Anthropology, Cultural

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Major in Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology courses – 112, 325, 424, and 461 (culminating experience); any 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. Partially satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.A.

Anth 160. Special Topics.

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. In combination with InS 161, satisfies the Modern Societies and Other Cultures LADRs or GDR IV.A and IV.C. 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, MS 113, or a sociology gateway course or permission. Partially satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.A or satisfies IV.C.

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, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C or partially satisfies IV.A or Other Cultures LADRS.

Anth 236. South Asia: Peoples and Cultures. Examines South Asian societies with emphasis on political organization, religion, the colonial experience, gender constructions, and ethnic conflicts. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C or partially satisfies IV.A. or Other Cultures LADRS.

Anth 237. Southeast Asia: Peoples and Cultures. Examines Southeast Asian societies with emphasis on political organization, religion, modernization, globalization, ethnicity, race, and gender constructions. Offered alternate years in Spring Term. Prerequisite: Anth 112, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C or partially satisfies IV.A or Other Cultures LADRS.

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, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C or partially satisfies IV.A. or Other Cultures LADRS.
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, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C or partially satisfies IV.A. or Other Cultures LADRs.

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. Fulfills General Degree Requirement IV.C. 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 worldwide, 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, MS 113, a Soc gateway course, Phi 112, or permission of instructor. Offered alternate years. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C. or Other Cultures LADRs.

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, or permission of instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C or partially satisfies IV.A or Other Cultures LADRs.

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, MS 113 or a Soc gateway course; Soc 318 is recommended. Identical to Soc 329. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C. or Other Cultures LADRs.

Anth 331. Kinship as Political Organization. Examines how kinship and descent systems function to organize individuals in networks of social relationships. Topics include: cross-cultural comparisons of the family, formation of political alliances through descent, rules of inheritance, marriage as group alliance, gender roles in the family, and the symbolic and biological importance of kinship. Focus nonindustrialized and nonwestern societies. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: Anth 112, MS 113, a Soc gateway course or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C.
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, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission of instructor. Satisfies: “Topic” in Cultural Anthropology and General Degree Requirement IV.C. or Other Cultures LADRs.

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, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C. or Other Cultures LADRs.

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, MS 113, or a Soc gateway course, or permission from the instructor. Satisfies General Degree Requirement IV.C or partially satisfies IV.A. or Other Cultures LADRs.

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: Four anthropology/sociology courses or permission of department.

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

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 471. Independent Study. Individual research on any aspect of the discipline.