

# Anthropology

**A**nthropology is the study of the biology, prehistory, and culture of human society in a worldwide setting. Anthropologists study people from all times and all places. Anthropology focuses on human and nonhuman primate evolution by studying the behavior of living and extinct human and primate groups (physical anthropology). It looks at cultural history and past lifeways and studies how human societies have changed from ancient to modern times (archaeology). It also examines the behavior of living societies in order to understand differences in contemporary cultures (cultural anthropology and linguistic anthropology). This includes the study of topics such as language, kinship, religion, ecology, urbanism, and culture and personality.

## Pursuing Anthropology at Ohio State

All Ohio State freshman applicants are considered within a competitive admission process for the Columbus campus. The primary criteria for admission are the completion of the applicant's high school college preparatory program, performance in that program as indicated by class rank and/or grade-point average, and performance on either the ACT or SAT. Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in Anthropology (B.A.) or Anthropological Sciences (B.S.) within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Interested students should contact the undergraduate advisor for anthropology and a counselor in Arts and Sciences Advising.

The department offers two anthropology major programs, anthropology which leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree and anthropological sciences which leads to the Bachelor of Science degree. The anthropology major is designed to broadly prepare students in each of the three major anthropological subfields. This major provides training for a variety of career options including—but not limited to—those in the humanities, natural, social and behavioral sciences. The anthropological sciences major provides an intensive foundation in empirically oriented evolutionary anthropology and is geared towards students committed to pursuing graduate studies and research in the anthropological sciences, the biomedical sciences, or professional employment in anthropology.

## Anthropology Requirements

Requirements for the anthropology major (B.A.). A minimum of 40 credit hours is required for the major. Students are required to complete three prerequisite courses: Introduction to Physical Anthropology (ANT 200), World Prehistory (ANT 201), and Peoples and Cultures (202). The core of the program consists of three courses (15 hours): History of Anthropological Theory (ANT 525), Fundamentals of Archaeology (ANT 401), and either Human Evolution (ANT 300) or Human Variation (ANT 301). Students also need to complete an additional course in each of the subfields of anthropology (15 hours)—archaeology, physical anthropology and

cultural anthropology. The remaining courses (10 hours) may be taken from any subfield of anthropology.

## Anthropological Sciences Requirements

Requirements for the anthropological sciences major (B.S.). A minimum of 55 credit hours is required for the major. Students are required to complete three prerequisite courses: Introduction to Physical Anthropology (ANT 200), World Prehistory (ANT 201), and Peoples and Cultures (202). The core of the program consists of four courses (20 hours): Hunters and Gatherers (ANT 620.01), Fundamentals of Archaeology (ANT 401), Human Evolution (ANT 300), and Human Variation (ANT 301). Students also need to complete an additional course in each of the subfields of anthropology (15 hours) – archaeology, physical anthropology, and cultural anthropology. The remaining courses (10 hours) may be taken from any subfield of anthropology. Finally, students must complete two courses (10 hours) from outside the anthropology department: Evolution (EEOB 400), and either Stats 145 or Stats 245.

## Co-Curricular Opportunities

The Anthropology Department offers a range of opportunities to augment the classroom experience. The undergraduate student organization, the Anthropology Club, offers a chance to get to know other students, and to hear from faculty about research and field study opportunities. The department regularly offers an archaeological field school, in either the United States or Europe. In the United States, this includes fieldwork especially in the Midwest. For the next several years, Ohio State has a project in Hungary that involves student participation. Internships also are strongly encouraged in a range of settings, including museums, contract archaeology firms, and in a variety of local, state, and federal agencies.

Our faculty strongly believes that hands-on research experience should be an important component of undergraduate training. Our department offers a diverse array of laboratory and field based

Ohio State's archaeological field schools in Cyprus and Hungary are two of only three anthropological field schools funded by the National Science Foundation's *Research Experiences for Undergraduates* program.

Ohio State houses the nation's premier paleoethnobotany laboratory and a state of the art bioarchaeology laboratory.

**For more information, check these web sites:**

**Anthropology:** <http://anthropology.ohio-state.edu>

**College of SBS:** [www.sbs.ohio-state.edu](http://www.sbs.ohio-state.edu)

**Ohio State:** [www.osu.edu](http://www.osu.edu)

**Admissions:** [undergrad.osu.edu](http://undergrad.osu.edu)

**Multicultural Center:** [multiculturalcenter.osu.edu](http://multiculturalcenter.osu.edu)

**First Year Experience Program:** [fye.osu.edu](http://fye.osu.edu)

## Curriculum Sample\*

This is a sample list of classes a student will take to pursue the anthropology major leading to a B.A. Since university students need more than specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete the General Education Curriculum (GEC). The GEC will allow students to develop the fundamental skills essential to collegiate success across major programs. Course work options satisfying the GEC often come from a variety of academic areas of study allowing students to tailor their GEC toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in anthropology. Consult the departmental web site, <http://anthropology.ohio-state.edu>, for details on each specific track.

Freshman Year	
Introduction to Physical Anthropology (Biological Science GEC)	5
World Prehistory (Social Science)	5
Peoples and Cultures	5
First-Year English Composition	5
Mathematical and Logical Analysis Course	5
Introductory Biology	5
Foreign Language (102 and 103)	10
Minor/Elective	5
SBS Survey Course	1
Freshman Seminar	1
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>47</b>

Sophomore Year	
History of Anthropological Theory	5
Indians of North America	5
Human Origins Social Science	5
Second Writing Course	5
History I and II	10
Foreign Language 104	5
Data Analysis	5
Physical Science	5
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>50</b>

Junior Year	
Cultural Ecology	5
Fundamentals of Archaeology	5
Biosocial Aspects of Health Social Science	5
Literature	5
Visual/Performing Arts	5
Natural Science	5
Minor/Electives	15
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>50</b>

Senior Year	
Primate Behavior	5
Prehistoric Indians Eastern North America	5
Culture and Ideas	5
Issues of the Contemporary World	5
Minor/Electives	25
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>45</b>

\*The curriculum for the degree in Anthropological Sciences (B.S.) would differ. Interested students should contact the department for a detailed sample curriculum.

research opportunities which interested undergraduates can become involved in immediately. We are on the leading edge of undergraduate training of anthropological scientists and are poised to offer more opportunities. Various methods classes in archaeology and physical anthropology introduce students to artifact excavation and analysis as well as numerous aspects of physical anthropology including the study of human remains.

In addition to general laboratory space for undergraduate research, students benefit from exploring:

- The premier paleoethnobotany laboratory in the nation.
- A state of the art bioarchaeology laboratory.
- An extensive collection of human skeletal remains.
- Laboratory resources and comparative materials for forensic studies.
- Archaeological field projects (via field schools or independent study) in Ohio, Kentucky, Hungary, Yemen, and Guatemala.
- Paleoanthropological field experience at fossil hominid sites in South Africa and paleoecological data analysis.
- Cultural ecology and human biology field experience in Samoa, the Amazon, Tanzania, and Cameroon.
- Economic anthropology with an emphasis on global migration, development and demography.
- Cultural anthropology of Latin America with an emphasis on Mexico.
- A human biological anthropology laboratory with genetic, anthropometric and physiological equipment.
- An established research station with habituated non-human primates in the Ivory Coast (West Africa).
- A large collection of non-human primate skeleto-dental material from West Africa.

We encourage undergraduate participation in faculty research both through direct involvement in data collection (e.g., on site field or laboratory work) and through analysis of the resulting data.

## Honors & Scholars Programs

Honors students may choose to complete advanced and challenging course work leading to graduation with honors in the Liberal Arts. The Department of Anthropology offers honors sections of the introductory courses that survey the basic concepts and knowledge of the three major subdivisions (H200, Introduction to Physical Anthropology; H201, World Prehistory; and H202, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology). An honors section of the GEC Issues of the Contemporary World course, Anthropology H597.03 (The Prehistory of Environment and Climate) also is offered. All major courses are faculty taught, include significant discussion components, and provide opportunities for developing writing skills. Honors students may pursue graduation with distinction in anthropology by completing a senior honors thesis.

## Career Opportunities in Anthropology

A variety of employment opportunities exist for a graduate with an anthropology degree. These may include contract or government archaeologist; admissions counselor; museum curator; mental health consultant; social service worker; laboratory assistant; foreign service agent; international business associate; or forensic anthropologist.

Graduates in anthropology from Ohio State have found employment in a range of careers in business, health professions, engineering, government, law, education, social services, and museums.

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