

ANTHROPOLOGY: HUMAN BIOLOGY, 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 Medical Anthropology.

Biological Anthropology is the study of human evolution and the biology of modern populations. Areas of study include genetics, osteology, and forensics. Students have the opportunity to work in laboratory settings, as well as in the Penn Museum's Physical Anthropology section or its Center for the Analysis of Archaeological Materials (CAAM). Biological Anthropology majors take introductory courses in all sub-fields of Anthropology, and complete the remainder of their coursework primarily in Biological 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 1 course unit in Archaeology	1
	Select 1 course unit in Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology	1
<i>Block III</i>		
ANTH 143	Being Human: Biology, Culture & Human Diversity	1
ANTH 244	Disease and Human Evolution	1
	Select 6 course units in Biological Anthropology ²	6
<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 courses from BIBB, BIOL, HSSC and PSYC 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.

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.