

ANTHROPOLOGY: ARCHAEOLOGY, BA

Anthropology is the global social science. It is the study of the human condition everywhere; its cultural, linguistic, and biological diversity; and how it evolved and developed from the prehistoric past into the globalizing present. Anthropology is an interdisciplinary 14 credit major that intersects with programs and departments across the University. Students may major in anthropology as a whole (General Anthropology), or choose to concentrate in Biological Anthropology, Archaeology, Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology, or specialize in two thematic concentrations: Medical Anthropology and Environmental Anthropology.

Archaeology is the study of past societies through the excavation of material culture, from the Paleolithic into the early Historical periods. Students study excavation methods and techniques of analysis, and have opportunities to work with collections in the Penn Museum and its Center for the Analysis of Archaeological Materials (CAAM). Archaeology majors take introductory courses in all sub-fields of Anthropology, and complete the remainder of their coursework primarily in Archaeology.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 34. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/anthropology/>

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

| Code | Title | Course Units |
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| College General Education Requirements and Free Electives | | |
| Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives | | 20 |
| Major Requirements | | |
| <i>Block I: Introductory courses</i> | | |
| ANTH 001 or ANTH 005 | Archaeology: Window to the Human Past Great Transformations | 1 |
| ANTH 002 or ANTH 004 | Anthropology, Race, and the Making of the Modern World The Modern World and Its Cultural Background | 1 |
| ANTH 003 | Introduction to Human Evolution | 1 |
| <i>Block II</i> | | |
| Select 1 course unit in Biological Anthropology | | 1 |
| Select 1 course unit in Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology | | 1 |
| <i>Block III</i> | | |
| Select 8 course units in Archaeology ² | | 8 |
| <i>Capstone Seminar</i> | | |
| ANTH 300 | Research Seminar in Anthropology | 1 |
| Total Course Units | | 34 |

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

² For up to three of these, non-ANTH courses with anthropological content may be requested. All non-ANTH courses must be approved by the Undergraduate Program Chair.

Honors

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the major and write a senior thesis.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2021 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.