

ANTHROPOLOGY: MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY & GLOBAL HEALTH, 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.

Medical Anthropology applies anthropological methods to the study of global health, well-being, and disease. The concentration provides students with a theoretical and methodological foundation to address problems of global health inequality. Medical Anthropology majors take introductory courses in all sub-fields of Anthropology, and complete the remainder of their coursework primarily in 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 0020	Anthropology, Race, and the Making of the Modern World	1
or ANTH 0040	The Modern World and Its Cultural Background	
ANTH 0050	Great Transformations	1
or ANTH 1480	Food and Fire: Archaeology in the Laboratory	
ANTH 0030	Human Origins, Evolution and Diversity	1
<i>Block II: Fundamentals</i>		
ANTH 1238	Introduction to Medical Anthropology	1
ANTH 2730	Global Health: Anthropological Perspectives	1
<i>Block III</i>		
Select 3 course units from approved list: ²		8
Attribute AAMA - Medical Anthropology (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aama/)		
Select 2 course units in Anthropology		
Attribute AAAR - Archaeology; Attribute AAAL - Cultural and Linguistic; Attribute AABI - Biological Anthropology; Attribute AAEA - Environmental Anthropology; Attribute AAMA - Medical Anthropology		
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Select 3 Anthropology or Anthropology-related courses in another department²

Attribute AAMA - Medical Anthropology and Global Health

Capstone Seminar

ANTH 4000	Research Seminar in Anthropology	1
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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 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.