have shaped human experience.

At the University of Wisconsin–Madison, anthropology consists of three subfields:

- archaeology – the investigation and analysis of the remains from past cultures, uncovered through excavation;
- biological anthropology – the study of human evolution and the roots of the biological and genetic diversity found among contemporary peoples; and
- sociocultural anthropology – the comparative study of society, politics, economy, and culture, whether in historical times or today.

Students can also take classes in anthropological linguistics, the analysis of language and its place in social life. Comparative and empirical work—and fieldwork in particular—are the hallmarks of anthropology on this campus.

HOW TO GET IN

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| Requirements | Details |
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| How to get in | No application required. All students who meet the requirements listed below are eligible to declare. For information on how to declare, visit Advising & Careers. |
| Courses required to get in | None |
| GPA requirements to get in | None |
| Credits required to get in | None |
| Other | None |

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as

needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetext>) section of the Guide.

- General Education
- Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
 - Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
 - Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits
 - Communication Part A & Part B *
 - Ethnic Studies *
 - Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Language

- Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR
- Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English.

L&S Breadth

- 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
- 12 credits of Social Science; and
- 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework Complete at least 108 credits.

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

Major Declare and complete at least one major.

Total Credits Complete at least 120 credits.

UW-Madison Experience

- 30 credits in residence, overall; and
- 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

- Quality of Work
- 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
 - 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

| Code | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| ANTHRO 105 | Principles of Biological Anthropology | 3 |
| ANTHRO 300 | Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography | 3 |
| <i>Complete two:</i> | | 6 |
| ANTHRO 212 | Principles of Archaeology | |
| ANTHRO 321 | The Emergence of Human Culture | |
| ANTHRO 322 | The Origins of Civilization | |
| ANTHRO 490 | Undergraduate Seminar | 3 |
| ANTHRO electives | | 15 |
| Total Credits | | 30 |

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all ANTHRO and major courses
- 2.000 GPA in 15 upper-level major credits in residence¹
- 15 credits in ANTHRO, taken on campus

¹ ANTHRO 300 and above are upper-level, with the exception of Quechua and Yucatec Maya language courses (ANTHRO/LACIS 361, ANTHRO/LACIS 362, ANTHRO/LACIS 363, ANTHRO/LACIS 364, ANTHRO/LACIS 376, ANTHRO/LACIS 377).

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Anthropology major advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the Anthropology major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 GPA for all ANTHRO and major courses
- Complete the following coursework:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| <i>Biological Anthropology (complete one):</i> | | 3 |
| ANTHRO 105 | Principles of Biological Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO 302 | Hominoid Evolution | |
| ANTHRO 303 | Human Skeletal Anatomy | |

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| ANTHRO 304 | Heredity, Environment and Human Populations | |
| ANTHRO/ BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 410 | Evolutionary Biology | |
| ANTHRO 411 | The Evolution of the Genus, Homo | |
| ANTHRO 420 | Introduction to Primatological Research | |
| ANTHRO 454 | Study Abroad: Topics in Biological Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO 458 | Primate Behavioral Ecology | |
| ANTHRO 603 | Seminar in Evolutionary Theory | |
| ANTHRO 605 | Seminar-Current Problems in Paleoanthropology | |
| ANTHRO/ PSYCH/ ZOOLOGY 619 | Biology of Mind | |
| ANTHRO 668 | Primate Conservation | |
| <i>Cultural Anthropology (complete one):</i> | | 3 |
| ANTHRO 104 | Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity | |
| ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE/ INTL ST/ LINGUIS 211 | Global Language Issues | |
| ANTHRO/ MED HIST 231 | Introduction to Social Medicine | |
| ANTHRO 237 | Cut 'n' Mix: Music, Race, and Culture in the Caribbean | |
| ANTHRO/ AFROAMER/ C&E SOC/ GEOG/ HISTORY/LACIS/ POLI SCI/SOC/ SPANISH 260 | Latin America: An Introduction | |
| ANTHRO 265 | Introduction to Culture and Health | |
| ANTHRO/ AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ GEOG/HISTORY/ POLI SCI/ SOC 277 | Africa: An Introductory Survey | |
| ANTHRO 300 | Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography | |
| ANTHRO/ AMER IND 314 | Indians of North America | |
| ANTHRO 340 | Music, Race, And Culture in Brazil | |
| ANTHRO/ RELIG ST 343 | Anthropology of Religion | |
| ANTHRO 345 | Family, Kin and Community in Anthropological Perspective | |
| ANTHRO 348 | Economic Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO 357 | Introduction to the Anthropology of Japan | |
| ANTHRO/ LACIS 361 | Elementary Quechua | |

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| ANTHRO/ LACIS 362 | Elementary Quechua | |
| ANTHRO/ LACIS 363 | Intermediate Quechua | |
| ANTHRO/ LACIS 364 | Advanced Quechua | |
| ANTHRO 365 | Medical Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO/ LACIS 376 | First Semester Yucatec Maya | |
| ANTHRO/ LACIS 377 | Second Semester Yucatec Maya | |
| ANTHRO 424 | Historical Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO/ AMER IND/ FOLKLORE/ GEN&WS 437 | American Indian Women | |
| ANTHRO/ GEN&WS 443 | Anthropology by Women | |
| ANTHRO 455 | Study Abroad: Topics in Cultural Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO 456 | Symbolic Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO/ AMER IND/ BOTANY 474 | Ethnobotany | |
| ANTHRO 477 | Anthropology, Environment, and Development | |
| ANTHRO 545 | Psychological Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO/ ED POL 570 | Anthropology and Education | |
| LINGUIS 101 | Human Language | |
| <i>Archaeological Anthropology (complete one):</i> | | 3 |
| ANTHRO 102 | Archaeology and the Prehistoric World | |
| ANTHRO 212 | Principles of Archaeology | |
| ANTHRO/ ART HIST/ DS/HISTORY/ LAND ARC 264 | Dimensions of Material Culture | |
| ANTHRO 310 | Topics in Archaeology | |
| ANTHRO 321 | The Emergence of Human Culture | |
| ANTHRO 322 | The Origins of Civilization | |
| ANTHRO 333 | Prehistory of Africa | |
| ANTHRO 337 | Lithics and Archaeology | |
| ANTHRO 352 | Ancient Technology and Invention | |
| ANTHRO/ AMER IND 354 | Archaeology of Wisconsin | |
| ANTHRO 370 | Field Course in Archaeology | |
| ANTHRO 391 | Bones for the Archaeologist | |
| ANTHRO 453 | Study Abroad: Topics in Archaeology | |
| ANTHRO/ AMER IND/ BOTANY 474 | Ethnobotany | |
| ANTHRO 696 | Archaeological Methods of Curation | |
| ANTHRO 490 | Undergraduate Seminar | 3 |
| <i>or a seminar chosen from:</i> | | |

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| ANTHRO 603 | Seminar in Evolutionary Theory | |
| ANTHRO 605 | Seminar-Current Problems in Paleoanthropology | |
| ANTHRO 690 | Problems in Anthropology | |
| ANTHRO 681 & ANTHRO 682 | Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis | 6 |

Total Credits **18**

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Acquire specialized training in anthropological research.
2. Obtain comparative global knowledge of human diversity, material culture, culture history, and the evolution of people's relationships with the physical, cultural, and natural world.
3. Gain an awareness of ethnographic, archaeological and bio# anthropological ethics practice and research.
4. Distinguish between empirical and speculative narratives and claims about human diversity past and present.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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This Four-Year Plan is only one way a student may complete an L&S degree with this major. Many factors can affect student degree planning, including placement scores, credit for transferred courses, credits earned by examination, and individual scholarly interests. In addition, many students have commitments (e.g., athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, work and volunteer experiences) that necessitate they adjust their plans accordingly. Informed students engage in their own unique Wisconsin Experience by consulting their academic advisors, Guide, DARS, and Course Search & Enroll for assistance making and adjusting their plan.

First Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| ANTHRO 100-200 level course | 3 ANTHRO 100-200 level course | 3 |
| Science Breadth | 3 Ethnic Studies course in ANTHRO | 3 |
| Communication A | 3 Literature Breadth | 3 |
| Quantitative Reasoning A | 3 Physical Science Breadth | 3 |
| Foreign Language (if needed) | 4 Foreign Language (if needed) | 4 |
| | 16 | 16 |

Second Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| ANTHRO 200-300 level course | 3 Communication B | 3-4 |
| Quantitative Reasoning B | 4 ANTHRO 200-300 level course | 3 |
| Literature Breadth | 3 Science Breadth | 3 |
| Elective | 4 I/A COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) | 3 |
| INTER-LS 210 | 1 Elective | 3 |
| | 15 | 16 |

Third Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Declare the Major | ANTHRO 300-600 level elective | 3 |
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| Humanities Breadth | 3 Humanities Breadth | 3 |
| I/A COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) | 3 Electives | 5 |
| Elective | 4 | |
| | 13 | 14 |

Fourth Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| ANTHRO 490 | 3 ANTHRO 300-600 level elective | 3 |
| Electives | 12 Electives | 12 |
| | 15 | 15 |

Total Credits 120

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW-Madison students

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING AND CAREERS DECLARE OR CANCEL THIS MAJOR

Please follow the process described on the Anthropology website (<https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/undergraduate-study/>).

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.