ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the four sub-fields of anthropology, and central themes in the sub-fields. These themes include: 1) the biological and cultural changes that occurred in human prehistory and history 2) cultural diversity worldwide and throughout time 3) relationships between aspects of human life, such as biology, cultural beliefs, material culture, and language and 4) the dynamics at work in different components of cultural systems (e.g. kinship).
- Students will communicate in written form about anthropological themes and topics in a variety of different and appropriate writing styles including research papers, projects, reaction papers, and essay exams. In their writing, students will analyze human situations from an anthropological perspective, and will recognize and evaluate different theories and methods in anthropology.
- Students will demonstrate general techniques of anthropological research and recognize the importance of the principles of anthropological ethics in conducting research. This research will include basic library and internet research, and in some cases, will include data collection and analysis through "hands on" training.

Admissions

Entrance Requirements

New freshmen who meet University admissions standards are eligible for admission to degree programs offered by the college. A student who wishes to enter the College of Arts and Sciences from another college on the Columbia campus must be in good standing and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. A student who wishes to enter the College of Arts and Sciences from another UofSC campus must fulfill one of the following requirements:

1. Be in good standing, meet the admission requirements for a baccalaureate degree on the Columbia campus, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.
2. Be in good standing and have completed 30 semester hours with a GPA of 2.00 or higher on a UofSC campus.

Some programs in the College of Arts and Sciences have special admission requirements established by the department or committee that supervises the specific degree program, for example, Cardiovascular Technology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Economics, Environmental Science, the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. These requirements are listed in the sections of this bulletin that describe department and special degree programs.

Degree Requirements (120 hours)

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Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/).

1. Carolina Core Requirements (32-44 hours)

CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)

- any CC-CMW courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-8 hours)

- any CC-ARP courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)

- Two 4-credit hour CC-SCI (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/) laboratory science courses

GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.

- CC-GFL courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

It is strongly recommended that students continuing the study of a foreign language begin college-level study of that language in their first semester and continue in that language until their particular foreign language requirement is completed.

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

- any CC-GHS course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)

- any CC-GSS course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)
AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)
  • any CC-AIU course [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-from-the-approved-list-of-courses-acceptable-social-science-fine-arts-humanities/]

CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component 1 (0-3 hours)
  • any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-from-the-approved-list-of-courses-acceptable-social-science-fine-arts-humanities/]

INF – Information Literacy 1 (0-3 hours)
  • any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-from-the-approved-list-of-courses-acceptable-social-science-fine-arts-humanities/]

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility 1 (0-3 hours)
  • any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-from-the-approved-list-of-courses-acceptable-social-science-fine-arts-humanities/]

1 Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements — Overlay-approved courses offer students the option of meeting two Carolina Core components in a single course. A maximum of two overlays is allowed. The total Carolina Core credit hours must add up to a minimum of 31 hours. Some programs may have a higher number of minimum Carolina Core hours due to specified requirements.

Choose 1 of the following to fulfill a Carolina Core requirement:
  • ANTH 101
  • ANTH 161

2. College Requirements (15-18 hours)
Foreign Language (0-3 hours)
  • only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency

History (3 hours)
The College of Arts and Sciences requires one additional GHS course beyond the Carolina Core GHS requirement.
  • If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a U.S. history course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a non-U.S. history course.
  • If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a non-U.S. history course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a U.S. history course.

Please select the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement from the approved list of U.S. and non-U.S. history courses [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-requirement/].

Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities (12 hours)
  • ANTH 102
  • Courses Acceptable for Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-social-science-fine-arts-humanities/] (9 hours of Fine Arts or Humanities)

3. Program Requirements (31-46 hours)
Cognate or Minor (12-18 hours)
Cognate (12 hours)
The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve (12) hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of but related to the major. The cognate may be taken in one or more departments or programs, depending on the interests of the student and the judgment of the advisor.

Courses offered by departments and programs that are acceptable for cognate credit are outlined in the section titled Courses Acceptable for Cognate Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-cognate/].

For cognate course offerings in other colleges, consult the appropriate sections of this bulletin. Some major programs have specific cognate requirements.

It should be emphasized that the cognate is not a second set of elective courses to be chosen at random by the student. The cognate must be approved by the major advisor as being related to the major field of study. Students are urged to consult their major advisors for specific requirements in their major.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the cognate. For Bachelor of Arts degrees, all cognate courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Minor (18 hours)
In place of the cognate a student in the College of Arts and Sciences may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of prescribed courses. (Some minors in the sciences require a minimum of 16 hours.) The subject area of the minor may be related to the major. Students pursuing interdisciplinary minors who wish to use courses in their major department for minor credit must petition the College Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions for permission to do so.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University.

A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z [https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/].

Electives (13-34 hours)
No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Note: 7-28 hours of electives will be needed to reach hours to graduate if completing the B.A. with Distinction.
4. Major Requirements (27 hours)

A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

## Major Courses (12 hours)

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Select one course from Biological Anthropology: 3

Select one course from Archaeology: 3

Select one course from Sociocultural Anthropology: 3

Select one course from Linguistic Anthropology: 3

### Major Electives (15 hours)

- Select one course from the ANTH 500-level
- Select an additional 12 hours from ANTH 200-level or above

Note: Selection of major courses must include at least one of the following courses: ANTH 261, ANTH 319, ANTH 320, ANTH 355, ANTH 366, ANTH 371, ANTH 381, ANTH 518 or ANTH 581.
B.A. with Distinction (33 hours)

Departmental Undergraduate Research Track/Intensive Major is available to students majoring in Anthropology who wish to participate in significant research activities in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor.

Major Courses (21 hours)
- Select one course from Biological Anthropology (3 hours)
- Select one course from Archaeology (3 hours)
- Select one course from Linguistic Anthropology (3 hours)
- Select one course from Sociocultural Anthropology (3 hours)
- Select one Fieldschool, Laboratory, Practicum, Qualitative Methodology or Quantitative Methodology course (3 hours)
- ANTH 201 OR an additional 500-level course (3 hours)
- ANTH 498 (3 hours)

Major Electives (12 hours)
- Select two courses from the ANTH 500-level (6 hours)
- Select an additional 6 hours from ANTH 200-level or above

Note: Selection of major courses must include at least one of the following courses: ANTH 261, ANTH 319, ANTH 320, ANTH 355, ANTH 366, ANTH 371, ANTH 381, ANTH 518 or ANTH 581.

Additional Requirements
- A minimum major GPA of 3.30.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30.
- Public presentation of the Senior Thesis in a venue approved by the faculty mentor, such as:
  - Annual meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society
  (or another annual meeting of the appropriate professional organization)
  - A regular or special session of the Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series
  - USC Discovery Day
  - Submission to a professional journal
- A written sponsorship agreement from the faculty mentor to be placed on file in the Department of Anthropology office.

Major Map

A major map is a layout of required courses in a given program of study, including critical courses and suggested course sequences to ensure a clear path to graduation.

Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.

Anthropology, B.A. (https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/documents/major_maps/2021-2022/2021_anth_map.pdf)