

# ANTHROPOLOGY

## Course Search

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.

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*Courses at the University of Florida, with the exception of specific foreign language courses and courses in the online Master of Arts in Mass Communication program, are taught in English.*

## Courses

### AFS 2002 The African Experience: An Introduction to African Studies

**3 Credits**

Introductory study of African society and culture that examines the richness, diversity, and time-depth of African civilizations. (S and N)

General Education - International

General Education - Social Science

### ANT 2000 General Anthropology

**3 Credits**

Introduces the four subfields of anthropology (sociocultural, biological, linguistic and archaeology) through analyses of the cultural, social and biological dimensions of human variation. Appropriate first course for students considering major or minor in anthropology as well as non-majors fulfilling general education requirement. (S)

General Education - Social Science

### ANT 2140 Introduction to World Archaeology

**3 Credits**

The global study of human culture from its origins to the present through the recovery, description and analysis of archaeological remains.

### ANT 2149 Lost Tribes and Sunken Continents

**3 Credits**

Examines the claims of popular writers in archaeology that mysterious archaeological sites, statues, etc. were influenced by outer space visitors. Problems of diffusion: discussed include Stonehenge, pyramids, Easter Island, Maya spaceships, Atlantis and Mu, Nazca Lines and other archaeological mysteries. (H)

General Education - Humanities

### ANT 2301 Human Sexuality and Culture

**3 Credits**

Examines aspects of sexuality from a cross-cultural viewpoint and traces the development of an individual's sexuality and sexual identity. Sexual anatomy and functioning, gender roles and the interplay of behavior and sexual ethics are discussed. (S and D) (WR)

General Education - Diversity

General Education - Social Science

WR6

### ANT 2402 Anthropology of Sustainability

**3 Credits**

Application of the sustainability concept to the study of human interactions with the biophysical environment across space and time. Focuses on human perceptions of and interactions with their biotic surroundings and the myriad linkages between biological, cultural and linguistic diversity.

### ANT 2410 Cultural Anthropology

**3 Credits**

The nature of culture. The content of cultures; languages, subsistence, economic structures, art and religion in human societies. The integration of culture. (S and D)

General Education - Diversity

General Education - Social Science

### ANT 2700 Introduction to Applied Anthropology

**3 Credits**

The utility and application of anthropological theories, methods and knowledge for the solution of specific human problems, including discrimination, hunger, disease and underdevelopment. (S and D)

General Education - Diversity

General Education - Social Science

### ANT 3141 Development of World Civilization

**3 Credits**

Discussion of archeological evidence for the development of civilization in its regional variants from the earliest beginning to the dawn of written history. Analyzes causes of cultural development in Old and New World Centers. (H and N)

General Education - Humanities

General Education - International

### ANT 3153 North American Archaeology

**3 Credits**

Archaeological materials relating to prehistoric North American cultures.

The origins of the North American Indian, Historic Indian and colonial materials. (H) (WR)

General Education - Humanities

WR6

### ANT 3162 Aztec Civilization

**3 Credits**

Detailed examination of Aztec culture and society at 1500 AD from ethnohistorical and archaeological evidence, including family life; social, political and economic organization; warfare; religion; and relationships with neighboring peoples. Not open to students who have taken ANT 3163. (H and N)

General Education - Humanities

General Education - International

### ANT 3164 The Inca and Their Ancestors

**3 Credits**

Evolution of the Inca Empire is traced back archaeologically through earlier Andean states and societies to the beginning of native civilization. (H and N)

General Education - Humanities

General Education - International

### ANT 3181 Anthropological Museology

**3 Credits**

The history and purpose of anthropological museums in the formation of the discipline and the modern role of the museum in both anthropological education and research.

### ANT 3186 Introduction to Zooarchaeology

**3 Credits**

Introduces the identification, analysis and interpretation of animal remains from archaeological sites. Methods of quantification and skeletal measurements to understand technology and human behavior are addressed. Topics include identification of subsistence patterns, coastal economies, animal domestication, taphonomy, environmental inferences from faunal remains and historical use of subsistence resources.

**Prereq:** one course in archaeology

### ANT 3241 Anthropology of Religion

**3 Credits**

Cross-cultural survey of beliefs and practices dealing with the supernatural, magic, and religion. Conceptualization of the supernatural. Sacred specialists, their function, and social position. Theories of comparative religion in light of anthropological data. (S and D)

General Education - Diversity

General Education - Social Science

### ANT 3302 Sex Roles: a Cross-Cultural Perspective

**3 Credits**

Anthropological perspective on division of labor by sex in different world societies. Variation in sex roles in economic, religious, political domains. Socialization and the life cycle. (S and D)

General Education - Diversity

General Education - Social Science

- ANT 3364 Peoples and Cultures of China** 3 Credits  
A comprehensive introduction to the diversity and change of Chinese culture and society based on ethnographic studies, theoretical analysis, and historical survey by Western as well as Chinese scholars. (S and N) (WR)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science  
WR2
- ANT 3390 Visual Anthropology** 3 Credits  
Uses photography and film as tools and products of social science. Ways of describing, analyzing and presenting behavior and cultural ideas through visual means. Projects and laboratory work with visual anthropology. (WR)  
**Prereq:** basic knowledge of photography or instructor permission  
WR6
- ANT 3420 Consumer Culture** 3 Credits  
Examination of the cultural bases for the consumption of commodities in modern society, employing anthropological concepts and social science methods. Primary emphasis is on the social relationships enacted between people and the things they live with. (S)  
**Prereq:** sophomore standing  
General Education - Social Science
- ANT 3451 Race and Racism** 3 Credits  
Survey of the race concept from the perspectives of cultural and biological anthropology. Examines patterns of human biological variation, traces history of race concept and explores experiences of racism in cross-cultural perspective. (S and D) (WR)  
General Education - Diversity  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 3467 Food and Culture** 3 Credits  
The role of food in human culture through time and in different geographical settings. Among topics considered are the biological basis of human diet and how it differs from other primates; how food habits develop and change as a result of cultural interaction; and the ritual and religious uses of food. Diets of traditional cultures and the effects of modernization on diet and health are examined.
- ANT 3478 Global Health Culture** 3 Credits  
Examines the ways in which diverse societies in the United States and abroad construct illness and health experiences, balance healing traditions with multiple forms of medical practice and integrate the human experiences of illness, recovery and death with the technical world of biomedicine. (S and N)  
**Prereq:** sophomore standing  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science
- ANT 3514C Introduction to Biological Anthropology** 4 Credits  
Introduces the subfield of anthropology that focuses on the natural history of humankind. Through lecture and laboratory, the course surveys a range of materials that focus on the diversity of the Order Primates with emphasis on human and primate variation, adaptation and evolution. (B)  
General Education - Biological Science
- ANT 3515 Human Evolutionary Anatomy** 3 Credits  
Survey of human anatomy from evolutionary and embryological perspectives. The phylogenetic and functional basis for human form. Anatomical principles underlying developmental and functional disorders are explored through clinical and comparative examples.  
**Prereq:** ANT 3514C, BSC 2010/2011 or PCB 4674
- ANT 3520 Skeleton Keys: Forensic Identification** 3 Credits  
Survey of forensic anthropology, an applied field of biological anthropology, focusing the wider scope of skeletal biology on problems of medicolegal significance, primarily in determining personal identity and cause of death from human remains.
- ANT 3555 The Primates** 3 Credits  
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- ANT 3620 Language and Culture** 3 Credits  
The role of speech in individual, social and cultural settings. Linguistic basis of thought and perception. Mythological studies and analysis. Bilingualism, biculturalism and minority language politics in current perspective. (S and N) (WR)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science  
WR4
- ANT 3860 Writing in Anthropology** 3 Credits  
This is a communication course aimed at professional writing in the discipline of anthropology. (C) (WR)  
**Prereq:** Junior standing in anthropology  
General Education - Composition  
WR6
- ANT 3930 Junior Topics Class in Anthropology** 3 Credits  
This course is designed for junior level students to explore special topics classes in the various subfields of anthropology.
- ANT 4006 Human Rights and Culture** 3 Credits  
Examines the nature of human rights cross-culturally, focusing on the history of the concept, universalism vs. particularism, religion, gender, race, regionalism, and modern human rights conventions.
- ANT 4034 History of Anthropological Theory** 3 Credits  
The history and development of anthropological theory. Methods in anthropological research. Directed reading of major theoretical publications. (S) (WR)  
**Prereq:** one cultural anthropology course, or instructor permission  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 4110 Archaeological Theory** 3 Credits  
Survey of the theoretical and methodological tenets of anthropological archaeology; critical review of archaeological theories, past and present; relation of archaeology to anthropology. (S)  
**Prereq:** one course in archeology and/or anthropology, or instructor permission  
General Education - Social Science
- ANT 4112 Ideology and Symbolic Approaches in Archaeology** 3 Credits  
Critically examines the development of thought in archaeology that goes beyond a materialist interpretation of culture. This seminar explores questions of causality and the role of mind and culture as a mediator between the environment and political, economic and social structures.  
**Prereq:** instructor permission
- ANT 4113 Experimental Archaeology** 3 Credits  
Introduces the principles and applications of experimental archaeology, drawing on a broad range of case studies that illustrate the numerous experimental methods that archaeologists have used to solve analytic or interpretive problems.  
**Prereq:** instructor permission

- ANT 4114 Principles of Archaeology** 3 Credits  
Basic principles of archaeological science. Field and laboratory techniques (site survey, mapping, excavation, artifact analysis, dating). Foundational methods to interpret archaeological data to understand cultural and natural processes in the past. Legal and ethical issues of heritage management and stewardship of the archaeological record. (WR)  
**Prereq:** ANT 2140 or ANT 3141  
WR6
- ANT 4147C Environmental Archaeology** 3 Credits  
Theory and case studies in environmental archaeology, integrating zooarchaeology, archaeobotany and geoarchaeology, are used to interpret past human interactions with the natural environment.  
**Prereq:** instructor permission
- ANT 4168 Maya Civilization** 3 Credits  
An in-depth study of the pre-Hispanic Maya civilization based on archaeological and epigraphic information. Includes methods for constructing knowledge of this civilization and discussion of current controversies.  
**Prereq:** ANT 2140, ANT 3141 or instructor permission
- ANT 4180L Laboratory Training in Archaeology** 1-3 Credits  
Processing of data recovered in field excavations; includes cleaning, identification, cataloguing, classification, drawing, analysis, responsibilities of data reporting.  
**Prereq:** an introductory-level archeology course
- ANT 4193 Ethnoarchaeology** 3 Credits  
A seminar that draws on case studies to examine the theoretical and methodological approaches to ethnoarchaeology. Students will apply these approaches in field exercises.  
**Prereq:** instructor permission
- ANT 4194 A Critical Archaeology of Time** 3 Credits  
Seminar that draws on case studies to explore problems at the intersection of measured time in archaeology, and the practice and reckoning of time in mostly non-Western societies.  
**Prereq:** instructor permission
- ANT 4213 Global Humankind** 3 Credits  
Advanced analysis of experiences and strategies for tackling classic dilemmas of the human condition in interconnected cultural works. Examination of how basic lifestyle decisions and actions are experienced locally and their global consequences. Anthropological theories and concepts are discussed in tandem with case studies from around the world.  
**Prereq:** At least one 2000 or 3000 level ANT course or instructor permission
- ANT 4266 Economic Anthropology** 3 Credits  
A consideration of economic philosophies and the behavioral bases of formal economic theories. Cross-cultural studies of production, distribution and consumption, money and the acquisition of goods. The latest materials from cultural ecology, Marxism, formalism, substantivism and discourse centered approaches are reviewed. (S) (WR)  
**Prereq:** one course in anthropology, or instructor permission  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 4273 Anthropology of Law** 3 Credits  
An examination of legal systems cross-culturally with a focus on the interrelationship of law with culture, society, economics and politics.
- ANT 4274 Political Anthropology** 3 Credits  
The problem of identifying political behavior. Natural leadership in bands, tribes and small groups. Acephalous societies and republican structures. Kingship and early despotic states. Theories of bureaucracy. (S)  
**Prereq:** an introductory course in the social sciences, or instructor permission  
General Education - Social Science
- ANT 4323 People of Mexico and Central America** 3 Credits  
The settlement and early cultures of the area with an emphasis on the rise of the major culture centers. The impact of European civilization and surviving Indians. (S and N) (WR)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 4336 The Peoples of Brazil** 3 Credits  
Ethnology of Brazil; historical, geographic, and socioeconomic material is covered and representative monographs from the various regions of Brazil are read. The contribution of the Indian, Portuguese and African to modern Brazilian culture. (S and N) (WR)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 4340 Anthropology of the Caribbean** 3 Credits  
Investigation into cultural contact that has taken place in the Caribbean and results of that contact in terms of peoples and sociocultural units produced and processes of cultural change involved. (S and N)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science
- ANT 4352 Peoples of Africa** 3 Credits  
An anthropological survey of the culture, history and ethnographic background of the peoples of Africa. A basis for appreciation of current problems of acculturation, nationalism, and cultural survival and change among African peoples. (S and N) (WR)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 4354 The Anthropology of Modern Africa** 3 Credits  
Study of continuity and change in contemporary African societies with special reference to cultural and ethnic factors in modern nations. (S and N) (WR)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 4366 Family, Gender and Population in China** 3 Credits  
This seminar examines the processes by which the family system, gender relations, and population configuration interact with each other to become powerful forces in shaping contemporary China's political, social and economic conditions. (S and N)  
**Prereq:** instructor permission  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science
- ANT 4392 Peoples of the Arctic** 3 Credits  
An anthropological survey of the culture, history and ethnographic background of the circumpolar Arctic. An investigation of the problems of acculturation, human ecology, cultural survival and self-determination of Northern Indigenous Peoples.  
**Prereq:** ANT 2140

- ANT 4403 Environment and Cultural Behavior** 3 Credits  
The interaction of people and their environment as mediated by cultural institutions. Levels of socioeconomic adaptation in hunting and gathering, pastoral and agricultural societies. Warfare and ritual as ecological mechanisms. (S) (WR)  
General Education - Social Science  
WR6
- ANT 4462 Culture and Medicine** 3 Credits  
A survey of the field of medical anthropology and its interdisciplinary context. The course examines contemporary approaches and the development of an applied field concerned with human sickness and healing.
- ANT 4468 Health and Disease in Human Evolution** 3 Credits  
Review of pathology as evidenced in fossil and archaeological records. Interpretation of disease in a biocultural context.  
**Prereq:** ANT 3514C, or instructor permission
- ANT 4495 Ethnographic Methods** 3 Credits  
Introduces the basic theoretical, methodological, ethical and practical concerns in the making of ethnography. In addition to readings and discussions, students will conduct a micro-project to gain hands-on experience in ethnography. (S)  
**Prereq:** ANT 2000  
General Education - Social Science
- ANT 4525 Human Osteology and Osteometry** 3 Credits  
Human skeletal identification for the physical anthropologist and archaeologist. Techniques for estimated age at death, race and sex from human skeletal remains. The measurement of human skeleton for comparative purposes. (B)  
**Prereq:** ANT 3514C and instructor permission  
General Education - Biological Science
- ANT 4530 Seminar in Molecular Anthropology** 3 Credits  
Course examines current applications of molecular data to questions of human evolution and genetics, based on most recent journal articles.  
**Prereq:** BSC 2011 or instructor permission
- ANT 4531 Molecular Genetics of Disease** 3 Credits  
Examines molecular genetics of human disease. Discusses a range of diseases from single-gene recessive defects to complex diseases.  
**Prereq:** BSC 2011 or instructor permission
- ANT 4552 Primate Behavior** 3 Credits  
Deals with the taxonomy, distribution and ecology of primates. The range of primate behavior for each major taxonomic group is explored. (WR)  
WR6
- ANT 4554C Primate Evolution** 3 Credits  
Survey of primate evolution from Paleocene through Miocene epochs. Methods of paleontological inference. Emphasis on problems of taxonomy, phylogeny, biogeography and functional morphology in the fossil record.  
**Prereq:** ANT 3514C or instructor permission
- ANT 4586 Human Evolution** 3 Credits  
This course surveys the evidence for the evolution of humankind. Emphasis is placed on the late Miocene to Pleistocene human fossil record and its interpretation. Basic principles of geology, systematics, evolutionary theory, functional morphology, and phylogenetic reconstruction are introduced and used to aid in understanding the human fossil and archaeological records. (B)  
**Prereq:** ANT 3514C or the equivalent  
General Education - Biological Science
- ANT 4740 Introduction to Forensic Science** 3 Credits  
Basic concepts and topics in forensic science, medicine and criminalistics. Also provides basic understanding of the fundamental concepts of scientific methodology.
- ANT 4824 Field Sessions in Archaeology** 6 Credits  
Excavation of archaeological sites, recording of data, laboratory handling and analysis of specimens, and study of the theoretical principles which underlie field methods and artifact analysis.  
**Prereq:** 6 credits of anthropology or instructor permission
- ANT 4851 Digital Anthropology** 3 Credits  
Investigation into how our emerging digital environment is affecting humans and societies. The study of digital technologies in comparative cultural contexts. Analysis of digital technology as a form of material culture. Introduction to theoretical perspectives on digital phenomena and the applications of these technologies in anthropology and other disciplines.  
**Prereq:** At least one 2000 or 3000 level ANT, LAS, or AFS course or instructor permission
- ANT 4905 Individual Work** 1-5 Credits  
Individual, supervised research on a specific topic in anthropology.  
**Prereq:** instructor permission
- ANT 4907 Research Projects in Anthropology** 1-5 Credits  
For students undertaking directed research in supplementary or regular coursework or on special problems.  
**Prereq:** instructor permission
- ANT 4911 Undergraduate Research in Anthropology** 3 Credits  
Course provides firsthand, supervised research in Anthropology. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application in Anthropology.
- ANT 4914 Department Honors in Anthropology** 3 Credits  
Open to students meeting department honors criteria and normally taken in the senior year. Students will develop special interests and write an essay based upon this research.  
**Prereq:** undergraduate coordinator permission
- ANT 4930 Special Topics in Anthropology** 3-5 Credits  
Rotating content in anthropology.  
**Prereq:** 10 credits in anthropology or instructor permission
- ANT 4931 Capstone in Anthropology** 3 Credits  
Capstone course for anthropology majors focusing on the integration of core knowledge from the subfields of anthropology and their application to historical and contemporary topics. Explores application of anthropological knowledge for both pre-professional development and non-professional careers.  
**Prereq:** Senior standing in anthropology
- ANT 4956 Overseas Studies in Cultural Anthropology** 3-9 Credits  
Provides a mechanism by which coursework taken as part of an approved UF study abroad program can be recorded on the UF transcript and counted toward graduation.  
**Prereq:** undergraduate advisor permission
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