

# 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.**

Course	Title
<b>Department Courses (12 units)</b>	
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 selected from the following:	
ANTHRO 322-0	Introduction to Archaeology Research Design & Methods
ANTHRO 361-0	Talk as Social Action
ANTHRO 386-0	Methods in Human Biology Research
ANTHRO 389-0	Ethnographic Methods and Analysis
3 300-level courses selected from a subfield:	
Archaeology (p. 1)	
Biological Anthropology (p. 1)	
Cultural Anthropology (p. 1)	
Human Biology (p. 2)	
Linguistic Anthropology (p. 2)	
3 additional 300-level courses selected from any concentration or research course <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Related Course (1 unit)</b>	

<sup>1</sup> formal studies course <sup>2,3,4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For the joint Anthropology/MMSS major, MMSS 300-0 double-counts as a 300-level anthropology course (for triple major limitations see MMSS Adjunct Major (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/mathematical-methods-social-sciences/mmss-adjunct-major/>)).

<sup>2</sup> For the biological anthropology and human biology concentrations, the formal studies course must be fulfilled by STAT 202-0, STAT 210-0, PSYCH 201-0, ECON 281-0, SESP 210-0, or equivalent.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</sup> For the joint Anthropology/MMSS major, MATH 385-0 counts as the formal methods related course requirement for anthropology.

## Subfields Archaeology

Course	Title
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
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 317-0	Human Evolution
ANTHRO 359-0	The Human Microbiome and Health
ANTHRO 362-0	Advanced Methods in Quantitative Analysis
ANTHRO 375-0	Advanced Methods in Forensic Anthropology
ANTHRO 390-0	Topics In Anthropology
ANTHRO 398-0	Senior Seminar

## Cultural Anthropology

Course	Title
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

ANTHRO 377-0	Psychological Anthropology
ANTHRO 378-0	Law and Culture
ANTHRO 384-0	Traveling While Muslim: Islam, Mobility, and Security after 9/11
ANTHRO 390-0	Topics In Anthropology
ANTHRO 398-0	Senior Seminar

## 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.

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<b>Related Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>	
BIOL_SCI 201-0	Molecular Biology

BIOL_SCI 202-0	Cell Biology
BIOL_SCI 203-0	Genetics and Evolution
BIOL_SCI 232-0	Molecular and Cellular Processes Laboratory (0.34 units)
BIOL_SCI 233-0	Genetics and Molecular Processes Laboratory (0.34 units)
BIOL_SCI 234-0	Investigative Laboratory (0.34 units)
BIOL_SCI 301-0	Principles of Biochemistry
CHEM 110-0 & CHEM 131-0 & CHEM 141-0 & CHEM 132-0 & CHEM 142-0	Quantitative Problem Solving in Chemistry and Fundamentals of Chemistry I and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory I and Fundamentals of Chemistry II and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory II
or CHEM 151-0 & CHEM 161-0 & CHEM 152-0 & CHEM 162-0	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry Laboratory I and General Chemistry II and General Chemistry Laboratory II
or CHEM 171-0 & CHEM 181-0 & CHEM 172-0 & CHEM 182-0	Advanced General Inorganic Chemistry and Advanced General Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory and Advanced General Physical Chemistry and Advanced General Physical Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 215-1 & CHEM 235-1 & CHEM 215-2 & CHEM 235-2	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry Lab I and Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry Lab II
Students completing the chemistry major organic sequence CHEM 212-1,2,3 (old numbers) CHEM 217-1, CHEM 217-2, and CHEM 217-3 (new numbers) with labs may use these courses instead of CHEM 215-1, 215-2 with labs.	
MATH 220-1 & MATH 220-2	Single-Variable Differential Calculus and Single-Variable Integral Calculus
or MATH 218-1 & MATH 218-2 & MATH 218-3	Single-Variable Calculus with Precalculus and Single-Variable Calculus with Precalculus and Single-Variable Calculus with Precalculus
PHYSICS 130-1 & PHYSICS 130-2 & PHYSICS 130-3 & PHYSICS 136-1 & PHYSICS 136-2 & PHYSICS 136-3	College Physics and College Physics and College Physics and General Physics Laboratory and General Physics Laboratory and General Physics Laboratory
or PHYSICS 135-1 & PHYSICS 135-2 & PHYSICS 135-3 & PHYSICS 136-1 & PHYSICS 136-2 & PHYSICS 136-3	General Physics and General Physics and General Physics and General Physics Laboratory and General Physics Laboratory and General Physics Laboratory
or PHYSICS 140-1 & PHYSICS 140-2 & PHYSICS 140-3 & PHYSICS 136-1 & PHYSICS 136-2 & PHYSICS 136-3	Fundamentals of Physics and Fundamentals of Physics and Fundamentals of Physics and General Physics Laboratory and General Physics Laboratory and General Physics Laboratory
1 course chosen from:	
STAT 202-0	Introduction to Statistics and Data Science
STAT 210-0	Introduction to Probability and Statistics
PSYCH 201-0	Statistical Methods in Psychology
ECON 281-0 or ECON 381-1	Introduction to Applied Econometrics Econometrics
SESP 210-0	Introduction to Statistics and Research Methodology
or equivalent statistical methods course approved by the department	

<sup>1</sup> Units depend on chemistry and mathematics sequences taken. Most are also premedical school requirements.

## Relevant Courses in the Bienen School of Music

Course	Title
MUSICOL 323-0	Topics in Ethnomusicology

## Summer Field Schools

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

Course	Title
ANTHRO 321-0	Archaeological Field Methods
ANTHRO 322-0	Introduction to Archaeology Research Design & Methods
ANTHRO 325-0	Archaeological Methods Laboratory

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>).