

Anthropology is the study of human beings and cultures throughout the world and through history and prehistory. Our majors emerge with a complete liberal arts education, because Anthropology is partly a natural science, partly a social science, and partly a humanistic study. In addition, anthropology is comparative. It has no boundaries! The entire world is our interest. If you major in Anthropology, you will compare and contrast the biological, social, and cultural similarities and differences of humans and their societies and develop a sophisticated understanding of the biological unity of our species. You will take courses that look at people from evolutionary, historical and cultural perspectives. You will develop critical thinking in areas of globalization, politics, race and cultural diversity. At the U of M, Anthropology majors are therefore expected to take courses in cultural, biological, archaeological and linguistic anthropologies, and are encouraged to specialize in one of these subfields by their junior year.

Students interested in majoring or minoring in anthropology should review the requirements listed in the [Undergraduate Program](#). Students should consult with an [adviser](#) in the Department of Anthropology to declare a major, work out a program of study, obtain information about academic opportunities, and explore career possibilities. Students should continue to meet with an adviser in [College of Liberal Arts](#) (CLA) even after they have declared a major in anthropology. Information on CLA requirements and courses is available in the [CLA Undergraduate Catalog 2006-2008](#) and at [One Stop: Liberal Education Requirements](#). Past catalogs are available from the [University Catalogs-Catalog Archive](#). Please direct questions to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, [David Lipset](#), or to the Undergraduate Adviser at anthadv@umn.edu or 612-625-2379.

Advising

The Department of Anthropology supports an advising staff committed to enhancing the intellectual and career opportunities of its students. Students should consult with an adviser to declare a major, work out a program of study, obtain information about academic opportunities, and explore career possibilities. Advisers maintain regular office hours and are also available by appointment. Advising staff includes the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and an Undergraduate Adviser. Contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, [David Lipset](#), or the Undergraduate Adviser, [Peter Harle](#) at anthadv@umn.edu or 612-625-2379 for more information.

Requirements for the Major

Anthropology comprises biological (or physical) anthropology, cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, and archaeology. Accordingly, majors take several introductory classes including Human Evolution and either Understanding Cultures or Introduction to Cultural Diversity and the World System. They also take courses in method and theory, and are encouraged to complete a Senior Project. Often, anthropologists become experts in a past or present culture or geographical region. Thus, students choose from various elective courses, enabling them to concentrate their major course work in a particular subdivision of anthropology or in a geographical area. They are encouraged to incorporate study abroad, language study, and internships into their program.

The following courses are required for the undergraduate major. More detailed discussion of courses can be found in the [CLA Undergraduate Catalog 2006-2008](#), at the [One Stop: Course Guide](#), and at the [Courses](#) listing on this site.

Letter codes after the four digit course number are: H = Honors, W = Writing Intensive, V = both Honors and Writing Intensive.

Introductory Courses

Majors are generally *required* to take *two* introductory courses:

1001/1001H Human Evolution

and 1003V/W Understanding Cultures *or* 1005V/W Cultural Diversity and the World System

Basic Method and Theory

Majors are generally *required* to take *three* of *four* Basic Method and Theory courses. Having completed these courses students are prepared to take any 5xxx level course.

3001 Introduction to Archaeology

3002 Sex, Evolution, and Behavior

3003 Cultural Anthropology

3005 Language and Sociocultural Analysis

Electives

Majors are *required* to take a *minimum of five* electives. At least three of these courses must be 4xxx or 5xxx level. Students who do not choose to pursue a Senior Project involving individualized research must take *six* electives and four of these should be at the 4xxx or 5xxx level.

Special Topics courses can be used to satisfy part of the Elective Course requirement.

Directed Studies / Directed Reading / Directed Research can be used to satisfy part of the Elective Course requirement. The combined number of Directed Studies, Directed Reading, and Directed Research credits that can satisfy elective requirements is normally limited to *six* credits. These courses require a Student/Faculty Contract signed by the advising faculty member and the Director of Undergraduate Studies. These courses allow students opportunities to pursue special interests in anthropology under the guidance of a faculty member. In special circumstances, a student may assist a faculty member in the classroom, by leading discussions, developing labs, etc. The minimal requirement is that you must have completed the course in which you will assist with a grade of A or B. Contact the Undergraduate Adviser at anthadv@umn.edu or 612-625-2379 for more detailed information.

Final Project

CLA requires that students complete a major project. This requirement may be fulfilled in two ways by Anthropology majors. Honors students are required and all other majors are encouraged, to complete a Senior Project involving individualized research under the supervision of a faculty member. Students who do not intend to graduate with honors may take an additional 4xxx or 5xxx elective **in Anthropology**, for a total of six required electives, instead of undertaking an individualized research project.

Students who choose to pursue a Senior Project must enroll in Senior Project Planning (Anth 3913) for one credit, no later than fall semester of the senior year. The following spring, they must enroll in Senior Project (Anth 4013) for one credit and Senior Project Research Seminar (Anth 4014W) for three credits. Both Anth 3913 and Anth 4013 require a Student/Faculty Contract. Contact the Undergraduate Adviser at anthadv@umn.edu or 612 625-2379 for further information.

Grading

All required courses must be passed at the level of C or better. As of fall 1994, no S-N courses may count toward fulfilling the major requirements. Students who entered the program prior to fall 1994 may complete their major with up to a maximum of six credits on the S-N grading base.

Honors Division

The CLA Honors Division has special requirements that are set by the College of Liberal Arts and the Department of Anthropology. Students should check with the Honors Division, in 115 Johnston Hall (612-624-5522), to determine eligibility (minimum GPA) and to obtain the application forms. The Honors Division offers educational enrichment opportunities that address broad interdisciplinary issues and help participants develop their particular talents and interests. All those who qualify are urged to participate.

Honors students in the Department of Anthropology are required to complete a Senior Project, completing individualized research under the supervision of a faculty member. Honors students must enroll in Senior Project Planning (3913), Senior Project (4013), and Senior Project Research (4014w). Senior Project Planning is a 1 credit course that facilitates planning for the Senior Project. Students should sign up for it at least one semester before they plan to begin the senior project, although exceptions can be made. To register for this course see the Director of Undergraduate Studies, David Lipset, to fill out a Student/Faculty Contract. To complete the contract, a student must submit in writing the following information: 1) topic for the project 2) name of faculty adviser 3) annotated bibliography and 4) schedule for completion of the project.

Graduation with honors may be granted at several levels: cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. The first two levels (cum laude and magna cum laude) are determined by completing four honors opportunities and a minimum grade point average. Eligibility for summa cum laude honors requires a minimum cumulative grade point average and an oral examination by a committee consisting of the Senior Project adviser, another member of the Anthropology Faculty, and a faculty member from outside the Department.

Requirements for the Minor

Students majoring in the social sciences as well as in the physical and biological sciences find that a minor in anthropology enhances their understanding in their chosen field of study. To this end, we encourage students in other disciplines to minor in anthropology.

Introductory Courses

Only *one* introductory course is generally *required* although 1001 and either 1003 or 1005 are recommended.

1001 Human Evolution

or 1003V/W Understanding Cultures

or 1005V/W Cultural Diversity and the World System

Additional Course Work

Four upper-division Anthropology courses are *required* for a minimum of 12 credits. All 3xxx level or higher courses, including Special Topics courses, may be used to meet this requirement.

Grading

All required courses must be passed at the level of C or better. As of Fall 1994, no S-N courses may count toward fulfilling the minor requirements. Students who entered the program prior to Fall 1994 may complete their minor with up to a maximum of six credits on the S-N grading base.

For answers to questions about these programs, or about courses in the Department of Anthropology, contact the Undergraduate Adviser at anthadv@umn.edu or 612-625-2379.

CLA Requirements

Since Anthropology is a department within the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), students have obligations to both the Department and CLA. Therefore, in addition to meeting with an adviser in Anthropology, students should continue to meet with a CLA Adviser even after they have declared a major in Anthropology. CLA requirements are not handled by the Department of Anthropology. However, the Department offers some courses that fulfill CLA Liberal Education requirements. Further information on these requirements is available in the CLA Undergraduate Catalog 2006-2008 and at One Stop: Liberal Education Requirements.

Writing Intensive Courses

CLA students must fulfill a writing intensive requirement. Creative Writing or Journalism courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement. Students are required to take a lower division composition course, preferably in their first year. Students who began their CLA program prior to Fall 1999 must fulfill their upper division composition requirement by taking either EngC 3027 Advanced Expository Writing or two writing intensive courses instead of EngC 3027. Students entering CLA as of Fall semester 1999 must take a lower division composition course, followed by four writing intensive courses. The Department of Anthropology offers the following writing intensive courses:

- 1003V/W Understanding Cultures
- 1005V/W Introduction to Cultural Diversity and the World System
- 1908W Freshman Seminar
- 1909W Freshman Seminar
- 3027W Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe
- 3047W Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspectives
- 4003W Contemporary Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology
- 4014W Senior Project Research Seminar
- 4023W Culture Theory
- 4994W Directed Research
- 5025W Cultural Semantics
- 5027W Origins of European Civilization

Biological Science with Laboratory Requirement

1001/1001H Human Origins fulfills one of the course and laboratory components of the CLA Liberal Education-Diversified Core Biological Sciences requirement.

Social Sciences

The following Anthropology courses fulfill the CLA Liberal Education-Diversified Core Social Sciences requirement:

- 1003V/W Understanding Cultures
- 3009 Rise of Civilization
- 3010 Native North Americans in Regional Perspective
- 3013 American Indian Languages and Cultures
- 3017 Peoples and Cultures of Middle America
- 3019 Hispanic Cultures of Latin America
- 3023 Culture and Society of India
- 3025 Pacific Island Societies
- 3031 Altering States: Culture and Politics in Eastern Europe
- 3035 Anthropologies of Death
- 3047W Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

Environment

3041 Ecological Anthropology fulfills the CLA Liberal Education-Environment Theme requirement.

Cultural Diversity

The following Anthropology courses fulfill the CLA Liberal Education-Cultural Diversity Theme requirement:

1005V/W Introduction to Cultural Diversity and the World System
1902 Freshman Seminar
3010 Native North Americans in Regional Perspective
3013 American Indian Languages and Cultures
3029 Archaeology of Native Americans

International Perspectives

The following Anthropology courses fulfill the CLA Liberal Education- International Perspectives Theme requirement:

1003V/W Understanding Cultures
1005V/W Cultural Diversity and the World System
1904 Freshman Seminar
1909W Freshman Seminar
3009 Rise of Civilization
3017 Peoples and Cultures of Middle America
3019 Hispanic Cultures of Latin America
3023 Culture and Society of India
3025 Pacific Island Societies
3031 Altering States: Culture and Politics in Eastern Europe
3035 Anthropologies of Death
3043 Art, Aesthetics, and Anthropology
3047W Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

Citizenship and Public Ethics

The following Anthropology courses fulfill the CLA Liberal Education-Citizenship and Public Ethics Theme requirement:

1908W Freshman Seminar
3041 Ecological Anthropology

Foreign Language

Students often study a second language as they prepare for fieldwork. Further, CLA students are required to demonstrate proficiency in a second language by passing an examination or completing two years of basic language instruction. See the [CLA Undergraduate Catalog 2004-2006](#) for languages that meet this requirement.

Statistics

Although course work in statistics is not required for a degree in Anthropology, it is encouraged for those students going on to graduate school. The following courses are recommended. They are arranged in order of increasing mathematical sophistication. Check with the appropriate department to see which course fits your needs.

Statistics 1001: Introduction to Ideas of Statistics (prereq algebra)
Statistics 3011: Introduction to Statistical Analysis (prereq High School math)
Sociology 3811: Sociological Methods I: Descriptive Statistics (prereq algebra)
Psychology 3005: Introduction to Research Methods and Statistics (prereq Psy 1001)

Student Organization

Anthropology Club

The Undergraduate Anthropology Club, organized by and for students, offers many opportunities for undergraduates. Club sponsored events have included films, guest speakers, workshops, and slide presentations on current work by members of the Anthropology Faculty, graduate students, and anthropologists in the wider community. These events enable students to hear about current research and field experience, as well as the application of anthropology to other fields of study and work. The Club also holds social events during the year. The Club holds weekly meetings in the Anthropology lounge, 385 Hubert H. Humphrey Center. Meeting dates and times are posted. The Club office is located in 385A Hubert H. Humphrey Center (612-625-5032). Members include non-majors and majors, and new members are always welcome.

Annual Undergraduate Anthropology Conference

One of the highlights of the year is the Annual Undergraduate Conference. Each year, the Anthropology Club, with departmental support, organizes a weekend-long conference that provides undergraduates with the opportunity to present research papers, attend workshops, and meet nationally recognized scholars. It is an excellent time to become acquainted with peers, graduate students, and faculty members. Topics and guest speakers vary from year to year, but the goal of the conference is to provide an informal atmosphere in which student interests are stimulated and shared. All undergraduates are encouraged to attend and to participate.

Listserv

The Anthropology listserv is available to all majors and minors as well as students from other majors, colleges or universities who would like to remain updated on anthropology events and opportunities. All internship, job and study abroad opportunities, scholarships, field schools, grants, events, and speakers are posted on the listserv on a regular basis. For information about the Anthropology listserv, to be placed on the listserv or to contribute a posting, please e-mail the Undergraduate Adviser at anthadv@umn.edu.

Undergraduate Committee

Chaired by the Director of Undergraduate Studies, this committee is concerned with improvement of instruction, developing new courses, and general issues of curricular organization. Membership consists of faculty members and two student representatives, one graduate and one undergraduate.

Research and Study Opportunities

Field Experience

There are many opportunities for students to participate in local, national, and international field experiences, both archaeological and ethnographic. Credit can be arranged for field school or advanced fieldwork for any period during the year. Opportunities are sometimes available for directed study on faculty projects. Consult individual faculty members for information concerning field and laboratory opportunities in your area of interest. Announcements of field opportunities through other universities and agencies are regularly posted on bulletin boards in the Anthropology lounge, 385 Hubert H. Humphrey Center.

Study Abroad

The Learning Abroad Center publishes a comprehensive Study Abroad catalog which describes crucial planning and preparation information, as well as a wide variety of international programs, available online or at 230 Heller (612-626-9000). Global Campus administers Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID) programs and scholarships. Other services include travel documents, exchange programs, information on scholarships, as well as a library of reference and guidebooks. The Student Project for Amity among Nations (SPAN) program helps students develop their own research projects with guidance from a faculty member while earning academic credit for the experience. Application forms are available through the Learning Abroad Center. Anthropology majors are encouraged to use these resources which can be combined with Directed Study credits to enhance academic, intellectual, and career development.

CLA Internships

CLA Internships support efforts to gain experience in relevant settings outside the university. The Career and Community Learning Center (CCLC, formerly known as OSLO) enables students to pursue internships in business, government and community settings. Students may choose from a large number of paid and unpaid internship possibilities that have been requested by outside institutions, or they may organize their own internship project and conduct it under the sponsorship of CCLC. Anthropology majors are encouraged to use CCLC in combination with Directed Study credits to enhance their research skills. CCLC maintains offices in 135 Johnston (612-624-7577) and 345 Fraser (612-626-2044).

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

UROP provides funds for undergraduates to engage in collaborative research with faculty members. UROP supports a broad range of scholarly and research activities, including projects initiated by students as well as professors. For students going on to graduate school or applied work in cultural anthropology and archaeology, such experiences make an important contribution to their intellectual development and future opportunities. The UROP office is located in 325 Johnston (612-625-3853).

Library Resources

The University of Minnesota Libraries hold many books, journals, and scholarly resources in anthropology. Materials can also be requested through Interlibrary Loan. The anthropology database under Article Indexes in Lumina is especially useful. See also John Weeks' book on anthropology library research: *Introduction to Library Research in Anthropology* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1991).

Journals

The following are important journals in anthropology, all available in the Wilson Library Periodical Room:

American Anthropologist
American Antiquity
American Ethnologist
Anthropology and Education Quarterly
Cultural Anthropology
Current Anthropology
Ethnology
Ethos
Human Nature
Human Evolution
Journal of Anthropological Research
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland

Writing

For general questions about writing style and mechanics, see *The Chicago Manual of Style*. For questions specific to anthropological writing, see the [American Anthropologist Style Sheet](#).

Scholarships and Grants

Scholarships are available both through the University and national organizations. A complete list of scholarships and grants is available through the Office of Student Finance, in 200 Fraser Hall (612-624-1111) and at [One Stop: Grant and Scholarship Resources](#). Scholarship and grant information is collated at [Honors Division: Scholarship Information](#). Although some of this information is presented by the Honors Division, you do not have to be an honors student to be a apply for or receive these awards.

Student Recognition and Awards

The Department's Undergraduate Committee selects recipients for the following awards each spring. In reaching a decision about the Johnson, Spencer, and Biological Anthropology Awards, the Committee considers originality and quality of writing and scholarship. Students are encouraged to submit copies of their papers or projects to the Director of Undergraduate Studies at any time during the academic year. Honors projects are not eligible for the Johnson, Spencer, and Biological Anthropology Awards.

The **Elden Johnson Prize** recognizes the best paper or project in archaeology. It was established in memory of Elden Johnson (1923-1992), long-time State Archaeologist, faculty member, and student mentor.

The **Robert F. Spencer Prize** recognizes the best paper or project in sociocultural anthropology. It was established in memory of Robert F. Spencer (1917-1992) whose scholarship and teaching demonstrated an abiding commitment to undergraduate education.

The **Biological Anthropology Prize** recognizes the best paper or project in biological anthropology

The **Eugene Ogan Prize** recognizes contributions to improving the quality of undergraduate education in anthropology at the University of Minnesota. It was established in recognition of Eugene Ogan, who devoted many years of dedicated service to the Department's undergraduate program.

Each Spring, the Department also makes nominations for CLA Honors Division's **John E. Turner Award**, which recognizes the best honors thesis written during the previous calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31). The [Turner Award](#) was established in honor of Regent's Professor Emeritus John E. Turner.

Graduation

Procedure

Students are encouraged to meet with a CLA Upper Division Adviser during their senior year to finalize their senior program by completing a Record of Progress Form. In order to be cleared for graduation by the Department, students must see the Undergraduate Adviser (anthadv@umn.edu or 612-625-2379) to complete a Senior Checklist form. Bring a current transcript to this meeting. Students will also need to

apply for graduation with CLA and receive clearance for graduation from CLA. Set up appointments as early as possible in order to avoid last minute problems and any possible delay in your graduation date.

CLA Placement Office/Career Services

The CLA Placement Office, in 220 Johnston (612-624-7577), is the primary resource for information on finding a job upon graduation. This office lists job openings, internships, arranges interviews between students and business recruiters, provides information on civil service qualifying exams, and offers seminars on job interviewing, resume writing, and other job seeking skills.

Applying to Graduate School

Graduate School Options

For information about graduate programs, contact the Undergraduate Adviser at anthadv@umn.edu or 612-625-2379. You are also urged to discuss your plans with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, David Lipset. He may be contacted during his office hours, or at lipse001@umn.edu. He is able to advise you on issues concerning the relative quality of graduate programs in Anthropology, courses of undergraduate study that would best prepare you for graduate work in the discipline, and the application process itself, including letters of recommendation. It would be to your advantage to discuss plans for graduate training in Anthropology or any other disciplines with her, as early as possible in your undergraduate career. The Career Development Center, in 302 Eddy Hall (612-624-8344), and the Career and Community Learning Center (CCLC), 135 Johnston (612-624-7577) and 345 Fraser (612-626-2044), both provide information and assistance for students interested in graduate and professional education, including information about admission requirements, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) testing, recommendations, and application writing.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Students applying to graduate school must take the GRE. Information about the testing process is contained in the GRE Information and Registration Bulletin (available in the Graduate School Office, 309 Johnston).

Resources

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University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus • www.umn.edu/twincities

College of Liberal Arts • www.cla.umn.edu

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Advising

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CLA Advising • www.class.umn.edu/advising • 46 Johnston Hall • 612-625-2020

Course Information

CLA Undergraduate Catalog 2006-2008 • www.catalogs.umn.edu/ug/cla
One Stop: Course Guide • www.onestop.umn.edu/guide/html/tc.html
Department of Anthropology: Courses • cla.umn.edu/anthropology/courses

CLA Requirements

CLA Undergraduate Catalog 2006-2008 • www.catalogs.umn.edu/ug/cla
University Catalogs Archive • www.catalogs.umn.edu/archive
One Stop: Liberal Education Requirements • onestop.umn.edu/registrar/libed
Writing Intensive Requirement • www.onestop.umn.edu/registrar/libed/writing.html
CLA Honors Division • cla.umn.edu/honors/direct.htm

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Undergraduate Anthropology Club • www.tc.umn.edu/~anthro • 385 Hubert H. Humphrey Center • 612-625-5032

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Student Project for Amity among Nations (SPAN) • www.mnspan.org • 216 Heller • 612-625-1083
Career and Community Learning Center (CCLC) • www.cclc.umn.edu • 135 Johnston • 612-624-7577 and 345 Fraser • 612-626-2044
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) • www.urop.umn.edu • 325 Johnston • 612-625-3853

Library Resources

University Libraries/Lumina • www.lib.umn.edu
Lumina/Anthropology Indexes • www.lib.umn.edu/articles/subject.phtml?SubjectID=126&x=15&y=9

Scholarship and Grants

OneStop: Grant and Scholarship Resources • onestop.umn.edu/Finances/index_schol.html
Honors Division: Scholarship Information • cla.umn.edu/honors/schollnk.htm

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