

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. The department offers both a B.A. and a B.S. major in Anthropology, with optional concentrations in Global Health and in Archaeology and Heritage Management.

MAJORS

ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS

Anthropology B.A. (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/anthropology/anthropologyba/>)

Anthropology B.S. (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/anthropology/anthropologybs/>)

MINORS

ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR

Anthropology (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/anthropology/anthropologyminor/>)

Courses

ANTH 014. D2: Languages of the World. 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 approach with a critical lens relations between global processes, world languages, political/cultural systems of power, and language endangerment. 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 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 025. SU:Buried Cities,Forgotten Pst. 3 Credits.

Introductory examination of the rise and collapse of some of the earliest civilizations in many parts of the world, ranging from Southwest Asia and northern Africa to China and the Americas.

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 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 076. D2:Religion, Health, & Healing. 3 Credits.

Comparative and cross-cultural exploration of the relationships between religion, health, and healing. Cross-listed with: REL 040.

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 089. D2:SU: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. Cross-listed with: HSOC 089.

ANTH 092. 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.

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 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. Pre/co-requisite: LING 080 or ANTH 028. Cross-listed with: LING 166.

ANTH 114. Language, Gender and Sexuality. 3 Credits.

Considers the field's emergence and evolution in relation to sociolinguistic and feminist theory. Examines how gendered identities are socially and linguistically constructed from a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Maintains a focus throughout on queer linguistic scholarship - looking beyond binaries, disentangling gender, sex, and sexuality, interrogating relationship of language to systems of power/oppression. Prerequisites: LING 080 or LING 085 or ANTH 028 or GSWS 001. Cross-listed with: LING 175, GSWS 115.

ANTH 124. People, Poison, Place. 3 Credits.

Focus on social inequality, toxin exposure, and human health impacts within the context of place, culture, history, and political economy. Examination of the interaction of political economy, toxic waste, history, culture, and place, and how constellations of inequality translate into exposure to various toxins. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

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. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: ANTH 021.

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 136. Topics in Archaeology. 3 Credits.

Explores intermediate level topics in archaeology. May be repeated for credit with different content. Sample topics include: Archaeology of Disaster, Ruins, Archaeology in the Media. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: ANTH 024.

ANTH 137. Europe: Neanderthals-Stonehenge. 3 Credits.

Traces the prehistory of Europe from the first hominids to set foot on the continent up through the earliest literate societies. Explores prehistoric developments such as the emergence of domestication, agriculture, and metallurgy; the florescence of regional artistic and ritual/religious traditions; and the development of socially-stratified, state-level societies. Prerequisites: ANTH 024 or ANTH 026.

ANTH 138. Hunters and Gatherers. 3 Credits.

Explores how "hunter-gatherer" as a category of human social organization has been studied over the years by anthropologists and archaeologists. The range of behavioral variation that exists among living and sub-recent hunter-gatherer groups will be discussed, along with the utility of this information, and the various stakeholder issues facing modern hunter-gatherers today. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or 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 146. 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. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: ANTH 026.

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 164. D1: Indians of the NE: Vermont. 3 Credits.

Native peoples of Vermont 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 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 Race & the Body. 3 Credits.

Cross-cultural study of gender, sex, sexuality, and race including exploring the cultural construction of categories and cultural practices related to the body and gender, sex, sexuality, and race. Prerequisite: ANTH 021 or GSWS 001. 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: HSCI 103, HSOC 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 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 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 189. D2: Aging in Cross-Cultrl Persp. 3 Credits.

Aging from an anthropological perspective. Topics include exploration of biological and sociocultural aspects of human aging across the adult lifecycle in a variety of cultural groups. Prerequisites: ANTH 021 or ANTH 026 or ANTH 089.

ANTH 190. LASP-SSS Thesis. 3 Credits.

Independent design, research, and writing of a thesis in the Liberal Arts Scholars Program (LASP) under the Social Sciences Scholars (SSS) designation. Prerequisites: LASP-SSS students only; Instructor permission.

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. 1-6 Credits.

Methods and techniques of archaeological investigation in field situations and the laboratory analysis of data. Periodic UVM offering that may occur at intervals longer than four years. Also utilized to transfer prior coursework from other institutions. Prerequisites: ANTH 024, and one 100-level course in Anthropology or History, or Instructor permission.

ANTH 205. Advanced 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 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 240. Human Osteology. 0 or 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, or Instructor permission.

ANTH 242. Research in Hum Biol 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: Three credits in Anthropology at the 100-level; Anthropology major or minor; minimum Sophomore standing. Alternate years.

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. Anthro Research Global Health. 3 Credits.

Examines core concepts, approaches, and findings of 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. Trains students in critical review of related scholarly literature, research design, and proposal writing. Prerequisites: ANTH 021 or ANTH 026 or ANTH 089; ANTH 173 or ANTH 174.

ANTH 290. Ethnographic Field Methods. 3 Credits.

Examination of theoretical and ethical premises of field work methodology with practical experience in research design, proposal writing, participant observation, interviewing, and qualitative data analysis. Prerequisite: ANTH 021, one course at the 100-level in cultural 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.

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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.