

# ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

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Anthropology explores the entire range of human experiences in the past and present. Our department offers undergraduate courses covering the breadth of the discipline, including physical anthropology (the study of human evolution and biological variation); archaeology (the study of prehistoric and historic cultures through material remains); linguistics (the study of language - its structure, historic developments, and social aspects); cultural anthropology (the study of contemporary societies); and applied anthropology (the use of anthropological methods and theory to solve real-world problems). Ongoing research by our faculty and graduate students covers a broad array of topics, from slave settlements in Jamaica to women and development in India; from religious movements in Brazil to sustainable agriculture in Nepal; from forestry in Kenya to the Underground Railroad in Syracuse. Current research sites span the globe, including South and East Asia, South and North America, West and East Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Caribbean.

Undergraduate training in anthropology is useful in many fields, including education, international business, law, journalism, cultural resources management and public service. For students interested in future graduate studies in anthropology, our program offers a solid ground in theory, methods, ethics and practical application.

Undergraduate students are encouraged to explore anthropology not only through coursework, but with direct involvement in laboratory research and field work. Our department has fully equipped archaeology and physical anthropology laboratories, providing a variety of research opportunities. A well-established archaeological field training program is offered each summer. Field experience in cultural anthropology is available through community internships, independent studies, and ongoing faculty research. We also recommend that students consider spending a semester or two in another country through the University's Syracuse Abroad Program, as a way of enhancing their major with true cross-cultural experience. For information, contact the Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Director.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Describe and explain human diversity through the application of core anthropological concepts, theories and data
2. Evaluate competing ideas and generalize from specific data
3. Conduct primary and secondary research projects on anthropological topics and present results effectively both in writing and orally
4. Apply anthropological ideas and knowledge in the analysis of real-world problems
5. Describe and apply ethical and professional principles pertinent to the anthropological research

## Major Requirements

The program, leading to a B.A. in anthropology, requires 33 credits in anthropology courses. Of these, 18 credits are taken in required courses and 15 are electives.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<i>Introductory Courses</i>		
Cultural Anthropology:		
ANT 111	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
Physical/Biological Anthropology:		
ANT 131	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	3
Archaeology - either:		
ANT 141 or ANT 145	Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory Archaeology of and in the Modern World	3
<i>Area Focus and Regional Perspectives on Culture</i>		
Select at least one course from the following list:		3
ANT 318	African Cultures	
ANT 322	South American Cultures	
ANT 323	Peoples and Cultures of North America	
ANT 324	Modern South Asian Cultures	
ANT 325	Anthropology of American Life in Film	
ANT 326	Africa Through the Novel	
ANT 382	Health in the Middle East	
ANT 421	Gender & Sexuality in South Asia	
ANT 423	Effects of Globalization in Latin America	
ANT 426	Cultures and Politics of Afghanistan and Pakistan	
ANT 427	Brazil: Anthropological Perspectives	
ANT 428	Transformation of Eastern Europe	
ANT 446	Caribbean Archaeology	
ANT 468	Middle East in Anthropological Perspective	
ANT 471	Religion and Society in Brazil	
ANT 473	Peace and Conflict in the Balkans: Anthropological Perspectives	
<i>Anthropological Methods</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 433	Human Osteology	
ANT 442	Methods in Archaeology	
ANT 443	Field Methods in Archaeology	
ANT 444	Laboratory Analysis in Archaeology	
ANT 481	Ethnographic Techniques	
ANT 482	Life Histories/Narratives	
<i>Anthropological Theory</i>		
ANT 311	Anthropological Theory	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 15 credits of electives		15
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33</b>

## Degree

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

**Total Required Credits: 120**

## Electives (15 credits)

The student majoring in anthropology is free to enroll in any course offered by the Department of Anthropology as long as the prerequisites for that course are satisfied. All students are encouraged to enroll in elective courses that are of interest to them.

At least 12 of the 15 elective credits required must be at the 300 level and above.

### College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

### Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse\*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

\*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

### Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)