Anthropology and UVM have roots going back to the early days of the discipline. One of the first, if not the first, undergraduate course in anthropology in the United States was taught here in 1886 by a geologist, and subsequent Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, George Henry Perkins. Although the department faculty is deeply committed to research and other scholarly activities, its primary mission is providing a first-rate undergraduate education. Anthropology majors are well-prepared in the areas of archaeology, biological anthropology, sociocultural anthropology and linguistic anthropology.

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Courses

ANTH 010. Careers with Anthropology. 1 Credit.
Exploring careers for students with an Anthropology background. Students research careers, job listings, and internships, and prepare materials that highlight skills learned in Anthropology courses.

ANTH 021. D2: Cultural Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Introduction to cultural anthropology, using fieldwork-based concepts and methods to study diverse cultural views and practices, varied forms of social organization, and contemporary global issues.

ANTH 023. D2: Anthro Global Development. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the critical anthropological analysis of efforts to explain and alleviate global poverty through development interventions.

ANTH 024. D2: Prehistoric Archaeology. 3 Credits.
Examination of the origins and development of culture from the earliest human fossils through the appearance of civilization; the nature of archaeological data and interpretations.

ANTH 026. D2: Biological Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the study of the evolution and physical variation of humanity from a biocultural perspective.

ANTH 028. D2: Linguistic Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Introduction to linguistic anthropology, focusing on language and communication as they pertain to human culture and human social interaction.

ANTH 040. Parenting and Childhood. 2-3 Credits.
Introduction to the anthropology of parenting and childhood from birth to adolescence. Both biological anthropological and cultural anthropological approaches are explored through a cross-cultural perspective.

ANTH 055. Business Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Combines practical and academic perspectives in the cross-cultural study of business values and practices. Comparative studies include business cultures, cross-cultural marketing, management issues, and globalization. Online, Summer session only.

ANTH 059. D2: Culture and Environment. 3 Credits.
Integrated Social Science Program seminar exploring the importance of anthropological and cultural perspectives for critical understanding of global environmental issues.

ANTH 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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ANTH 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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ANTH 102. Anthropology of Sports. 3 Credits.
This course examines the cultural significance of sports from around the world. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 103. Political Anthropology. 3 Credits.
This course explores the cultural aspects of political institutions, structures, and processes in societies from around the world. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 104. D2: Archaeology of the Americas. 2-3 Credits.
Archaeological overview of North and South America from the peopling of the New World to European contact in the sixteenth century. Prerequisite: ANTH 024.

ANTH 105. Sophomore Proseminar in Anthro. 1 Credit.
Sophomore proseminar in Anthropology focusing on skill-building, course selection, internships, service learning, research or teaching assistantships, study abroad, fieldwork, senior projects/theses, and grant opportunities. Prerequisites: At least one of the following: ANTH 021, ANTH 024, ANTH 026, ANTH 028; Sophomore standing; Anthropology major.

ANTH 123. Anthropology of Crisis. 3 Credits.
Examination of the cultural responses to events and situations defined as crises or catastrophic at both the individual and collective levels. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 125. History of Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Examination of the major theories, theorists, and socio-political contexts central to historical development of the discipline of Anthropology. Prerequisites: ANTH 021, ANTH 024, ANTH 026 or ANTH 028.

ANTH 127. Modernity & Material Culture. 3 Credits.
Covers anthropological theories and case studies of modernity and consumption including circulation and reproduction of objects, consumer culture, globalization, and material aspects of cultural change. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.
ANTH 134. Prehistory of North America. 3 Credits.
Archaeological overview of North America from the peopling of the New World to European contact in the sixteenth century. Prerequisite: ANTH 024.

ANTH 135. Prehistory of the US Southwest. 3 Credits.
Archaeological overview of the American Southwest, from the peopling of the New World to European contact in the sixteenth century. Pre/co-requisite: ANTH 024.

ANTH 140. Primates and Anthropology. 3 Credits.
A survey of behavior and anatomy of nonhuman primates (monkeys, apes and prosimians) from an anthropological perspective. Pre/co-requisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 026.

ANTH 142. Introduction to Syntax. 3 Credits.
This course serves as an introduction to the syntax of natural languages and a rigorous approach to the analysis of sentence structure. Pre/co-requisites: ANTH 028 or LING 080. Cross-listed with: CSD 166, LING 166.

ANTH 151. Anth of East Europe. 3 Credits.
Survey of cultures of Central and Eastern Europe during the socialist and post-socialist periods with an emphasis on social, cultural and economic transformation since 1985. Pre/co-requisite: ANTH 021 or a 100-level Russia/East European Studies course.

ANTH 152. D2: Chinese Culture. 3 Credits.
Introduction to Chinese culture and society, examining core cultural values and practices, gender and the lifecycle, sociocultural diversity, impacts of economic development and social change.

ANTH 153. Gender in the Middle East. 3 Credits.
Exploring gendered aspects of religion, colonialism, anti-colonial struggles, feminism, revolution, family law, citizenship, expressive culture, and conflict through ethnography of the Middle East. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 155. Anthropology of Islam. 3 Credits.
Ethnographic study of religious practice and social life of contemporary Muslim communities worldwide, including shared tradition, cultural diversity, community and personhood, gender, politics, and Islamic revitalization. Pre/co-requisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 028.

ANTH 160. D1: North American Indians. 3 Credits.
Ethnographic survey of major Native American cultures of Mesoamerica and the U.S. against background of aboriginal culture history, and problems of contact with European cultures. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Alternate years.

ANTH 161. D2: Cultures of South America. 3 Credits.
Ethnographic survey of major native American cultures south of Mesoamerica against background of aboriginal culture history, and their relation to present day culture spheres. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Alternate years.

ANTH 162. D2: Cultures of Africa. 3 Credits.
Ethnographic survey of representative native societies of sub-Saharan Africa and major colonial/immigrant minorities emphasizing changes resulting from colonialism, independence, and modernization. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Alternate years.

ANTH 163. D2: South Pacific Cultures. 3 Credits.
Survey of major cultural areas of the South Pacific including problems of prehistory, contact with Western colonialism, and contemporary life. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Alternate years.

ANTH 164. Indians of the NE: Vermont. 3 Credits.
Vermont’s native peoples from their earliest appearance in the region until today. Archaeological and ethnographic data reviewed in the broader perspective of aboriginal Northeastern cultural history. Prerequisites: ANTH 021 or ANTH 024. Cross-listed with: VS 164.

ANTH 165. D2: Peoples of South Asia. 3 Credits.
Culture and social organization of peoples of Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. Theoretical issues in anthropological analysis of these societies discussed. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Alternate years.

ANTH 166. D2: Peoples of the Middle East. 3 Credits.
Culture and social organization of peoples living in lands from Morocco to Afghanistan, including a consideration of Islam. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Alternate years.

ANTH 169. D1: Latinos in the US. 3 Credits.
Survey of peoples of Latino/Hispanic descent living in the U.S. Course examines their similarities and differences in history, ethnic identification and cultural practices. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 172. D2: Gender, Sex and Culture. 3 Credits.
Cross-cultural study of gender, sex and sexuality, including exploring the cultural construction of categories and cultural practices related to gender, sex and sexuality. Pre/co-requisite: ANTH 021. Cross-listed with: GSWS 165.

ANTH 174. D2: Culture, Health and Healing. 3 Credits.
Introduction to medical anthropology. Social and cultural perspectives on health and illness experiences, doctor-patient interactions, healing practices, and access to health and health care. Pre/co-requisite: ANTH 021 or three credits of Sociology. Cross-listed with: SOC 155.

ANTH 176. Topics in Linguistic Anthro. 3 Credits.
Intermediate level special topics in linguistic anthropology. Pre/co-requisites: ANTH 028 or CSD 080.

ANTH 178. Sociolinguistics. 3 Credits.
Exploration of language and nonverbal interactions as cultural activities. Focus on rules and patterns people display appropriate to communication and social interaction. Prerequisites: ANTH 028 or LING 080. Cross-listed with: LING 178.
ANTH 179. D2: Environmental Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Introduction to how culture mediates human-environmental interactions. Topics include cultural, spiritual, and political ecology; forms of resource management; environmentalism; sustainable development; and environmental justice. Prerequisite: ANTH 021, ANTH 023, and ANTH 024 or Instructor permission.

ANTH 180. D2: Psychological Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Examines the role of culture in shaping personhood, identity, experience, cognition, emotion, mental illness, interpersonal relations, socialization processes, and human development across the lifecycle. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 181. Law, War and Disorder. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the anthropology of law and conflict management emphasizing the cultural fora and social organization of disputes and efforts to deal with conflict. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 183. The Anthropology of Genocide. 3 Credits.
Examines large-scale killing from an anthropological perspective using the comparative method, social-structural, cultural and political-economy models. Proposed solutions are also critically assessed. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 184. Street Children. 3 Credits.
Explores elements that both connect and distinguish populations of street children worldwide from an anthropological perspective. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

ANTH 185. D2: Food and Culture. 3 Credits.
This course examines how the cultivation, preparation, and consumption of food are rich symbolic processes through which humans interact with our natural and social environments. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Cross-listed with: NFS 185.

ANTH 187. D1: Race and Ethnicity. 3 Credits.
Description and analysis of ethnic, racial, and religious groups in the U.S. Examination of social/cultural patterns in the larger society and in these groups themselves. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Cross-listed with: SOC 119.

ANTH 188. Historical Archaeology. 3 Credits.
Survey of field, lab, and archival research methods; specialized studies of material culture; selected topics on ethnicity in the Americas, gender, and status. Prerequisites: ANTH 024. Alternate years.

ANTH 189. D2: Aging in Cross-Cultrl Persp. 3 Credits.
Aging from an anthropological perspective. Topics include exploration of biological and cultural aspects of human aging across the adult lifecycle in a variety of cultural groups. Pre/co-requisite: ANTH 021 or SOC 020. Alternate years.

ANTH 190. ISSP Thesis. 3 Credits.
Independent study for students enrolled in Integrated Social Sciences Program; final product is thesis. Prerequisite: Enrollment in ISSP courses.

ANTH 191. Teaching Assistant Practicum. 1-3 Credits.
Provides undergraduate Teaching Assistants with a formal academic structure to support their learning while they assist department faculty as Teaching Assistants. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

ANTH 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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ANTH 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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ANTH 197. Readings & Research. 1-6 Credits.

ANTH 198. Readings & Research. 1-12 Credits.

ANTH 200. Field Work in Archaeology. 6 Credits.
Methods and techniques of archaeological investigation in field situations and the laboratory analysis of data. Pre/co-requisites: ANTH 024, and one 100-level course in Anthropology or History, or Instructor permission.

ANTH 201. Practicum & Internship. 1-12 Credits.
Supervised service or research integrating theoretical and practical anthropological issues. Prerequisite: Nine hours of Anthropology.

ANTH 202. Anthropology of Media. 3 Credits.
Examines the major analytical frameworks, theoretical debates, and methodological tools for studying contemporary media technologies and expressive cultures anthropologically. Pre/co-requisites: ANTH 021; one 100-level ANTH course.

ANTH 203. Tourism & Heritage. 3 Credits.
Examining tourism from an anthropological perspective, including: museums; souvenirs and tourist art; national, racial, ethnic, and indigenous identities; gender; and theories of performance and re-enactment. Pre/co-requisites: ANTH 021 and one 100-level ANTH course.

ANTH 205. Senior Proseminar in Anthro. 1 Credit.
Designed to be taken in conjunction with any 200-level class, this capstone pro-seminar in Anthropology will provide a forum for majors to build and package anthropological skill sets and to identify, explore, and plan for future educational and career opportunities. Prerequisites: Junior/Senior standing; Anthropology major. Pre/co-requisite: Any three-credit 200-level Anthropology course.

ANTH 209. D2: Caribbean Archaeology. 3 Credits.
Examination of past Amerindian and Colonial era cultures in the Caribbean and the major theoretical and methodological issues surrounding their investigation. Prerequisites: ANTH 024 and one 100-level ANTH course.

ANTH 210. Archaeological Theory. 3 Credits.
Development of archaeology from the 19th century to the present including concepts of form, space and time, intellectual attitudes, current systems theory, and research strategies. Prerequisites: ANTH 024, one 100-level Anthropology course; or HP 201; or graduate standing in Historic Preservation Program, or HIST 121, HIST 122, or HIST 149. Alternate years.
ANTH 220. Develop & Applied Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Seminar examines the application of anthropological knowledge and methodologies to alleviate social problems around the world, with a special focus on the cultural politics of expertise. Prerequisites: ANTH 023, three 100-level courses, or Instructor permission. Alternate years.

ANTH 225. Anthropological Theory. 3 Credits.
Schools of anthropological thought examined in relation to data on non-Western societies and the historical and social context in which the anthropologist works. Prerequisites: ANTH 021, one 100-level course.

ANTH 228. Social Organization. 3 Credits.
Examination of the basic anthropological concepts and theories used in the cross-cultural analysis of kinship and marriage. Prerequisites: ANTH 021, one 100-level course.

ANTH 240. Human Osteology & Archaeology. 4 Credits.
An exploration of the human skeleton as a means of reconstructing past lives both at the level of individuals (forensics) and populations (archaeology and bioarchaeology). Prerequisites: ANTH 024, ANTH 026, and one 100-level Anthropology course in archaeology or biological anthropology (see major requirements for subdisciplinary designations); or Instructor permission.

ANTH 245. Laboratory Archaeology Topics. 3 Credits.
Exploration of laboratory methods for analyzing excavated materials, such as ceramics, chipped stone, or fauna. May be repeated for credit when material and emphasis vary. Prerequisites: ANTH 024; one 100-level course in ANTH.

ANTH 250. Museum Anthropology. 3 Credits.
The cultural context of selected archaeological and ethnographic collections at Fleming Museum; cataloguing, conservation, research, and interpretation of objects; exhibition design and ethical issues. Prerequisites: Junior standing; Anthropology, Art History, Studio Art majors and minors. Alternate years.

ANTH 272. Language, Gender and Sexuality. 3 Credits.
Examines different theoretical approaches to understanding gender and sexuality through the study of language use, emphasizing analysis of crosscultural data from a linguistic anthropological perspective. Prerequisites: ANTH 028 or LING 080 and one 100-level Anthropology or Linguistics course. Cross-listed with: LING 272.

ANTH 276. Adv Topics in Linguistics. 3 Credits.
Advanced special topics in linguistics, sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology. Pre/co-requisites: ANTH 028 and one 100-level Anthropology course or permission of the Instructor.

ANTH 283. Colonialism. 3 Credits.
The concepts, ideologies, and practice(s) of colonialism within a sociocultural and historical context emphasizing the cultures of the colonizer and the colonized and the interaction thereof. Prerequisites: ANTH 021, one 100-level course, or ANTH 021, six hours in the social sciences. Alternate years.

ANTH 284. Linguistic Anthropology Mthds. 3 Credits.
Exploration of key methodologies in linguistic anthropology, including theories and practice of eliciting linguistic data, conducting interviews, transcribing audio- and video-taped interactions, and analyzing conversations. Pre/Co-requisites: ANTH 028 or LING 080 and one Anthropology or Linguistics course at the 100 level or above. Cross-listed with: LING 284.

ANTH 290. Meth of Ethnographic Field Wrk. 3 Credits.
Examination of theoretical and ethical premises of field work methodology with practical experience in participant observation, interviewing, the genealogical method, and the recording of data. Prerequisite: Twelve hours of Anthropology. Alternate years.

ANTH 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Prerequisites: ANTH 021, one 100-level course.

ANTH 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Prerequisites: ANTH 021, one 100-level course.

ANTH 297. Advanced Readings & Research. 1-3 Credits.
Prerequisite: Junior/Senior standing.

ANTH 298. Advanced Readings & Research. 1-3 Credits.
Prerequisite: Junior/Senior standing.