

ANTHROPOLOGY

Department Website (<http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/anth/>)

The Department of Anthropology offers the M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology in a program of study that provides students with a thorough grounding in the theories and research methods of the discipline. The department provides training in anthropology across all four subfields (archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, and biological/physical anthropology), stressing interconnections between subfields and interdisciplinary activity. Students will also develop an expertise within a specific subfield or a crosscutting specialty such as bioarchaeology, ethnohistory, or medical anthropology. Department faculty have geographical specialization in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, North America, and Asia and pursue broad themes of inequality, globalization, cultural interaction, and human diasporas. The department also offers a certificate program in historical archaeology and cultural resource management. Special opportunities are also available for students interested in developing their skills and knowledge in museology and folklore. A more complete description of the graduate program, including the specialty areas of each faculty member, is provided here.

Programs

- Anthropology, M.A. (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/anthropology/anthropology-ma/>)
- Anthropology, Ph.D. (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/anthropology/anthropology-phd/>)
- Historical Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management, Certificate (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/anthropology/historical-archaeology-cultural-resource-management-certificate/>)

Courses

ANTH 512 - Gender Issues in China (3 Credits)

Anthropology of gender in Chinese-speaking cultures in Chinese-speaking Asia.

ANTH 513 - Anthropological Ethnobotany (3 Credits)

Survey of how each anthropological subfield studies the interrelationships between plants and peoples. Application of methods, including interviewing and data analysis.

ANTH 515 - Tradition and Transformations in Islamic Cultures (3 Credits)

Islam as a dynamic cultural tradition: emphasis on the tension between Islamization and the larger Islamic tradition.

Cross-listed course: RELG 551

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Global Learning

ANTH 517 - An Anthropological View of Blacks in Film (3 Credits)

Cultural representations, constructions, production, and consumption of African-American identity in the popular culture medium of feature films.

Cross-listed course: AFAM 517

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

ANTH 518 - Visual Cultures (3 Credits)

Survey of visual anthropology including theoretical frameworks of ways of seeing, ethnographic photography and filmmaking, contemporary technologies, and their effects on culture.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

ANTH 520 - Field Problems in Ethnology (6 Credits)

A two-semester class and field session. Research design, field methods, interpretation of data, and the development of theory from the data.

ANTH 525 - Ethnoecology (3 Credits)

Seminar exploring human-plant-animal-natural interactions within an anthropological framework.

ANTH 533 - North American Archaeology (3 Credits)

Prehistoric and historic archaeology.

ANTH 534 - Prehistoric Archaeology of South America (3 Credits)

Prehistoric archaeology of the South American continent.

ANTH 535 - Conflict Archaeology (3 Credits)

Anthropological and archaeological theories and methods in the study of conflict, war, and warfare. Causes, effects, outcomes of sustained social acts of violence of groups, tribes, states, and nations. Evolutionary, biological, social origins of warfare. History, strategy, and tactics, battlefield archaeology.

ANTH 536 - Public Archaeology (3 Credits)

Philosophy and mechanics of modern archaeological Cultural Resource Management (CRM). CRM legislation, regulation, and process. Contemporary issues and problems in Public Archaeology including Native American reburial negotiations, conflict resolution, ethics, looting, business practices, standards, contexts and protection.

ANTH 541 - Field Problems in Archaeology (3 Credits)

Archaeological field methods and techniques such as excavation, flotation, sampling, surveying, photography, and remote sensing.

Prerequisites: ANTH 320.

ANTH 546 - Forensic Archaeological Recovery (FAR) (3 Credits)

Introduction to Forensic Archaeological Recovery (FAR). Concepts, methods, and contemporary issues.

ANTH 550 - Archaeological Laboratory Methods (3 Credits)

Laboratory on basic prehistoric and historic artifact analysis, including analytical methods, laboratory equipment, and data interpretation. May be repeated.

Prerequisites: ANTH 319 or ANTH 322.

ANTH 551 - Medical Anthropology: Fieldwork (3 Credits)

Application of observation techniques, field notes, informant interviewing, and secondary data analysis to interpreting differential perceptions of health problem solving in the community and clinic.

ANTH 552 - Medical Anthropology (3 Credits)

Socio-cultural factors in health, illness, healing, and in medical systems. Cross-cultural and ethnographic evidence for public health research and program applications.

Cross-listed course: HPEB 552

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

ANTH 553 - Anthropological Approaches to Narrative and Performance (3 Credits)

The ways people from various cultures reflect on, reinforce, and construct their social realities through narrating, which will be considered as both artistic expression and social action.

Cross-listed course: LING 545

ANTH 555 - Language and Gender (3 Credits)

Approaches to gender and language emphasizing the social grounding of both; how language reflects sociocultural values and is a tool for constructing different types of social organization.

Cross-listed course: LING 541, WGST 555

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

ANTH 556 - Language and Globalization (3 Credits)

Anthropological approach to issues of language and globalization. Linguistic consequences of globalization under consideration include communicative patterns, linguistic change, and language and political economy.

Cross-listed course: LING 556

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

ANTH 557 - Psychological Anthropology (3 Credits)

Psychological aspects of behavior from a cross-cultural perspective.

ANTH 561 - Human Osteology (4 Credits)

An intensive examination of the human skeleton and techniques for anthropological interpretation.

ANTH 565 - Health and Disease in the Past (3 Credits)

Varieties and effects of disease patterns among past populations illustrating biological, environmental, and cultural interrelationships.

ANTH 567 - Human Identification in Forensic Anthropology (3 Credits)

Theories and methodologies necessary for the identification of human skeletal remains in a forensic setting.

ANTH 568 - Nutritional Anthropology (3 Credits)

Nutritional problems in developing nations. Measures of nutritional status. Social, economic, and environmental aspects of food consumption and nutrition. Biocultural responses to food deprivation and undernutrition.

ANTH 569 - International Development and the Environment (3 Credits)

Intersections of international development and environmental change; study of general theoretical perspectives balanced with case studies from the Global South.

Cross-listed course: GEOG 569

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Global Learning

ANTH 570 - Ethnographic Film (3 Credits)

Problems in conveying and interpreting ethnographic information on film or tape. Includes syntax, suitability of subject matter to the medium, irrelevant or distracting information, and observer bias.

ANTH 572 - Temporal Processes in Culture (3 Credits)

Clocks, cycles, and contingencies as they affect human societies now and have done so in the past. Theories and models from biology and the other natural sciences will be used to interpret the history of culture.

ANTH 575 - Economic Anthropology (3 Credits)

A cross-cultural study of the economic behavior of pre-literate and literate societies.

ANTH 576 - Archaeology of the African Diaspora (3 Credits)

Foodways, architecture, crafts, and narrative of African-American cultures.

ANTH 577 - Advanced Topics in the Anthropological Study of Social Organization (3 Credits)

Selected recent theoretical and methodological developments in the study of social organization.

ANTH 578 - Anthropology of Migration: Displacement, Borders, and Health (3 Credits)

Biological, sociocultural, and health-related dimensions of migration, focusing on the movement of people across borders through a biocultural anthropological lens.

ANTH 579 - Cultural Ecology (3 Credits)

An interdisciplinary approach to prehistoric, historic, and contemporary relationships between the development of socio-cultural configurations and ecosystems.

ANTH 580 - Culture and Identity in the African Diaspora (3 Credits)

Students will explore the African Diaspora as a social, cultural, and historical formation with Africa at its center, focusing on US, Latin American, and Caribbean African-descended communities.

Cross-listed course: AFAM 580

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

ANTH 581 - Globalization and Cultural Questions (3 Credits)

This course examines cultural understandings of and responses to globalization, examining topics such as its history and theories, migration, economic integration and inequality, identity, social movements, and the environment.

Cross-listed course: GEOG 581

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

ANTH 586 - Discourse, Gender, and Politics of Emotion (3 Credits)

Anthropological approach to issues of discourse, gender, and emotion. Issues under consideration include the social control, force, and forms of emotional discourse and the relationship between emotion and culture from gender-oriented perspectives.

Cross-listed course: LING 543

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

ANTH 591 - Selected Topics (1-3 Credits)

Topics of special interest. May be taken more than once as topics change.

ANTH 600 - Survey of Linguistics (3 Credits)

Survey of core areas of linguistics and extensions to closely related disciplines. Introduction to the linguistic component of human cognition. Formal description and analysis of the general properties of speech and language, the organization of language in the mind/brain, and cross-linguistic typology and universals.

Cross-listed course: ENGL 680, LING 600

ANTH 699 - Reading and Research (3-6 Credits)**ANTH 701 - Physical Anthropology and Archaeology for Teachers (3 Credits)**

Human origins, human evolution, human prehistory, and cultural existence from its less complex forms to early civilizations. An introduction to the concepts, methods, and data of physical, biological, and archaeological anthropology primarily for teachers. May be taken with, or independently of, ANTH 702.

ANTH 702 - Social and Linguistic Anthropology for Teachers (3 Credits)

Selected contemporary cultures, including their languages. An introduction to the concepts, methods, and data of sociocultural anthropology and anthropological linguistics, primarily for teachers. May be taken with, or independently of, ANTH 701.

ANTH 703 - Anthropological Inquiry (3 Credits)

A discussion of the general topics of anthropological inquiry, theories, and methods.

ANTH 704 - Anthropological Connections (3 Credits)

Faculty representing subdisciplines of anthropology will explore with students the connections between subfields, theoretical and regional perspectives, and analyses of the past and present.

Prerequisites: ANTH 703.

ANTH 706 - Engendering Global Capitalism (3 Credits)

The origins of global capitalism, the nature of money and debt, the roles of gender, race and class in social formations, and the relationship between production and reproduction.

Cross-listed course: WGST 706

ANTH 711 - Professionalism and Ethics (3 Credits)

Presentations of critical skills to achieve career goals in a variety of anthropological applications, develop portfolios, prepare competitive job applications, and produce effective grant proposals. Ethics issues in anthropological research publishing and teaching.

ANTH 712 - Thesis Skills Seminar (1-3 Credits)

Skills needed for writing a master's thesis in anthropology, including literature review, current theory, research design, data analysis, and written presentation.

ANTH 714 - Teaching Practicum in Anthropology (1 Credit)

Uses the context of leading discussions in ANTH 101 and 102 to introduce and explore issues relating to pedagogy. Restricted to TA's for ANTH 101 and ANTH 102.

ANTH 718 - Seminar in European Archaeology (3 Credits)

Consideration and critique of current research in European archaeology.

ANTH 719 - Field Problems in Ethnology (3 Credits)

Advanced graduate seminar on methods of ethnology, including research design, field methods, and interpretation of data, and the development of theory from data. Includes class and field sessions.

ANTH 720 - Development of Anthropological Archaeology (3 Credits)

Anthropological archaeology: history, theory, contemporary issues, and relationship to other disciplines.

ANTH 721 - Community Anthropology for Professionals (3 Credits)

Those skills of social/cultural anthropology and anthropological linguistics which can aid practitioners in health, law, education, and other professional fields to function in community settings. Emphasis on cultural and sub-cultural differences in South Carolina, the Southeast, and the United States.

ANTH 722 - Summer Field School in Archaeology (3-6 Credits)

Experience in supervising archaeological research, making field decisions, and directing the collection, processing, and interpretation of archaeological data in the field.

ANTH 723 - Summer Field School in Ethnography (3-6 Credits)

Experience in designing and carrying out ethnographic research including project design, data collection, analysis, and description.

ANTH 724 - Visual Anthropology Research (3 Credits)

Exploring the range of anthropological research utilizing visual records (still photographs and video/film) including theoretical underpinnings and hands-on practice: how and why to use visual records in research.

ANTH 730 - Cultural Theory through Ethnography (3 Credits)

Theories of culture presented through ethnographies from different parts of the world. Issues in writing, reading, and interpreting ethnographic information.

ANTH 733 - Seminar in North American Prehistory (3 Credits)

Consideration and critique of current research in North American archaeology.

ANTH 740 - Current Issues in Archaeology (3 Credits)

Review of theoretical trends in American archaeology.

ANTH 741 - Ethnology for Archaeologists (3 Credits)

Ethnographic data important to archaeological thinking; archaeological models resting on ethnographic data. Emphasis on variation of ethnographic data.

ANTH 742 - Public Archaeology (3 Credits)

The legal, philosophical, and ethical foundations of archaeology in the United States. Considerations on relating archaeology to the non-professional.

ANTH 743 - Research Practicum in Archaeology (1 Credit)

Observation and participation in the on going management of archaeological resources.

ANTH 744 - Research Practicum in Conservation Archaeology (1 Credit)

Observation and participation in the on going management of archaeological resources.

ANTH 745 - Seminar in Historical Archaeology (3 Credits)

Advanced seminar on theoretical considerations and methodological approaches to the study of historical archaeological materials.

ANTH 747 - Language as Social Action (3 Credits)

Examines language as a social, cultural, and political matrix. Topics include ideology, gender, race, power, agency, and resistance. Students will apply linguistic theories in their own analyses of everyday speech.

Cross-listed course: LING 747

ANTH 748 - Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (3 Credits)

A comprehensive introduction to linguistic anthropology, its relationship(s) to sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, and conversation analysis. Contributions made to social theory and theories of language and discourse will be understood.

Prerequisites: LING 600.

Cross-listed course: LING 748

ANTH 750 - Archaeological Laboratory Analysis (4 Credits)

Methods and techniques necessary to operationalize and test archaeological hypotheses in a laboratory context.

ANTH 751 - Archaeological Research Design and Analysis (3 Credits)

An overview of skills required to design and organize archaeological field and laboratory research.

ANTH 756 - Analysis of Conversation (3 Credits)

Types of interactive organization found within conversation and the methods and procedures used by participants to achieve order.

Cross-listed course: LING 743

ANTH 760 - Biocultural Adaptation (3 Credits)

Approaches to human adaptation emphasizing the interaction of biology and culture. Studies of biocultural adaptation to environmental, social, and economic constraints. Research design and methodology in adaptation studies.

ANTH 761 - Bioarchaeology Principles (3 Credits)

Methods and theories of application of physical anthropological data to archaeological problems.

ANTH 762 - Biological Anthropology Principles and Theory (3 Credits)

Major theories and principles of biological anthropology.

ANTH 771 - Migration and Culture (3 Credits)

Theories of migration; peopling of the earth; family structure and migration in different economic regimes and cultures; seasonal and cyclical patterns.

ANTH 772 - Gender and Culture (3 Credits)

Different cultures' ideas about gender and use of gender to organize social groups in a wide range of societies, including American subcultures.

Cross-listed course: WGST 772

ANTH 773 - Exploring Ethnohistory (3 Credits)

Cross-cultural study of history. Includes theoretical perspectives and cases from the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Cross-listed course: HIST 772

ANTH 774 - Seminar in Environmental Anthropology and Development (3 Credits)

Findings of ecological and economic anthropology applied to problems of contemporary development. Emphasis on less developed countries.

ANTH 775 - Anthropology of Art (4 Credits)

Anthropological examination of the art of small-scale societies with attention, where appropriate, to the art of more complex societies.

ANTH 777 - Cinema and Archaeology (1 Credit)

Critical examination of films dealing with archaeological subjects.

ANTH 780 - Ethnography of Communication (3 Credits)

Ethnographic analysis of communication in groups and institutions in different cultures.

ANTH 781 - Human Interaction (3 Credits)

Introduction to basic research on how human beings interact with each other and an historically constituted material world.

ANTH 782 - Language Ideology: The Political Economy of Language Beliefs and Practices (3 Credits)

Linguistic anthropological approaches that examine how ideological systems mediate social structures and linguistic /discursive forms and functions. Topics range from language and political economy, identity and identifications, institutions, and nation-building/nationalism.

Cross-listed course: LING 782

ANTH 787 - Material Culture Studies (3 Credits)

Seminar in historical study of material culture; principal disciplinary and theoretical perspectives; emphasis on material culture of North America.

Cross-listed course: HIST 787

ANTH 791 - Special Topics in Anthropology (3 Credits)

Seminar for advanced students. Topics vary according to student and instructor interest. May be repeated for different topics.

ANTH 797 - Reading and Research (3 Credits)

Independent study course designed to facilitate student's research. An independent study contract with content approved by instructor is required.

ANTH 798 - Research Practicum in Anthropology (3-6 Credits)

Participation under faculty supervision of anthropological research. Development of the research project, collecting, recording, analyzing, and reporting on the data.

ANTH 799 - Thesis Preparation (1-9 Credits)

ANTH 899 - Dissertation Preparation (1-12 Credits)

T/U grading.