

Anthropology BA

Anthropology is the scientific study of humanity. Anthropologists take a broad approach to understanding the diversity of human biology, culture, and language in the past and present. Anthropology students learn about the processes that shape our own culture and the cultures of others, and develop a solid knowledge of the underlying humanity that connects and defines us. Opportunities exist for students to pursue diverse research experiences across a vast range of topics on human actions, beliefs, and organization, and to intern with local organizations.

General Education Requirements

Majors must satisfy the university and college general education requirements (<http://bulletin.umsl.edu/generaleducationrequirements/>). Any foreign language may be used to meet the language requirement for the B.A. degrees.

Degree Requirements

All required courses for the major must be completed with a grade of C- or better. The following courses are required:

ANTHRO 1005	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	4
ANTHRO 1011	Introduction To Cultural Anthropology (MOTR ANTH 201)	3
ANTHRO 1019	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 4315	Anthropology Past, Present, and Future	3
Select nine additional credit hours in Anthropology numbered 1000-2999 ¹		9
Select two of the following methods courses:		6
ANTHRO 3209	Forensic Anthropology	
ANTHRO 3212	Medical Anthropology	
ANTHRO 3211	Linguistic Anthropology	
ANTHRO 4000	Ethnographic Field Research Methods	
ANTHRO 4015	Data Analytics in the Social Sciences	
ANTHRO 4100	Field Methods in Archaeology	
ANTHRO 4307	Community Based Research in Anthropology	
ANTHRO 4310	Laboratory Methods in Archaeology	
Select nine additional credit hours in Anthropology numbered 3000-4999		9
Total Hours		37

¹ The three courses must come from two different subfields: Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, or Biological Anthropology.

The total number of hours required for the major is 37. Students may elect to take up to, but not to exceed, 15 additional hours in anthropology courses of their choice.

At the end of the program, students should have these competencies:

- **Discipline-Specific (Content) Knowledge**
Graduates will be able to discuss the importance of cultural diversity, thus preparing them to function in multicultural or international

settings. Graduates will understand the common evolutionary origins that unify all cultural differences, as well as human biological variation within our shared humanity. Graduates will develop in-depth knowledge of the culture of a particular region of the world.

- **Communication Skills**
Graduates will develop social science writing skills, including writing of a research proposal for a grant agency and a substantial research report. Graduates will develop oral presentation skills, including presenting a formal research report.
- **Information Management/Quantitative Skills**
Graduates will master research methods in one of the subfields of anthropology (cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology). Graduates will learn to design and conduct an original research project, working in close cooperation with faculty.
- **Valuing/Ethics/Integrity**
Graduates will be able to discuss and articulate the professional ethics and codes of conduct of the discipline.
- **Critical Thinking Skills**
Graduates will develop the ability to apply anthropological concepts in performing critical analysis of broad historical trends and complex social issues. Graduates will be able to value cultural diversity, thus preparing them to function in multicultural or international settings.
- **Application/Internship Skills**
Graduates will gain hands-on experience in the application of anthropological concepts to real life and will be able to apply anthropological theory to real-life experience.

Residency Requirement

Undergraduate majors must complete a minimum of 17 hours of upper-level (3000-5000) Anthropology courses in residence, including:

ANTHRO 4315	Anthropology Past, Present, and Future	3
And at least one of the following:		3
ANTHRO 3209	Forensic Anthropology	
ANTHRO 3211	Linguistic Anthropology	
ANTHRO 3212	Medical Anthropology	
ANTHRO 4015	Data Analytics in the Social Sciences	
ANTHRO 4000	Ethnographic Field Research Methods	
ANTHRO 4100	Field Methods in Archaeology	
ANTHRO 4307	Community Based Research in Anthropology	
ANTHRO 4310	Laboratory Methods in Archaeology	
Total Hours		6

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate an appreciation for the diversity of human cultures and the interconnectedness of people around the world
- Demonstrate knowledge of the evolutionary and historical processes that shaped our ancestors and led to the biological, behavioral, and cultural diversity seen in the present
- Demonstrate a command of key concepts, issues, theories, and debates in anthropology

- Demonstrate knowledge of varying types of anthropological data and how they are collected, analyzed, synthesized, and interpreted
- Think critically and analytically about issues of social justice and social inequality
- Apply problem-solving and research skills beneficial to anthropology as well as to a variety of careers in today's global economy
- Communicate cross-culturally and within multicultural settings
- Demonstrate an appreciation for the role of anthropology in the workplace and the real world

Sample Four Year Plan

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
INTDSC 1003 ¹		1 ANTHRO 1005	4
ANTHRO 1011		3 ANTHRO 1019	3
ENGL 1100		3 Foreign Language 1002	5
CORE - Mathematics Proficiency		3 EXPLORE - Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Foreign Language 1001		5	
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ANTHRO 1000-2999 level course		3 ANTHRO 1000-2999 level course	3
ANTHRO 1000-2999 level course		3 CORE - US History and Government	3
Foreign Language 2101		3 CORE - Information Literacy	3
EXPLORE - Humanities and Fine Arts		3 EXPLORE - Math and Sciences	3
EXPLORE - Math and Natural Sciences		3 Elective or minor	3
	15		15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ANTHRO 4000		3 ANTHRO 3000-4999 course	3
ANTHRO 3000-4999 level course		3 CORE - Communication Proficiency	3
ENGL 3100		3 Elective or minor	3
EXPLORE - Humanities and Fine Arts		3 Elective or minor	3
EXPLORE - Math and Natural Sciences		3 Elective or minor	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ANTHRO 4000		3 ANTHRO 4315	3
ANTHRO 3000-4999 course		3 Elective or minor	3
Elective or minor		3 Elective or minor	3
Elective or minor		3 Elective or minor	3
Elective or minor		3 Elective or minor	3
		Recommended course list, elective or minor	1
	15		16

Total Hours: 121

INTDSC 1003 is required only for first-time freshmen and transfer students with less than 24 college credits.

PLEASE NOTE: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester. All requirements are subject to change.