

ANTHROPOLOGY, BS

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
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 SCIENCE (BS)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science 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 the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree requirements.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics	Complete two courses of 3+ credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level in MATH, COMP SCI, or STAT subjects. A maximum of one course in each of COMP SCI and STAT subjects counts toward this requirement.
Language	Complete the third unit of a language other than English.
L&S Breadth	Complete: • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include at least 6 credits of Literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include 6 credits of Biological Science and 6 credits of Physical Science.
Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced Coursework	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	Complete both: • 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
Complete two:		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
Biological Anthropology (complete one):		3
ANTHRO 105	Principles of Biological Anthropology	
ANTHRO 302	Hominoid Evolution	
ANTHRO 303	Human Skeletal Anatomy	

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	
Cultural Anthropology (complete one):		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	

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>		

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.