

ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.

Students earning a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology will have the skills to thrive in today's global economy. Our program teaches students to research, manage, analyze, evaluate and interpret data on human diversity and across all human behaviors— skills employers value highly and which translate to a variety of career fields.

Appreciation of cultural and biological diversity is crucial in a growing multicultural society. Students receive comprehensive training through an interdisciplinary approach to anthropological archaeology, as well as cultural, linguistic and biological anthropology. Our program also provides many opportunities for students to participate in research and fieldwork locally and abroad.

Learning Outcomes

1. 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).
2. 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.
3. 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 USC 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 USC 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)

Program of Study

Requirements	Credit Hours
1. Carolina Core	32-44
2. College Requirements	15-18
3. Program Requirements	31-46
4. Major Requirements	27

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)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- 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/carolina-core-courses/>)

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/carolina-core-courses/>)

INF – Information Literacy ¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility ¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

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/>).

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Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities (12 hours)

- **Social Science (3 hours)**
 - ANTH 102*
- **Fine Arts/Humanities (9 Hours)**
 - A Bachelor of Arts from the College of Arts and Sciences requires three 3-hour Fine Arts/Humanities Courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-fine-arts-humanities/>)

3. Program Requirements (31-46 hours)

Cognate or Minor (12-18 hours)

Students must complete a cognate (12 hours) or a minor as part of this program. In lieu of a cognate or minor, an additional major may be added to a student's program of study. Additional majors must include all major courses as well as **any prescribed courses noted (*) in the bulletin**. Prescribed courses noted in the bulletin may be shared with Carolina Core, College requirements, and Program requirements in the primary program.

Cognate (12 hours)

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.

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/>). 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. Students are urged to consult their major advisors for specific requirements in their major.

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.

The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. It differs from the cognate inasmuch as the courses must follow a structured sequence.

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)

120 (or 128) degree applicable credits are required to complete any degree at USC. After the cognate, minor or second major is complete, any additional credits needed to reach 120 (or 128) total credits can

be fulfilled by electives. 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.

Any course taken to fulfill a major requirement may not also fulfill a Carolina Core requirement.

Major Courses (12 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select one course from Biological Anthropology:		3
ANTH 204	Plagues Past and Present	
ANTH 221	Forensics of Sherlock Holmes	
ANTH 260	Planet of the Apes: Behavior and Biology	
ANTH 261	Human Variation	
ANTH 262	Basic Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 263	Medical Experimentation and the Black Body	
ANTH 288	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 361	Becoming Human	
ANTH 366	Medicine, Disease, and Slavery	
ANTH 561	Human Osteology	
ANTH 565	Health and Disease in the Past	
ANTH 567	Human Identification in Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 568	Nutritional Anthropology	
Select one course from Archaeology:		3
ANTH 219	Great Discoveries in Archaeology	
ANTH 223	Modernity Archaeology and the Recent Past	
ANTH 224	Indigenous Caribbean Archaeology	
ANTH 225	Archaeology in Film and Popular Culture	
ANTH 226	Biblical Archaeology	
ANTH 227	Forbidden Archaeology: Fantasies, Frauds, and Mysteries of the Human Past	
ANTH 228	North American Prehistory	
ANTH 229	Southeastern Archaeology	
ANTH 287	Special Topics in Archaeology	
ANTH 319	Principles of Archaeology	
ANTH 320	Archaeology Theory	
ANTH 321	South Carolina Archaeology	
ANTH 322	Field School in Archaeology	
ANTH 324	Ethnoarchaeology	
ANTH 327	Prehistoric Civilizations of the New World	
ANTH 331	Mesoamerican Prehistory	
ANTH 328	Ancient Civilizations	
ANTH 533	North American Archaeology	
ANTH 534	Prehistoric Archaeology of South America	
ANTH 535	Conflict Archaeology	
ANTH 536	Public Archaeology	

ANTH 541	Field Problems in Archaeology	
ANTH 546	Forensic Archaeological Recovery (FAR)	
ANTH 550	Archaeological Laboratory Methods	
ANTH 576	Archaeology of the African Diaspora	
Select one course from Linguistic Anthropology:		3
ANTH 270	Anthropology of Nonverbal Communication	
ANTH 271	Language and Popular Culture	
ANTH 273	Cross-Cultural Communication	
ANTH 290	Special Topics in Linguistic Anthropology	
ANTH 355	Language, Culture, and Society	
ANTH 371	Ethnography of Communication	
ANTH 373	Introduction to Language Sciences	
ANTH 374	Cognitive and Social Aspects of Bilingualism	
ANTH 442	African-American English	
ANTH 553	Anthropological Approaches to Narrative and Performance	
ANTH 555	Language and Gender	
ANTH 556	Language and Globalization	
ANTH 586	Discourse, Gender, and Politics of Emotion	
Select one course from Sociocultural Anthropology:		3
ANTH 203	Comparing Cultures Through Film	
ANTH 206	Anthropology of Magic and Religion	
ANTH 207	Gender and Culture	
ANTH 209	Introduction to Folklore	
ANTH 213	Ethnobotany: Plants and Peoples	
ANTH 230	Diversity in the United States	
ANTH 303	African-American Cultures	
ANTH 232	Contemp Cultures of South Carolina	
ANTH 234	Caribbean Cultures	
ANTH 236	Cultures of Africa	
ANTH 237	Cultures of Islam	
ANTH 238	Middle Eastern Cultures	
ANTH 240	South Asian Cultures	
ANTH 241	Southeast Asian Cultures	
ANTH 242	Chinese Popular Culture	
ANTH 243	Japanese Cultures	
ANTH 244	American Indian Nations Today: From Hard Times to Hard Rock	
ANTH 280	Humans Going Nuclear: Atomic Bombs, Cold War, and the Fallout	
ANTH 289	Special Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology	
ANTH 292	Disease, Health, and Social Inequities	
ANTH 301	Latin American Cultures	
ANTH 342	Environmental Anthropology: Cross-cultural Perspectives on Environmental Change	
ANTH 349	Anthropology of Work	
ANTH 350	Anthropology & Development	
ANTH 351	The Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
ANTH 353	Anthropology of Law and Conflict	
ANTH 356	Anthropology of Art	
ANTH 359	Theories of Culture	
ANTH 360	Anthropology of Sex	
ANTH 381	Gender and Globalization	

ANTH 396	Toxic Environments and Invisible Harms
ANTH 512	Gender Issues in China
ANTH 515	Tradition and Transformations in Islamic Cultures
ANTH 517	An Anthropological View of Blacks in Film
ANTH 518	Visual Cultures
ANTH 552	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 572	Temporal Processes in Culture
ANTH 579	Cultural Ecology
ANTH 580	Culture and Identity in the African Diaspora
ANTH 581	Globalization and Cultural Questions

Total Credit Hours **12**

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.

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