

ANTHROPOLOGY: GENERAL ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2018 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

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 Medical Anthropology.

General Anthropology majors study all four anthropology sub-fields, acquiring an introduction to the full range of anthropological research. Students are required to take courses in Biological Anthropology, Archaeology, Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology, and Medical Anthropology.

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
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	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology The Modern World and Its Cultural Background	1
ANTH 003	Introduction to Human Evolution	1
<i>Block II</i>		
Select 10 course units with at least two each from Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology ²		10
<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 Up to three non-ANTH courses with anthropological content may be requested. All non-ANTH courses must be approved by the Undergraduate Program Coordinator.

Honors

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