



Twin Cities Campus

Anthropology Minor

Anthropology

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2023
- Required credits in this minor: 16

Anthropology is the study of human beings and cultures throughout the world during the present and past. It is the study of who we are, and how we came to be that way. Anthropology is partly a natural science, partly a social science, and partly a humanistic study. Anthropology minors learn to compare and contrast the biological, social, and cultural similarities and differences of humans and their societies across the globe and develop a sophisticated understanding of both the cultural diversity and the biological unity of our species.

Students who minor in the field are expected to take a minimum of one 1xxx-level course, and four upper-level (3xxx or higher) courses that have a common focus. A common focus usually corresponds with one of the four sub-fields of anthropology: biological anthropology (the evolutionary history of human and nonhuman primates), archaeology (the study of prehistoric and historic societies through their material culture), sociocultural anthropology (the study of the behavior of recent people in settings that range from unindustrialized societies to modern urban centers), and linguistic anthropology (the comparative study of languages and communication). The Anthropology Department website (<http://cla.umn.edu/anthropology/ba-anthropology>) offers several examples of course sequences designed to provide training in particular sub-fields. A minor in anthropology provides many opportunities for graduates. It is seen as a useful degree within many businesses, for instance industry consulting, environmental consulting, product development, and marketing, as well as the nonprofit sector. Students with anthropology degrees are known to possess unique observational and critical thinking skills; and, perhaps more than with any other degree, they are aware of the role that culture plays in identity, relationships, and decision-making.

An anthropology minor is also excellent preparation for professional schools in medicine, public health, nursing, and law. In sum, an anthropology minor offers a holistic education that, regardless of the job attained after graduation, provides a perspective on humanity that inspires a lifetime of engagement with the issues of importance to our globalized society.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Minor Requirements

Students may earn a BA or a minor in Anthropology, but not both.

Foundation Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 4 credit(s) from the following:

- **ANTH 1001** - Human Evolution [BIOL] (4.0 cr)
- **ANTH 1003W** - Understanding Cultures [SOCS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
- or **ANTH 1003V** - Understanding Cultures: Honors [SOCS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)

Electives

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

- **ANTH 3001** - Introduction to Archaeology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3003** - Cultural Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3004** - Great Controversies in Anthropology [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3005W** - Language, Culture, and Power [SOCS, DSJ, WI] (4.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3006** - Humans and Aliens: Learning Anthropology through Science Fiction [GP] (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3008** - Introduction to Flintknapping (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3034W** - Roots Music in American Culture and Society [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3035** - Anthropologies of Death [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3036** - The Body in Society (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3043** - Art, Aesthetics and Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3046W** - Romance and Culture [GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3047W** - Anthropology of Sex, Gender and Sexuality [WI] (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3145W** - Urban Anthropology [WI] (3.0 cr)
- **ANTH 3221** - Field School (6.0 cr)



- [ANTH 3242W](#) - Hero, Savage, or Equal? Representations of NonWestern Peoples in the Movies [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3306W](#) - Medical Anthropology [GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3402](#) - Zooarchaeology Laboratory (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3501](#) - Managing Museum Collections (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3980](#) - Topics in Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4003W](#) - Contemporary Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4007](#) - Laboratory Techniques in Archaeology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4009W](#) - Warfare and Human Evolution [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4019](#) - Symbolic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4025](#) - Studies in Ethnographic Classics (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4029W](#) - Anthropology of Social Class [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4031W](#) - Anthropology and Social Justice [CIV, WI] (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4035](#) - Ethnographic Research Methods (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4047](#) - Anthropology of American Culture [SOCS] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4053](#) - Economy, Culture, and Critique [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4069](#) - Historical Ecology & Anthropology of the Environment (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4075](#) - Cultural Histories of Healing [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4077](#) - Neanderthals: Biology and Culture of Humanity's Nearest Relative (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4101](#) - Decolonizing Archives (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4121](#) - Business Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5008](#) - Advanced Flintknapping (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5009](#) - Human Behavioral Biology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5045W](#) - Urban Anthropology [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5112](#) - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5113](#) - Primate Evolution (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5221](#) - Anthropology of Material Culture (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5244](#) - Interpreting Ancient Bone (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5255](#) - Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5269](#) - Analysis of Stone Tool Technology (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5402](#) - Zooarchaeology Laboratory (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5403](#) - Quantitative Methods in Biological Anthropology (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5442](#) - Archaeology of the British Isles (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5448](#) - Applied Heritage Management (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5450](#) *(Inactive)* (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5501](#) - Managing Museum Collections (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5980](#) - Topics in Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3002](#) - Sex, Evolution, and Behavior: Examining Human Evolutionary Biology (4.0 cr)
or [EEB 3002](#) - Sex, Evolution, and Behavior: Examining Human Evolutionary Biology (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3009](#) - Prehistoric Pathways to World Civilizations [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3066](#) - Prehistoric Pathways to World Civilization [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3015W](#) - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5015W](#) - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3021W](#) - Anthropology of the Middle East [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5021W](#) - Anthropology of the Middle East [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 3707W](#) *(Inactive)* [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 5707W](#) *(Inactive)* [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3023](#) *(Inactive)* [GP, SOCS] (3.0 cr)
or [GLOS 3961](#) *(Inactive)* [GP, SOCS] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3027W](#) - Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5027W](#) - Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [HIST 3067W](#) - Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3028](#) - Historical Archaeology (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5028](#) - Historical Archaeology (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3206](#) - Sex, Murder, and Bodily Discharges: Purity and Pollution in the Ancient World (3.0 cr)
or [CNRC 3206](#) - Sex, Murder, and Bodily Discharges: Purity and Pollution in the Ancient World (3.0 cr)
or [JWST 3206](#) - Sex, Murder, and Bodily Discharges: Purity and Pollution in the Ancient World (3.0 cr)
or [MEST 3206](#) - Sex, Murder, and Bodily Discharges: Purity and Pollution in the Ancient World (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 3206](#) - Sex, Murder, and Bodily Discharges: Purity and Pollution in the Ancient World (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3255](#) - Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 3254](#) - Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3327W](#) - Inca, Aztec & Maya Civilizations [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5327W](#) - Inca, Aztec & Maya Civilizations [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3401](#) - The Human Fossil Record (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5401](#) - The Human Fossil Record (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3405](#) - Human Skeletal Analysis (4.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5405](#) - Human Skeletal Analysis (4.0 cr)



- [ANTH 3601](#) - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5601](#) - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or [AMIN 3602](#) - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3631](#) - Islam in America: A History of the Present (3.0 cr)
or [RELS 3631](#) - Islam in America: A History of the Present (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4043](#) - Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings: Archaeology of Northern Europe (3.0 cr)
or [MEST 4043](#) - Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings: Archaeology of Northern Europe (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4049](#) - Religion and Culture (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4329](#) - Primate Ecology and Social Behavior (3.0 cr)
or [EEB 4329](#) - Primate Ecology and Social Behavior (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4344](#) - Europe and its Margins (3.0 cr)
or [GLOS 4344](#) - Europe and its Margins (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5128](#) - Anthropology of Education (3.0 cr)
or [OLPD 5128](#) - Anthropology of Education (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 5412](#) - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or [AMIN 5412](#) - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or [AMST 5412](#) - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or [CHIC 5412](#) - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
or [GWSS 3515](#) - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)

• **Directed Studies, Reading and Research Courses**

Courses must be taken for at least 3 credits to count toward this requirement.

Take at most 6 credit(s) from the following:

- [ANTH 4991](#) - Independent Study (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4993](#) - Directed Study (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4994W](#) - Directed Research [WI] (1.0 - 6.0 cr)