ANTHROPOLOGY

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

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Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Department Information

Anthropology lies at the intersection of the multiple approaches to the study of humankind that characterize other disciplines – biological, social, cultural, historical, linguistic, cognitive, material, technological and aesthetic – because of its unique holistic perspective. These multiple approaches are encapsulated in the four traditional subfields that have composed the discipline since its establishment in the 19th century.


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Curriculum

- American Indian and Indigenous Studies | IDS
- Anthropology
- Anthropology Minor
- Anthropology Minor UF Online
- Anthropology UF Online
- Medical Anthropology Certificate

Courses

AFS 2002 The African Experience: An Introduction to African Studies 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introductory study of African society and culture that examines the richness, diversity, and time-depth of African civilizations. (S and N)
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science

ANT 2000 General Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Social Science

ANT 2140 Introduction to World Archaeology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

ANT 2301 Human Sexuality and Culture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines cultural, biological, and archaeological aspects of human sexuality through time and space, while evaluating sexuality ideas to societal discourse. Investigates personal and cross-cultural views on sexuality, presenting gender identity, sexual orientation, relationships, and sexual ethics. Appropriate for those seeking an integrative approach to human sexuality. (S and D) (WR)
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 2402 Anthropology of Sustainability 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science

ANT 2414 Things Your Doctor Never Told You: Intro to Medical Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces the field of medical anthropology including key theoretical and empirical areas. Covers how experiences of sickness and health are shaped by cultural context, how culture and biology intersect to shape global and local inequalities in health, and how healing practices and policies are embedded in political, economic, and historical context. Covers topics from diabetes to global pandemics. Applies anthropological perspective to addressing practical health matters globally.

ANT 2490 Digital Cultures and Communities 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Explores 'the digital' in an anthropological and cross-cultural context. Examines the range of ways digital technologies are reshaping identity, intimacy, community, economy, and politics, and how social scientists conduct research online.
ANT 2700 Introduction to Applied Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science

ANT 3020 Humans and Animals 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines the complex and multiple relationships that people have with animals, including social, economic, and symbolic connections. Draws on insights from cultural anthropology, archaeology, biological anthropology, and research from multiple other disciplines to explore humans' unique interdependencies with other animals.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing in CLAS or other college.

ANT 3080 Science & Ethics in Daily Life 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces bioethical issues of topics that are encountered in everyday life through the popular media, such as genetic testing and genome modification, and animal experimentation and cognition. Will provide students with an understanding of the scientific basis of the bioethical issues in order to develop informed opinions.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

ANT 3141 Development of World Civilization 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

ANT 3153 North American Archaeology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Interpretive survey of the ancient indigenous history of North America and archaeological approaches to its investigation.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 3162 Aztec Civilization 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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. (H and N)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

ANT 3164 The Inca and Their Ancestors 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Evolution of the Inca Empire is traced back archaeologically through earlier Andean states and societies to the beginning of native civilization. (H and N)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

ANT 3181 Anthropological Museology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: one course in archaeology.

ANT 3241 Anthropology of Religion 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science

ANT 3302 Global Gender Issues 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Cross-cultural perspective on how gendered meanings and practices structure society and shape the life experiences of people globally. Topics include biology, gender, and sexual identity; social constructions of parenthood; reproduction, kinship, and the household; colonialism and development; religion, ritual, and personhood; gender in domestic and public spaces. (S and D)
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science

ANT 3364 Peoples and Cultures of China 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 3390 Visual Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: basic knowledge of photography or instructor permission.
Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 3420 Consumer Culture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines 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)
Prerequisite: sophomore standing or higher.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science

ANT 3451 Race and Racism 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement
ANT 3467 Food and Culture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: sophomore standing or higher.
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science

ANT 3514C Introduction to Biological Anthropology 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Biological Science

ANT 3515 Human Evolutionary Anatomy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: ANT 3514C or (BSC 2010 and BSC 2011) or PCB 4674.

ANT 3520 Skeleton Keys: Forensic Identification 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

ANT 3620 Language and Culture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science

ANT 3703 Business Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
How to get a field-specific job: writing resumes, job interviews, and social science methods and their applications. Provides a general overview of the business anthropology field.

ANT 3860 Writing in Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Professional writing in the discipline of anthropology. (C) (WR)
Prerequisite: Junior standing or higher in anthropology.
Attributes: General Education - Composition, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 3930 Junior Topics Class in Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
The history and development of anthropological theory. Methods in anthropological research. Directed reading of major theoretical publications. (S) (WR)
Prerequisite: one cultural anthropology course or instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 4110 Archaeological Theory 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Survey of the theoretical and methodological tenets of anthropological archaeology; critical review of archaeological theories, past and present; relation of archaeology to anthropology. (S)
Prerequisite: one course in archeology and/or anthropology, or instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science

ANT 4112 Ideology and Symbolic Approaches in Archaeology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

ANT 4113 Experimental Archaeology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

ANT 4114 Principles of Archaeology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: ANT 2140 or ANT 3141.
ANT 4147C Environmental Archaeology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Theory and case studies in environmental archaeology, integrating zooarchaeology, archaeobotany and geoarchaeology, are used to interpret past human interactions with the natural environment.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

ANT 4168 Maya Civilization 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: ANT 2140 or ANT 3141 or instructor permission.

ANT 4180L Laboratory Training in Archaeology 1-3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Processing of data recovered in field excavations; includes cleaning, identification, cataloguing, classification, drawing, analysis, responsibilities of data reporting.
Prerequisite: an introductory-level archeology course.

ANT 4193 Ethnoarchaeology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
A seminar that draws on case studies to examine the theoretical and methodological approaches to ethnoarchaeology. Students will apply these approaches in field exercises.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

ANT 4194 A Critical Archaeology of Time 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

ANT 4213 Global Humankind 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: one 2000 or 3000 level ANT course or instructor permission.

ANT 4266 Economic Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: one anthropology course or instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 4273 Anthropology of Law 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: an introductory course in the social sciences, or instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science

ANT 4336 The Peoples of Brazil 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 4352 Peoples of Africa 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 4354 The Anthropology of Modern Africa 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science

ANT 4366 Family, Gender and Population in China 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science

ANT 4392 Peoples of the Artic 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: ANT 2140.

ANT 4403 Environment and Cultural Behavior 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Attributes: General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 4405 African Cross-Cultural Behavior 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
A study of African social systems in the context of their historical and cultural traditions. The focus is on human behavior in modern African societies as demonstrated through traditional social systems. (S and N) (WR)
Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement
ANT 4462 Culture and Medicine 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Review of pathology as evidenced in fossil and archaeological records. Interpretation of disease in a biocultural context.
Prerequisite: ANT 3514C, or instructor permission.

ANT 4484 Anthropology of Pregnancy, Birth, and Early Childhood Development 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Uses a medical anthropological lens to examine variability in health among pregnant mothers and early childhood development cross-culturally, drawing on critical and biocultural accounts. Focuses on several aspects of maternal health including reproductive ecology and fetal growth, birth experience, reproductive loss, breastfeeding, and early childhood development.
Prerequisite: ANT 2410 and ANT 3478 or ANT 4462.

ANT 4495 Ethnographic Methods 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: ANT 2000.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science

ANT 4525 Human Osteology and Osteometry 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Human skeletal identification for the physical anthropologist and archaeologist. Techniques for estimating age at death, race and sex from human skeletal remains. The measurement of human skeleton for comparative purposes. (B)
Prerequisite: ANT 3514C and instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - Biological Science

ANT 4530 Seminar in Molecular Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Course examines current applications of molecular data to questions of human evolution and genetics, based on most recent journal articles.
Prerequisite: BSC 2011 or instructor permission.

ANT 4531 Molecular Genetics of Disease 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines molecular genetics of human disease. Discusses a range of diseases from single-gene recessive defects to complex diseases.
Prerequisite: BSC 2011 or instructor permission.

ANT 4552 Primate Behavior 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Deals with the taxonomy, distribution and ecology of primates. The range of primate behavior for each major taxonomic group is explored. (WR)
Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 4554C Primate Evolution 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: ANT 3514C or instructor permission.

ANT 4586 Human Evolution 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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)
Prerequisite: ANT 3514C or the equivalent.
Attributes: General Education - Biological Science

ANT 4740 Introduction to Forensic Science 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: 6 credits of anthropology or instructor permission.

ANT 4851 Digital Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: one 2000 or 3000 level ANT, LAS, or AFS course or instructor permission.

ANT 4905 Individual Work 1-5 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Individual, supervised research on a specific topic in anthropology.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

ANT 4907 Research Projects in Anthropology 1-5 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
For students undertaking directed research in supplementary or regular coursework or on special problems.
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

ANT 4911 Undergraduate Research in Anthropology 0-3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: undergraduate coordinator permission.
ANT 4930 Special Topics in Anthropology 3-5 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Rotating content in anthropology.
Prerequisite: 10 credits in anthropology or instructor permission. With permission, can be repeated with change in content up to 9 credits.

ANT 4931 Capstone in Anthropology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: Senior standing in anthropology.

ANT 4956 Overseas Studies in Cultural Anthropology 3-9 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
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.
Prerequisite: undergraduate advisor permission.