Anthropology, B.A.

Anthropology is the comparative study of human diversity through time and across the world. Its scope spans the humanities, the social sciences, and the biological, physical, and evolutionary sciences. As a history of the human species, anthropology studies all human biological and behavioral variation from the earliest fossil records to the present; it includes the study of nonhuman primates as well. As a social science, anthropology aims at uncovering the patterns of past and present societies. As one of the humanities, anthropology seeks to understand the ways cultural meaning and political power have shaped human experience.

At the University of Wisconsin–Madison, anthropology consists of three subfields: archaeology—the investigation and analysis of the remains from past cultures, uncovered through excavation; biological anthropology—the study of human evolution and the roots of the biological and genetic diversity found among contemporary peoples; and sociocultural anthropology—the comparative study of society, politics, economy, and culture, whether in historical times or in our contemporary moment. UW–Madison also offers some classes in anthropological linguistics—the analysis of language and its place in social life. Comparative and empirical work—and fieldwork in particular—are the hallmarks of anthropology on this campus.

Thus, anthropology at UW–Madison is characterized by a comparative point of view, a focus on humans and societies in all their variation and similarity, and an effort to reveal and understand the complex but organized diversity that has shaped the human condition, past and present.

HOW TO GET IN

Students wishing to declare an anthropology major should go to the Department of Anthropology, 5240 William H. Sewell Social Science Building.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext) section of the Guide.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE

BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

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<th>Mathematics</th>
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| Foreign Language | • Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR  
• Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language  
Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work. |
| L&S Breadth | • Humanities, 12 credits: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature  
• Social Sciences, 12 credits  
• Natural Sciences, 12 credits: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences |
| Liberal Arts and Science Coursework | 108 credits |
| Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work | 60 intermediate or advanced credits |
| Major | Declare and complete at least one (1) major |
| Total Credits | 120 credits |
| UW-Madison Experience | 30 credits in residence, overall |
| Experience | 30 credits in residence after the 90th credit |
Minimum 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
GPAs 2.000 in intermediate/advanced coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR
Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

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Select two of the following:

- ANTHRO 212 Principles of Archaeology
- ANTHRO 321 The Emergence of Human Culture
- ANTHRO 322 The Origins of Civilization

Additional credits in ANTHRO to reach 30 credit minimum for the major.

Total Credits 30

1 By arrangement with a supervising professor, certain students may substitute a thesis for 4 of the required credits, to be written in biological anthropology, archaeology, or sociocultural anthropology.

Residence and Quality of Work

2.000 GPA in all ANTHRO and major courses

2.000 GPA in 15 upper-level major credits in residence

15 credits in ANTHRO, taken on campus

2 Courses 300 level and higher are counted as upper level, with the exception of Quechua and Yucatec Maya language courses (ANTHRO/LACIS 361 Elementary Quechua, ANTHRO/LACIS 362 Elementary Quechua, ANTHRO/LACIS 363 Intermediate Quechua, ANTHRO/LACIS 364 Advanced Quechua, ANTHRO/LACIS 376 First Semester Yucatec Maya, ANTHRO/LACIS 377 Second Semester Yucatec Maya).

Students planning to go on to graduate-level study should talk to their advisor about foreign languages, field experience, or other training needed for advanced anthropological research. Additional courses in related fields should be discussed with an advisor in the department.

DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR

Undergraduate students who are not enrolled in the honors program are eligible to be recommended by their advisor to the department to receive Distinction in the Major if they have maintained a 3.500 GPA in their major and have written an exceptional senior thesis or an exceptional paper in an undergraduate seminar or independent study.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in Anthropology in consultation with the Anthropology advisor(s).

HONORS IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn a B.A. or B.S. with Honors in the Major in Anthropology students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 overall university GPA
- Earn a 3.300 GPA for all ANTHRO courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Complete the following coursework:
  - ANTHRO 490 Undergraduate Seminar or one seminar at the 600 level; choose from:

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- A two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in ANTHRO 681 Senior Honors Thesis and ANTHRO 682 Senior Honors Thesis, for a total of 6 credits.
- 9 or more credits, taken for Honors, with 3 credits in each section of Anthropology (biological, archaeological, and cultural) and a B or better earned in each course.

BIOLOGICAL

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ANTHRO 104 Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity 3
ANTHRO/ MED HIST 231 Introduction to Social Medicine 3
ANTHRO/AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/AFROAMER/GEOG/ HISTORY/POLI SCI/ SOC 277 Africa: An Introductory Survey 4
ANTHRO 300 Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography 3
ANTHRO/ LINGUIS 301 Introduction to Linguistics: Descriptive and Theoretical 3
ANTHRO 307 Urban Anthropology 3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 314 Indians of North America 3
ANTHRO 327 Peoples of the Andes Today 3
ANTHRO 330 Topics in Ethnology 3-4
ANTHRO/ RELIG ST 343 Anthropology of Religion 3-4
ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE 344 Anthropological Approaches to Folklore 3
ANTHRO 345 Family, Kin and Community in Anthropological Perspective 3
ANTHRO 348 Economic Anthropology 3-4
ANTHRO 350 Political Anthropology 3-4
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 353 Indians of the Western Great Lakes 3
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ANTHRO 365 Medical Anthropology 3
ANTHRO 424 Historical Anthropology 3
ANTHRO/LCA/ LINGUIS 430 Language and Culture 3-4
ANTHRO/AMER IND/ FOLKLORE 431 American Indian Folklore 3
ANTHRO/ GEN&WS 443 Anthropology by Women 3
ANTHRO 448 Anthropology of Law 3
ANTHRO 456 Symbolic Anthropology 3-4
ANTHRO 460 The Anthropology of Dance: Movement and Music in Performance 3
ANTHRO/LCA 462 Anthropology of South Asia 3
ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE 520 Ethnic Representations in Wisconsin 4
ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE/MUSIC/ THEATRE 539 The Folklore of Festivals and Celebrations 3
ANTHRO 545 Psychological Anthropology 3
ANTHRO/ ED POL 570 Anthropology and Education 3
ANTHRO 632 Linguistic Anthropology 3
ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE 639 Field School: Ethnography of Wisconsin Festivals 6-8
ANTHRO/ RELIG ST 666 The Anthropology of Shamanism and Occult Experience 3

Archaeological Code Title Credits
ANTHRO 102 Archaeology and the Prehistoric World 3
ANTHRO 212 Principles of Archaeology 3
ANTHRO 309 Prehistoric Europe 3
ANTHRO 310 Topics in Archaeology 3
ANTHRO 311 Archaeological Chemistry 3
ANTHRO 321 The Emergence of Human Culture 3
ANTHRO 322 The Origins of Civilization 3
ANTHRO 333 Prehistory of Africa 3
ANTHRO 352 Ancient Technology and Invention 3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 354 Archaeology of Wisconsin 3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 355 Archaeology of Eastern North America 3
ANTHRO 370 Field Course in Archaeology 3-6
ANTHRO 391 Bones for the Archaeologist 3

University Degree Requirements

Requirements Detail
Total Degree To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. “In residence” means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. “In residence” credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will acquire specialized training in anthropological research.
2. Students will obtain comparative global knowledge of human diversity, material culture, culture history, and the evolution of people’s relationships with the physical, cultural, and natural world.
3. Students will gain an awareness of ethnographic, archaeological and bioanthropological ethics practice and research.
4. Students will be able to distinguish between empirical and speculative narratives and claims about human diversity past and present.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING
Students interested in anthropology and declaring the major should contact the department directly by calling the general number (608-262-2866) or stopping by 5240 William H. Sewell Social Science Building for individual advising.

CAREER EXPLORATION
Anthropology encourages majors to begin working on their career exploration and preparation soon after arriving on campus. We partner with the L&S Career Services office to help you leverage the academic skills learned in your major and liberal arts degree, explore and try out different career paths, participate in internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers).

Letters & Science graduates are in high demand by employers and graduate programs. It is important that students are career ready at the time of graduation, and we are committed to your success.

CAREER RESOURCES
• Why the liberal arts? (http://ls.wisc.edu/about/why-liberal-arts)
• Set up a career advising appointment (http://careers.ls.wisc.edu/Undergraduate-Advising.htm)
• L&S Career Services (http://careers.ls.wisc.edu/students.htm): We launch our students higher, sooner
• INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)
• Learn how we are transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/about/lsci?p=careerinitiative.html)

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