

ANTHROPOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

College: Liberal Arts and Sciences

Degree Options: Bachelor of Arts (Traditional and Online), Bachelor of Science

Credits for Degree: 120

Website: <https://anthro.ufl.edu/academics/undergrad-students/the-anthropology-major/>

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Anthropology is the study of people in their cultural context and the examination of all aspects of patterned social behavior. The discipline is worldwide in scope and encompasses all aspects of human biological and social life from earliest times to the present. It is a broad, holistic field that seeks to understand human adaptation to natural and social environments.

The four subfields are cultural, archaeology, biological and linguistic anthropology. Undergraduates may concentrate their studies in one of these four subfields or pursue a focus in an interdisciplinary track with another major or minor. The anthropology major offers two major degree options: the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science. Coursework for the major will depend upon the program, both of which are flexible. Either the BA or the BS degree is earned in anthropology rather than in any one subfield. Students earn a degree in Anthropology (APY) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)

A BA in anthropology provides students with a broad-based liberal arts education and prepares students to work in an increasingly complex world. Anthropology BA students learn about different groups of people, their prehistory and their biological and cultural diversity through disciplines that combine social science, natural science and the humanities. Many undergraduate anthropology majors go on to graduate school in the social sciences, while others use anthropology to prepare themselves for professional careers in other disciplines. In a world of increasing globalization and need for effective international relations and understanding, anthropology is a highly relevant liberal arts and sciences major for students interested in pursuing careers in business, education, government, health, and law.

The BS in anthropology provides students with a degree option that blends their interest in basic science with the holistic lens of anthropology. BS majors engage in anthropology through coursework, lab and field-based research, and outreach. A grounding in scientific-based research, community initiatives and multicultural skillsets enable our students to address pressing needs in both local and global contexts. For example, students often participate in independent and collaborative initiatives on and off campus and receive pre-graduate training in life sciences, health-related disciplines, natural history, and/or archaeological science. A BS in Anthropology will encourage students to develop STEM-based skill sets and enhance scientific inquiry to address salient anthropological issues. This degree inevitably draws upon multidisciplinary fields including anatomy, biology, chemistry, ecology, engineering, genetics, geology, physics, mathematics, statistics, zoology and botany.

DEGREES OFFERED. Anthropology offers Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees. Both require a minimum of 34 semester credits in anthropology and a minimum of 18 credits of anthropology coursework must be completed at UF. For the BS degree, all required anthropology and required related coursework must be completed with a minimum 2.5 overall UF GPA. For further details, consult the UF [Undergraduate Catalog](#) and our website: <https://anthro.ufl.edu/academics/undergrad-students/>

CORE COURSES (16 CREDITS). Core classes should be completed EARLY in your course sequence. Core courses are offered in fall and spring semesters and once in the summer. Students must enroll in the online only *Capstone in Anthropology* (ANT 4931) course in their FINAL SEMESTER. The Capstone is offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer A.

ANT 2410 *Cultural Anthropology* (3 credits)

ANT 2140 *Introduction to World Archaeology* (3 credits)

ANT 3514C *Introduction to Biological Anthropology* (4 credits)

ANT 3620 *Language and Culture* (3 credits)

ANT 4931 *Capstone in Anthropology* (3 credits) *FINAL SEMESTER*

APY ELECTIVES (18 CREDITS). Anthropology electives do not include the 'core' courses but are required for the major. All students are required to complete 18 hours of anthropology electives. For the BA, two classes (6 credits) must be at the 4000-level (4k), two (6 credits) classes at the 3/4k-level, and two (6 credits) at any level (2k+). Many APY electives are offered as *Junior Topics in Anthropology* (ANT 3930) or *Special Topics in Anthropology* (ANT 4930). Courses may be cross-listed with other units on campus (e.g., Latin American Studies, African Studies, Religion, Women's Studies). Many anthropology upper division classes do not have prerequisites, however, most 3/4k upper division biological anthropology classes do require ANT 3514C and ANT 2140 is required for many 3/4k upper division archaeology classes. With the support of a faculty mentor, students may complete an Individual Work Form and choose to conduct Independent Work (ANT4905) or Independent Research (ANT4907).

STATISTICS (3 CREDITS). *Introduction to Statistics 1* (STA 2023) is required for the anthropology major. This course should be completed early in the course sequence, if possible.

HONOR THESIS. For students with a 3.5 upper division GPA (3LS + 4LS coursework), an honors thesis can be a good option. Students should identify a faculty mentor to discuss research plans and schedule key deadlines. The Honors Thesis Coordinator (Dr. Richard Kernaghan) assists in this process. Typically, the process takes two full semesters (or more). To be considered for high or highest honors, students must enroll in ANT 4914 (3 credits) in their final semester (Independent Study Form), and may choose to enroll in Independent Study with the Supervising Faculty prior. Students who submit a thesis may be considered for high (magna) or highest (summa) honors, as evaluated by committee. More information: <https://anthro.ufl.edu/academics/undergrad-students/the-anthropology-major/departmental-honors/>

SUMMER COURSEWORK. Core classes are offered in the summer, but vary by term. ANT3514C is generally the only one offered summer C. In addition, the electives are limited and not many 4000+ electives are offered over the summer. PLAN ACCORDINGLY. Field School is always an option, and can earn up to nine credit hours.

STUDY ABROAD. Overseas programs and field schools require advanced planning and coordination between the UFIC (UF International Center), the AAC (CLAS Academic Advising Center), and the Anthropology Undergraduate Coordinator.