

## **ANTHROPOLOGY**

Anthropology is the study of human beings over time and space. It seeks to understand humans by exploring the differences and similarities between humans and the human experience in all parts of the world and throughout humanity's existence.

### **The Mission**

The mission of the anthropology major and minor degrees is twofold: (1) the promotion of cross-cultural and international understanding and (2) the advancement of knowledge about the human condition. Our primary concern across subdisciplines and geographical areas is with human heritage—material and intangible, past, present and future. Our mission goals are met by way of teaching, research and service to the university, state, region and profession of anthropology.

### **Faculty**

The anthropology program has four faculty members with varying research interests and areas of specialization. The anthropology faculty provide expertise in specialties such as archaeology, cultural heritage, ethnohistory, African diaspora, colonial slave plantations, settlement pattern studies, GIS and paleoenvironments. They cover regional studies in North America, the Caribbean, the Oceania/Pacific Islands, and the United States.

The research efforts of the anthropology faculty are constantly integrated with the teaching process to bring new information and approaches to the classroom. This integration makes the classroom experience of majors and graduate students vibrant and dynamic. Faculty research activities also can provide students with valuable pre-professional experience as research assistants.

### **Laboratories**

Students can pursue opportunities to work in the Archaeology Materials Lab as part of their course work, or in some cases, as paid research assistants. Materials from archaeological field studies are processed and analyzed in the lab. Students may also work with LiDAR and GIS data as part of research projects on human settlement patterns.

### **Field Schools/Internships**

The department offers opportunities for field schools in archaeology and cultural anthropology. Archaeological field schools have been carried out in North Dakota, the Samoan Islands, Canada and the Caribbean. Cultural field courses are also possible. In addition, faculty advise students on selecting other field experiences abroad and nationally that allow students to earn course credits for participating in short-term anthropological excursions in archaeology, sociocultural anthropology or physical anthropology.

In recent years students have completed field experiences in Cyprus, Ireland, Malta, Nicaragua, Peru and Poland. Faculty work with students on internship opportunities as pre-professional experience and have placed students in internships with numerous businesses, heritage organizations and museum institutions.

### **Career Opportunities**

As with other fields of study that form the core of a solid liberal arts education, anthropology prepares students for many life and career challenges. An undergraduate degree in anthropology prepares students to think critically and analytically. It fosters a deep appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity and cross-cultural relations. Common areas of employment include advertising and public relations, community development, contract archaeology, corporate business and industry, cultural resources management, government agencies, non-profit organizations, policy research, and social services. For more information on anthropology employment, refer to the North Dakota State University Anthropology website located at [www.ndsu.edu/socanth/anthropology/careers\\_in\\_anthropology](http://www.ndsu.edu/socanth/anthropology/careers_in_anthropology) or you can visit the American Anthropological Association website at [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org).

### **The Curriculum**

The course requirements in anthropology are designed to provide students with a solid grounding in the discipline as a whole and training in research and analysis methods. The curriculum covers the multiple subdisciplines in anthropology. Anthropology faculty advisors work very closely with students on the specific plan of study that best suits their needs and interests.

### **Anthropology Club**

The Anthropology Club is a student directed organization with sponsorship and advising provided by the anthropology faculty. The club provides a forum for learning more about anthropology and related careers, engaging in community service and for interacting with students with different interests, levels of experience and education in anthropology.

### **Major/Minor Requirements**

The 37-credit major includes ANTH 111, SOC 110, two courses at the 200-Level; a theory course and a methods course; two of the following: ANTH 204, 205, 206; 18 credit hours of 300-400 level anthropology courses; and ANTH 489 Senior Capstone.

The 18-credit minor includes ANTH 111; SOC 110; two of the following: ANTH 204, 205, 206; and two additional anthropology courses from the 300 or 400 level offerings.

<b>Sample Curriculum</b>	
<b>Credits</b>	<b>General Education Requirements</b>
	First Year Experience
1	UNIV 189 - Skills for Academic Success
	Communication
3	COMM 110 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking
3, 3	ENGL 110, 120 - College Composition I, II
3	English Upper Division Writing
3	Quantitative Reasoning
10	Science & Technology
6	Humanities & Fine Arts
6	Social & Behavioral Sciences
2	Wellness
-	Cultural Diversity
-	Global Perspective
<b>40</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Credits</b>	<b>College/Department Requirements</b>
3	Humanities Elective
3	Social Science Elective
3	Fine Arts Elective
<b>9</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Credits</b>	<b>Major Requirements</b>
3	ANTH 111 - Introduction to Anthropology
3	ANTH 470 - Analysis and Interpretation in Archaeology <i>or</i> ANTH 480 - Development of Anthropology
3	ANTH 471 - Archaeological Research Methods <i>or</i> ANTH 481 - Qualitative Methods in Cultural Anthropology
1	ANTH 489 - Senior Capstone in Anthropology
3	SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology
6	Anthropology Option Courses
18	Anthropology Electives
36	Electives
<b>73</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>CURRICULUM TOTAL</b>

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**This sample curriculum is not intended to serve as a curriculum guide for current students, but rather an example of course offerings for prospective students. For the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of entrance into a program, consult with an academic advisor or with the Office of Registration and Records.**

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