ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR

Students complete a 13-course program (12 courses in anthropology and 1 in formal studies) for a major in anthropology. At the 200 level, courses provide background in the four major subfields of anthropology. At the 300 level, students expand both the breadth and depth of their studies, examining the philosophical and historical roots of the discipline. A research class (ANTHRO 322-0 Introduction to Archaeology Research Design & Methods, ANTHRO 361-0 Talk as Social Action, ANTHRO 386-0 Methods in Human Biology Research, or ANTHRO 389-0 Ethnographic Methods and Analysis) provides an opportunity to learn research skills and gain valuable analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills. ANTHRO 370-0 Anthropology in Historical Perspective provides an overview of the history of the field. Six additional 300-level courses include concentration courses from a subfield and from across the department.

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/) and the degree requirements of their home school.

NOTE: This Catalog describes Weinberg College BA requirements that pertain to students who matriculated at Northwestern after spring quarter 2023. Refer to the Archives (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/) if you are following BA requirements described in the 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 editions.

Subfields

Archaeology

Course | Title
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ANTHRO 318-0 | Material Worlds of the Middle Ages
ANTHRO 319-0 | Material Life & Culture in Europe, 1500-1800
ANTHRO 321-0 | Archaeological Field Methods
ANTHRO 324-0 | Archaeological Survey Methods
ANTHRO 325-0 | Archaeological Methods Laboratory
ANTHRO 327-0 | Historical Archaeology
ANTHRO 328-0 | The Maya
ANTHRO 343-0 | Anthropology of Race
ANTHRO 383-0 | Environmental Anthropology
ANTHRO 390-0 | Topics in Anthropology
ANTHRO 398-0 | Senior Seminar

Biological Anthropology

Course | Title
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ANTHRO 306-0 | Evolution of Life Histories
ANTHRO 309-0 | Human Osteology
ANTHRO 312-0 | Human Population Biology
ANTHRO 313-0 | Evolutionary Medicine
ANTHRO 314-0 | Human Growth & Development
ANTHRO 316-0 | Forensic Anthropology
ANTHRO 317-0 | Human Evolution
ANTHRO 359-0 | The Human Microbiome and Health
ANTHRO 362-0 | Advanced Methods in Quantitative Analysis
ANTHRO 390-0 | Topics in Anthropology
ANTHRO 398-0 | Senior Seminar

Cultural Anthropology

Course | Title
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ANTHRO 307-0 | Anthropology of Peace
ANTHRO 315-0 | Medical Anthropology
ANTHRO 320-0 | Peoples of Africa
ANTHRO 330-0 | Peoples of the World
ANTHRO 332-0 | The Anthropology of Reproduction
ANTHRO 334-0 | The Anthropology of HIV/AIDS: Ethnographies
ANTHRO 339-0 | Material Culture
ANTHRO 340-0 | Visual Anthropology of Africa
ANTHRO 341-0 | Economic Anthropology
ANTHRO 350-0 | Anthropology of Religion
ANTHRO 351-0 | Hope and Futurity
ANTHRO 353-0 | Shady Business: Informal Economies in Contemporary Capitalism
ANTHRO 354-0 | Gender and Anthropology
ANTHRO 355-0 | Sexualities
ANTHRO 368-0 | Latina and Latino Ethnography
ANTHRO 369-0 | Contemporary Immigration to the U.S.
ANTHRO 373-0 | Power and Culture in American Cities

For the archaeology, cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology concentrations, statistics or another formal studies course can fulfill this requirement; a course designated for Distribution Area II and/or Foundational Discipline Empirical and Deductive Reasoning (FD-EDR).

For the joint Anthropology/MMSS major, MATH 385-0 counts as the formal methods related course requirement for anthropology.
Human Biology

See Concentration in Human Biology for requirements.

Linguistic Anthropology

Course Title
ANTHRO 360-0 Language and Culture
ANTHRO 365-0 Language, Race, & Ethnicity in the U.S.
ANTHRO 378-0 Law and Culture
ANTHRO 390-0 Topics in Anthropology
ANTHRO 398-0 Senior Seminar

Concentration in Human Biology

The human biology concentration is a good option for students interested in pursuing careers in the health sciences or graduate work in the biological sciences. The concentration combines a core foundation in basic science with an integrative perspective on the human organism, drawing on both the biological and the social sciences. Coursework emphasizes the study of human biology and health from a comparative and evolutionary perspective.

In their first and second years students complete the introductory (200-level) anthropology requirements as well as foundational courses (which are also premedical school requirements). Junior- and senior-year coursework includes 300-level courses in biological anthropology/human biology and related courses from other departments.

Course Title
Department Courses (12 units)
5 core courses:
ANTHRO 211-0 Culture & Society
ANTHRO 213-0 Human Origins
ANTHRO 214-0 Archaeology: Unearthing History
ANTHRO 215-0 The Study of Culture through Language
ANTHRO 370-0 Anthropology in Historical Perspective
1 research course:
ANTHRO 386-0 Methods in Human Biology Research
3 concentration courses chosen from:
ANTHRO 306-0 Evolution of Life Histories
ANTHRO 309-0 Human Osteology
ANTHRO 312-0 Human Population Biology
ANTHRO 313-0 Evolutionary Medicine
ANTHRO 314-0 Human Growth & Development
ANTHRO 316-0 Forensic Anthropology
ANTHRO 317-0 Human Evolution
ANTHRO 359-0 The Human Microbiome and Health
ANTHRO 362-0 Advanced Methods in Quantitative Analysis
ANTHRO 390-0 Topics in Anthropology
ANTHRO 398-0 Senior Seminar
3 additional 300-level courses selected from any concentration or research course

Related Courses
BIOL_SCI 201-0 Molecular Biology
Units depend on chemistry and mathematics sequences taken. Most are also premedical school requirements.

**Relevant Courses in the Bienen School of Music**

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**Summer Field Schools**

*Archaeology Field School.* Courses may include the following, some of which are also offered on the Evanston campus.

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For additional information, contact the Department of Anthropology.

**Honors in Anthropology**

Majors with strong academic records and an interest in pursuing original research in anthropology during their senior year are encouraged to submit an application to the honors coordinator by spring of junior year to write a senior honors thesis. The thesis requires completing ANTHRO 399-0 Independent Study in the fall quarter and ANTHRO 398-0 Senior Seminar in the winter quarter of senior year. ANTHRO 398-0 Senior Seminar (but not ANTHRO 399-0 Independent Study) may be counted toward the 300-level requirements for the major.

Students whose theses and grades meet department criteria are recommended to the college for graduation with honors. For additional information review the department website, consult the honors coordinator, and see Honors in the Major (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptionstext).