DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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The mission of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Vermont is to produce influential research in anthropology integrated with an outstanding undergraduate liberal arts education. Drawing on the interdisciplinary four-field tradition, which includes archaeological, biological, cultural and linguistic anthropology, we emphasize strong training in contemporary anthropological theory, research methods, and ethical practices, with the goal of preparing students to think critically and act as engaged citizens for the common good. Together as students and faculty, our scholarly community mobilizes anthropological knowledge to address questions of culture and its role in a diverse and changing world. In addition to the general anthropology major, we offer a concentration in the anthropology of global health.

MAJORS
ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR
Anthropology B.A.

MINORS
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Anthropology

Courses
ANTH 010. Careers with Anthropology. 1 Credit.
Explores 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 014. Languages of the World. 2-3 Credits.
An exploration of the incredible inventory of the world’s languages, addressing language universals and the breadth of language variation. Students investigate how linguists group and compare languages and the complex relations between global processes, world languages, and political/cultural boundaries. Cross-listed with: LING 014.

ANTH 015. Writing Systems. 3 Credits.
Survey of how human languages are represented orthographically, both historically and in the present day. We examine the origins of writing, writing system change over time, and the connections between spoken and written language. Cross-listed with: LING 088.

ANTH 021. D2:SU: 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:SU: 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:SU: 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 085. D2: Food and Culture. 3 Credits.
Examination of the cultivation, preparation, and consumption of food as rich symbolic processes through which humans interact with our natural and social environments.

ANTH 088. D2: Sex, Gender, Health & Culture. 3 Credits.
Introduction to cultural variation in human views and practices related to sex, gender, and health in contemporary societies. Through anthropological concepts and social science findings, examines global diversity in cultural ways of approaching sex, gender, and health.

ANTH 089. D2: Global Health Devl & Div. 3 Credits.
An anthropological exploration of connections between global health, economic development, and cultural diversity in contemporary times. Considers ways in which informed global citizens can make a positive difference in human health, taking socioeconomic and cultural diversity into account.

ANTH 093. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

ANTH 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

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: Minimum Sophomore standing.

ANTH 105. Introduction to the Major. 1 Credit.
Seminar-style introduction to the Anthropology major focusing on skill-building, course selection, internships, service learning, research or teaching assistantships, study abroad, fieldwork, senior projects/theses, and grant opportunities. Prerequisites: Anthropology major and one of the following: ANTH 021, ANTH 024, ANTH 026, or ANTH 028.

ANTH 106. Preserving the Past. 3 Credits.
Explores approaches to cultural heritage worldwide and the political, economic, and legal contexts that influence the preservation and destruction of cultural resources such as archaeological sites and architecture. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 024.

ANTH 112. Introduction to Syntax. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the syntax of natural languages and a rigorous approach to the analysis of sentence structure. Prerequisite: LING 080 or ANTH 028.

ANTH 113. QR: Introduction to Semantics. 3 Credits.
Students will engage with language as a logical system and explore how it is that linguistic utterances mean what they mean. They will learn to express linguistic constituents as logical expressions. Other topics include modification, entailments, quantification, negation, and idioms. Prerequisite: LING 080 or ANTH 028. Cross-listed with: LING 163.

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. Prerequisite: ANTH 021, ANTH 024, ANTH 026, or ANTH 028.

ANTH 126. Topics in Cultural Anthro. 3 Credits.
Explores intermediate level topics in cultural anthropology. May be repeated for credit with different content. Sample topics include: Cultural Anthropology in the Media, Indigenous Cultures and Social Change, Economic Anthropology. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

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. Prerequisite: 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. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 026.

ANTH 141. Death, Burial, and Culture. 3 Credits.
An examination of how different cultures approach issues and customs surrounding death. Drawing on evidence from cultural and biological anthropology and archaeology, students will explore widely, examining how death illuminates life in different cultures around the world and through time. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 024 or ANTH 026 or ANTH 028.

ANTH 142. Topics in Biological Anthro. 3 Credits.
Explores intermediate level topics in biological anthropology. May be repeated for credit with different content. Sample topics include: Bioarchaeology of Identities, Biological Anthropology of Race and Gender, Human Variation. Prerequisite: ANTH 026.

ANTH 143. Forensic Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Examines forensic anthropological and archaeological methodologies in medico-legal contexts. Topics include search and recovery, biological profiles, skeletal trauma, pathological conditions, and taphonomic factors, as well as legal and ethical issues and anthropologists’ roles amongst law enforcement and other forensic practitioners. Prerequisites: ANTH 024 or ANTH 026 or BCOR 101.

ANTH 144. Topics in Biological Anthro. 3 Credits.
Explores intermediate level topics in biological anthropology. May be repeated for credit with different content. Sample topics include: Bioarchaeology of Identities, Biological Anthropology of Race and Gender, Human Variation. Prerequisite: ANTH 026.

ANTH 145. 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. Prerequisite: 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. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 028.

ANTH 157. Doing Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Examines how anthropology is socially and politically organized as a discipline, relations between subfields, and conditions under which anthropologists do research and communicate about it. Focuses on developing practical skills involved in the actual doing of anthropology. Prerequisite: ANTH 021, ANTH 024, ANTH 026 or ANTH 028.

ANTH 160. D1: North American Indians. 3 Credits.
Ethnographic survey of major Native American cultures the United States against background of aboriginal culture history and problems of contact with European cultures. Alternate years. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or 3 credits in a social science.

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 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. Prerequisite: 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. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Cross-listed with: GSWS 165.

ANTH 173. D2: Fndns of Global Health. 3 Credits.
Explores global health and global health challenges affecting people primarily in developing or resource-constrained countries. Prerequisite: Minimum Sophomore standing. Cross-listed with: HLTH 103.

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. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 089 or three hours of Sociology. Cross-listed with: SOC 155.

ANTH 176. Topics in Linguistic Anthro. 3 Credits.
Explores intermediate-level topics in linguistic anthropology. May be repeated for credit with different content. Sample topics include: Language, Peace, and Conflict; Languages of Asia. Prerequisite: ANTH 028 or LING 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. Prerequisite: 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, or 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 or ANTH 089.

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 United States. Examination of social/cultural patterns in the larger society and in these groups themselves. Prerequisite: Three hours of Anthropology or Sociology. 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.

ANTH 189. D2: Aging in Cross-Cultlr 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. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or ANTH 026 or ANTH 089 or SOC 020.

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 Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

ANTH 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

ANTH 193. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. 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 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

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

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. Prerequisites: ANTH 021, one 100-level Anthropology 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. Prerequisites: ANTH 021 and one 100-level Anthropology 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: Minimum Junior 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 Anthropology 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 and one 100-level Anthropology course, or HST 121, HST 122, or HST 149, or HP 201, or graduate standing in Historic Preservation Program.

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 021 or 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: 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. 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, one 100-level Anthropology course in archaeology or biological anthropology (see major requirements for subdisciplinary designations), or Instructor permission.

ANTH 241. Human Evolution & Diversity. 3 Credits.
Advanced seminar integrating perspectives from biology and biological anthropology to investigate human evolution and diversity. Through critical analysis, reflective and analytical writing, and discussion, we will engage with a broad range of readings from both disciplines. Prerequisites: BCOR 101 or (ANTH 026 and one 100-level Anthropology course); Minimum Junior standing. Cross-listed with: BIOL 241.

ANTH 242. Research Mthds Human Diversity. 4 Credits.
Lab-based course that explores methods from biology and biological anthropology to study human evolution and diversity through skeletal anatomy and genetic analyses. Heavy focus on research design and proposal development, literature research, data collection and interpretation, and dissemination of results. Prerequisites: BCOR 101 or (ANTH 026 and one 100-level Anthropology course); Minimum Junior standing. Cross-listed with: BIOL 242.

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 Anthropology.

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 cross-cultural data from a linguistic anthropological perspective. Prerequisites: ANTH 028 or LING 080 and one Anthropology or Linguistics course at the 100-level or above or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: LING 272.

ANTH 276. Adv Topics in Linguistics. 3 Credits.
Advanced special topics in linguistics, sociolinguistics, and linguistic anthropology. Prerequisites: ANTH 028 or LING 080 and one Anthropology or Linguistics course at the 100-level or above 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. 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. Prerequisites: ANTH 028 or LING 080 and one Anthropology or Linguistics course at the 100-level or above. Cross-listed with: LING 284.

ANTH 285. Anthropology of Food and Labor. 3 Credits.
Through investigating the ways that people work through, around, and with food in the public sphere, we will unpack the political, cultural, and economic dimensions of both local and global food systems. Prerequisites: ANTH 021; one course at the 100-level in cultural anthropology.

ANTH 288. Anthropology of Global Health. 3 Credits.
Examines the core concepts, approaches, and findings of the discipline of medical anthropology in examining problems of global health in resource-poor settings and considers the contributions of anthropology to interdisciplinary global health research and applied interventions. Prerequisites: ANTH 021 or ANTH 026 or ANTH 089; ANTH 173 or ANTH 174.

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.

ANTH 291. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

ANTH 292. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
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ANTH 293. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

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 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Minimum Junior standing; Instructor permission.