

Anthropology, Cultural

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Major in Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology courses – 112, 325, 424, and 461 (culminating experience); six others, including at least two geographical area courses and two comparative topics courses.

Comprehensive evaluation, with passing grade. Total of 10 major courses.

Minor: Anthropology courses – 112; either 325 or 424; three other courses, including at least one comparative topics course and one geographical area course. Total of 5 minor courses.

Anth 112. Introduction to Anthropology. A course covering all four subfields of anthropology: sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, and physical anthropology.

Anth 160. Special Topics. Open to first-year students only.

Anth 161. Modern Africa II. Examines specific contemporary African societies and cultures from a cross-temporal, cross-cultural perspective. Topics addressed include education, health and healing, religion, development, identity and popular culture. Partially satisfies the Modern Societies LADR and satisfies the Other Cultures LADR. Can count as an elective within the Anthropology major.

Anth 222. World Ethnographies. A detailed look at cross-cultural analysis and representation of societies around the world. Identical to Soc 222. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a sociology gateway course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 232. Native North American Cultures. Examines the cultures of Native Americans from culture areas of the Northwest Coast, Eastern Woodlands, the Great Plains, American Southwest, and the Sub-arctic. Also explores ethnic and political issues, human rights, genocide, and adaptation to the environment. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 238. Middle East: Peoples and Cultures. Examines a sample of Middle East societies with attention to the Gulf States, Yemen, Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Iran, exploring their political organization, religion, the colonial experience, gender constructions, and ethnic conflicts. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 241. North and East Africa: Peoples and Cultures. Explores, through comparisons and contrasts, the socio-cultural systems of the northern and eastern regions of the African continent, with special attention paid to Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, and Sudan, emphasizing political organization, religion, the colonial experience, and gender constructions. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 259. Immigration and Transnationalism. Examines how various immigrant groups negotiate cultural landscapes as previous identities conflict with present national loyalties and expectations. Also explores pan-ethnic cultural affiliations in urban America and investigates the impacts of transnational citizens on the home culture. Identical to Soc 259. Prerequisite: 112 or a gateway sociology course.

Anth 260. Special Topics.

Anth 307. Directed Study. Offers students an opportunity to pursue a research project of limited scope. 0.50 unit.

Anth 309. Research Practicum. Offers practical experience with research skills and with detailed knowledge of specialized topics through participation in a faculty member's ongoing research program. Experiences may include assistance with research design, data collection; coding, statistical

analysis; qualitative data analysis, or written presentation of results. Offered every term. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. 0.50 unit. May be repeated once.

Anth 311. The World of Islam. Examines the religion of Islam, within specific cultures world wide, concentrating on – but not limited to – the Middle East and Asia. Both pre-modern and modern aspects of Islam will be explored, such as the various intellectual schools, Islam and modernity, gender, politics, and globalization. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Offered alternate years. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 316. Comparative Spiritual Traditions. Compares and contrasts two different religious traditions, at least one non-Western, in the light of the inner dimension of their beliefs and practices. Utilizes historical, indigenous, textual, philosophical and anthropological sources to uncover similarities and differences among people living these traditions. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 325. Methods in Anthropology. Application of anthropological theory and research methods in student-designed local research projects. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: 112 and one additional anthropology course.

Anth 329. Cultural Adaptation of Native Americans: Plains and Pueblos. Comparison and contrast of the social characteristics and cultural evolution of “plains” and “pueblo” Indians as they adapted to their environments and to the onslaught of whites; includes two-and-a-half-week field trip to the southwest. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course; Soc 318 is recommended. Identical to Soc 329. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 332. Food, Body, and Culture. Compares different cultures by looking at cuisine and health. Seeks to explore cultural ideas and ideals concerning the human form, specifically through how people physically manipulate and symbolically construct meanings around the food we consume or those considered taboo for human consumption. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Satisfies: “Topic” in Cultural Anthropology and Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 333. Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion. Examines how ideologies and belief systems such as magic, witchcraft, religion, and science serve to explain and guide individual choices and social actions in other parts of the world as well as in our own backyard. Primary focus will be on non-western cultures, but with some applications to American society. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 336. Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective. Examines a variety of theoretical perspectives in the study of gender. Explores what it means to be “women” and “men” in different cultures and societies. Investigates categories of gender that permeate people’s daily lives, especially in non-western societies. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a Soc gateway course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

Anth 357. Internship. Off-campus supervised field experience in anthropology, arranged by the student and subject to the approval of an instructor. Prerequisites: Four anthropology/sociology courses or permission of department.

Anth 360. Special Topics. Irregular course offerings on topics not included in the regular curriculum. Prerequisites: 112 and one other anthropology course.

Anth 370. Directed Study. Supervised individual research on a student-selected topic.

Anth 424. Theory in Anthropology. A study of the major theoretical perspectives and prominent scholars that shape the discipline of anthropology. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: 112 and one additional anthropology course.

Anth 461. Senior Seminar. A culminating experience emphasizing advanced research and theory. Open only to majors in Anthropology.

Anth 465. Capstone Seminar. Course content will reflect the topic for the annual Capstone. Open to all juniors and seniors and may be repeated once for credit. Students may enroll in only one Capstone seminar in a given term.

Anth 471. Senior Thesis. Individual research on any aspect of the discipline.

Anth 499. Comprehensive Evaluation.