

The Anthropology Major

Anthropology Faculty



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Admissions. Anthropology is divided into four subfields: I) archaeology, II) cultural/social anthropology, III) anthropological linguistics, and IV) physical anthropology. In addition to providing the basis for careers in the sub disciplines, anthropology provides a background for professional careers in teaching, research, international affairs, medicine, business, or law. A grade of C- or better must be earned in all courses taken in fulfillment of the requirements for the Anthropology major. Majors must achieve a minimum 2.00 G.P.A. in Anthropology and are urged to consult their departmental advisor periodically to review their progress. To learn more about admissions, visit the [Dedman College](http://www.smu.edu/Admission/Apply.aspx) website. (<http://www.smu.edu/Admission/Apply.aspx>)

Requirements for the B.A. Degree. Intended for students who desire general training in anthropology within a liberal arts curriculum. Thirty (30) term hours of anthropology are required, of which twenty-one (21) must be advanced. Of the 30 hours, ANTH 2301 is required. In addition, all candidates for the B.A. major must take at least three term hours in each subfield of anthropology (i.e., archaeology, cultural/social anthropology, anthropological linguistics, and physical anthropology).

Requirements for the B.S. Degree. Intended for students who wish more specialized training in anthropology, it provides a strong foundation for students intending to pursue a graduate degree. Thirty-six term hours of anthropology are required, of which 24 must be advanced. Of the 36 hours, the following courses are required: ANTH 2301; 2315; 2363; and either 5334 or 5335; six term hours of fieldwork-related study (generally 5381 or 5382 and 4333 or 5681; alternatives need to be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies); one of the following: 3361 or 5359; and either 4399 or three term hours of independent study (4191, 4192, 4291, 4292, 4391, or 4392). In addition, three term hours of statistics (e.g. STAT 2331), and six term hours of world language are required.

Requirements for the Minor. A 15-hour minor may be taken in one of three tracks: Archaeology, Cultural Anthropology, or General Anthropology; an 18-hour track may be taken in Biomedical Anthropology. ANTH 2301 is common to all four minors, with the remaining courses selected from a list published in the SMU catalog. Please see www.smu.edu/anthro for more information about these requirements. A grade of C- or better must be earned in all advanced courses taken in fulfillment of the requirements for an anthropology minor.

The Departmental Distinction Program. This program is open to junior and senior anthropology majors with outstanding academic records. Graduation with departmental distinction is designated on the diploma of those who successfully complete the program. To earn departmental distinction, a student must: (a) complete the usual course work for a B.A. or B.S. degree with at least a 3.50 G.P.A. in anthropology and with at least a 3.00 G.P.A., overall; (b) with a grade of B or higher, pass ANTH 5334 and ANTH 5335 or complete a substantial independent reading program (for three term-hours credit that replaces one of these) on the history, conceptual foundations, or methodological problems of the discipline; (c) with a grade of A or A-, conduct a research project (for three term hours credit in ANTH 4391, 4392, or 4399); and complete a significant research paper that is a minimum of 20 pages of text, includes a bibliography, and is written in appropriate subdisciplinary professional style and format; and (d) pass an oral examination of one hour in length (with at least three departmental faculty members), covering the results of the research project and general issues and concepts in anthropology according to the subfield specialty.

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Anthropology Courses By Subfield

Courses listed under 3330/31, 4191/92/93, 4291/92/93, 4350/51/52 or 4390/91/92/93 may count for any of the subfields, depending on the topic.

Subfield: General

3345 Introduction to Ethnographic Methods
4399 Senior Seminar in Anthropology
5334 History of Anthropology Part I
5335 History of Anthropology Part II

Subfield I: Archaeology

2302 People of the Earth: Humanity's First Five Million Years
2363 The Science of Our Past
2380 Contemporary Archaeology: Controversies and Ethics
3304 North American Archaeology
3312 Meso-American Archaeology
3313 South American Indians of the Past & Present
3315 Origins of Civilization
3318 Archaeology of the Southwest
3334 Fantastic Archaeology and Pseudoscience
3356 Before Civilization
3365 The Rise and Fall of Superpowers
3374 Cultures and Environments of the Southwest
3384 Paradise Lost
3388 Warfare and Violence
3390 The Plundered Past
3399 Ice Age Americans
4300 World Archaeology
4325 ZooArchaeology
4333 Laboratory Methods in Archaeology
4385 Coastal and Aquatic Archaeology
4386 The Archaeology of Gender and Sexuality
5355 Seminar in the Southwest
5381 Field Methods in Archaeology
5382 Field Methods in Archaeology
5681 Field Methods in Archaeology

Subfield II: Cultural/Social Anthropology

2301 Introductory Cultural Anthropology
3301 Health, Healing, and Ethics: Cross Cultural Perspectives on Sickness and Society*
3303 Psychological Anthropology*
3305 The "Other" in America
3306 Introduction to Medical Anthropology*
3310 Gender and Sex Roles: A Global Perspective
3311 Mexico: From Conquest to Cancun
3313 South American Indians: Past and Present
3314 Peoples of Africa
3316 Cultures of the Pacific Islands
3317 Peoples of Southeast Asia
3319 Human Ecology

3323 East Asia Cultural Traditions
3327 Economic and Political Change in Global Society
3328 Gender Violence*
3329 Contesting Development
3333 The Immigrants Experience
3336 Gender & Globalization: Cultural and Ethical Issues
3344 Cultural Approaches to Business
3346 Culture and Diversity in American Life
3348 Health as a Human Right*
3350 Good Eats & Forbidden Flesh*
3353 Indians of North America
3354 Latin America: Peoples, Places, and Power
3355 Society and Culture in Contemporary Europe
3358 Indians of the Southwest
3359 Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East
3366 Magic, Myth, and Religion Across Cultures
3368 Urban Life: A Cross Cultural Perspective
3376 Caribbean Transformations: From Columbus to Carnival
3385 Sustainable Living
3388 Warfare and Violence: The Anthropology & Ethics of Human Conflict
4303 Political Economy of Health*
4304 Migration, Ethnicity and Nationalism
4305 Applied Anthropology
4306 Anthropology and Education
4307 Global and Public Health*
4309 Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, and Nation States
4343 Biomedicine, Culture and Power*
4344 Global Population Processes: Anthropological Perspectives*
4346 Environmental Anthropology and Development
4384 Global Issues & Development: An Overview
5336 Health in Cross-Cultural Perspective*
5344 Research Methods in Ethnology

Subfield III: Anthropological Linguistics

3361 Language in Culture and Society
4311 Applied Linguistics
5359 Linguistics (General)

Subfield IV: Physical Anthropology

2315 Human Evolution
3302 Monkeys and Apes: The Nonhuman Primates
3350 Good Eats & Forbidden Flesh
3351 Forensic Anthropology: Stories Told by Bones*
4336 Concepts of Evolution: A History
5310 Human Osteology: Biology of the Human Skeleton*

* These courses are electives under Biomedical Anthropology.