Anthropology

Overview

Anthropology is the study of humans. Anthropologists study our species throughout time, focusing on our diverse modern culture and cultural adaptations, our biological classification as a species, and our inclusion in the Order Primates, and our species’ past developments, including our first steps to our first civilizations. The goal of anthropology is to study the similarities and differences in biological and cultural adaptations and features across the globe throughout our human history.

Anthropology is a holistic discipline, which means that anthropologists study all aspects of humans and our behavior. The field of anthropology has been broken up into four main subfields: cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics. Cultural anthropology is concerned with the study of human culture and its variations across time and space. Biological anthropologists aim to study our species from a biological perspective - examining our DNA, relationship to our closest animal relatives, the primates, and the fossil evidence of our earliest human ancestors. Archaeology is the study of our past, focused specifically on reconstructing past behavior by looking at objects used by past people. Linguistic anthropologists study human language and communication.

The Sacramento City College Anthropology Department offers classes in all four fields:

- Cultural anthropology
- Biological anthropology
- Linguistic anthropology
- Archaeology

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Associate Degrees for Transfer

A.A.-T. in Anthropology

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The Associate in Arts in Anthropology for Transfer degree offers courses that satisfy lower division General Education requirements in both the physical and social sciences, providing students with a solid foundation in Anthropology as well as the standard prerequisites for upper division coursework leading to the baccalaureate degree. Students planning to transfer to a CSU with a major in Anthropology should consult the lower division requirements at the university they plan to attend.

The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) student completion requirements (as stated in SB1440 law):

1. Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
   A. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth).
   B. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

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Degree Requirements
ANTH 300 Biological Anthropology (3) 3
or ANTH 480 Honors Biological Anthropology (3)
ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology (3) 3
or ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANTH 323 Introduction to Archaeology 3

A minimum of 6 units from the following: 6
ANTH 301 Biological Anthropology Laboratory (1)
ANTH 324 World Prehistory (3)
ANTH 331 The Anthropology of Religion (3)
ANTH 332 Native Peoples of California (3)
ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America (3)
ANTH 341 Introduction to Linguistics (3)

A minimum of 3 units from the following: 3
ADMJ 332 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)
or ANTH 303 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)
HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)
GEOG 310 Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes (3)
SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States (3)
or SOC 482 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States - Honors (3)
SOC 345 Global Women's Issues (3)
or WGS 302 Global Women's Issues (3)

Total Units: 18

The Associate in Arts in Anthropology for Transfer (AA-T) degree may be obtained by completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program, and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- explain the scientific method and the relationship between scientific research and established knowledge.
- demonstrate knowledge of basic anthropological terminology and concepts.
- write essays explaining anthropological processes in clear and concise terms.
- reach and express logical conclusions drawn on anthropological data.
- demonstrate content knowledge in broad areas of anthropology, including evolution, culture, genetics, archaeology, and human evolution when completing essay, objective, and multiple choice exams.

Career Information

Anthropologists with baccalaureate or graduate degrees work as archaeological technicians or project directors for private, state or federal organizations, museum managers, forensic specialists in police departments and crime labs, primatologists and zoo curators, teachers, consultants or analysts for private, government or educational institutions or non-profit organizations.

Associate Degrees

A.A. in Anthropology

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Recommended High School Preparation: Preparatory courses include history, English, biology, and foreign languages.

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A minimum of 12 units from the following: 12
Anthropology (ANTH) Courses

ANTH 300 Biological Anthropology
This course is an introduction to the science of biological anthropology. The topics to be covered will include: the field of anthropology; the scientific method; genetics and inheritance; natural selection; principles and mechanics of evolution; evidence of evolution; modern human variation; living primates; and the fossil evidence for human evolution.

ANTH 301 Biological Anthropology Laboratory

ANTH 325 Archaeology of Mesoamerica (3)

ANTH 331 The Anthropology of Religion (3)

ANTH 332 Native Peoples of California (3)

ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America (3)

ARTH 304 Ancient Art (3)

or ARTH 484 Ancient Art-Honors (3)

ETHNS 320 The African American Experience (3)

ETHNS 330 The Asian American Experience in America (3)

ETHNS 340 Chicanos/Mexican Americans in the U.S. (3)

ETHNS 351 Native American Culture and the Impact of Federal Policy (3)

GEOG 310 Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes (3)

GEOL 310 Historical Geology (3)

HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)

HIST 360 History of African Civilizations (3)

HIST 364 Asian Civilization (3)

HIST 373 History of Mexico (3)

HIST 380 History of the Middle East (3)

SOC 310 Marriage and the Family (3)

or FCS 320 Marriage and the Family (3)

SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States (3)

or SOC 482 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States - Honors (3)

SOC 345 Global Women's Issues (3)

or WGS 302 Global Women's Issues (3)

Total Units: 25

The Anthropology Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See SCC graduation requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- explain the scientific method and the relationship between scientific research and established knowledge.
- demonstrate knowledge of basic anthropological terminology and understanding major anthropological concepts.
- write essays explaining anthropological processes in clear and concise terms.
- reach and express logical conclusions drawn on anthropological data.
- demonstrate content knowledge in the broad areas of anthropology, including evolution, culture, genetics, archaeology, and human evolution when completing essay, objective, and multiple choice exams.

Career Information

The anthropology major is designed to prepare students for further study in anthropology leading to BA, MA, and/or PhD degrees. Anthropologists with graduate degrees teach at high schools, colleges, and graduate levels. Archaeologists manage cultural resources for state, federal, and private organizations. Physical anthropologists work in forensics and primatology. Both archaeologists and cultural anthropologists manage and coordinate museums and research facilities.

Anthropology (ANTH) Courses

ANTH 300 Biological Anthropology

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B2; IGETC Area 5B
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This course is an introduction to the science of biological anthropology. The topics to be covered will include: the field of anthropology; the scientific method; genetics and inheritance; natural selection; principles and mechanics of evolution; evidence of evolution; modern human variation; living primates; and the fossil evidence for human evolution.

ANTH 301 Biological Anthropology Laboratory

Units: 1
Hours: 54 hours LAB
This introductory laboratory course is designed to familiarize students with the methods and materials of biological anthropology. Topics of significance covered in the course will include human osteology, forensic anthropology, genetics and evolutionary theory, biological classification, primatology, and the fossil evidence for the evolution of humans and their ancestors.

**ANTH 303 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology**

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** ENGR 151 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better  
**Advisory:** ANTH 300 with a grade of "C" or better  
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This course is an overview of forensic anthropology, an applied field of physical anthropology. Forensic anthropology uses the analysis of human skeletal remains to answer medico-legal questions. This course emphasizes current techniques used in analysis of human skeletal remains, medico-legal procedures, and the role of the anthropologist in the investigative process. It examines the basics of bone biology, methods of skeletal analysis, and recognition of bone pathology and trauma. Students may earn credit for either ANTH 303 or ADMJ 332 but not for both.

**ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology**

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** ENGR 150 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area IV  
**Catalog Date:** June 1, 2020

This course is an introduction to the variety of customs, traditions, and forms of social organization in societies around the world. The main goal of the course is to understand the importance of culture for both the individual and societies. Anthropological concepts that will be stressed include human culture and language, cultural relativism, holism, ethnocentrism, cross-cultural comparisons, field work, and theory. Topics include the nature of culture, subsistence methods, religion, linguistics, trade and economic systems, arts, kinship, marriage and family systems, technology, and change.

**ANTH 315 Cultures in Focus**

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** ENGR 150 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area IV  
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In this course, students will examine a variety of cultures with a focal emphasis on development problems. The historical and cultural context of development will be examined. The technological changes are examined as they impact ideological aspects of culture. Problems of overpopulation, underemployment, and famine will be studied.

**ANTH 317 Cultures of Southeast Asia**

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** ENGR 100 or ESLW 340 with a grade of "C" or better.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area IV  
**Catalog Date:** June 1, 2020

This course is an introduction to and comparison of the many cultures of Southeast Asia, including those in the countries of Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Cultural themes will include prehistory, gender, religion, the arts, cuisines, economies, social organization, colonialism, conflict, development, and migration. The course will include studies of Southeast Asian communities in the United States, the historical precedents of their arrivals, and some of the challenges that they face as minority cultures.

**ANTH 320 Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory**

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** ENGR 151 or ESLW 310 and ESLR 310 with grades of "C" or better.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area IV  
**Catalog Date:** June 1, 2020

This course is an introduction to the field of Archaeology and a survey of World Prehistory. Students will be introduced to the theories, concepts, and methods employed by archaeologists in the study of the human past. By examining the archaeological record of cultures in Africa, Europe, Asia, the Americas, and the Pacific Islands, students will explore the trajectory of human cultures from the Upper Paleolithic onward, using a range of case studies from around the world.

**ANTH 323 Introduction to Archaeology**
This course is an introduction to the concepts, methods, and theoretical perspectives employed in the scientific study of archaeology. Emphasis will be placed on how data is retrieved from the archaeological record and how it can be used to address questions about the development and evolution of human social systems. Topics include archaeological theory, survey and excavation methods, laboratory analysis, reconstructing past environments, and drawing conclusions about the past from archaeological data. This course will draw upon examples from the New World as well as archaeological examples worldwide. A field trip may be required. Research assignments will be assigned to students who cannot participate in a field trip.

ANTH 324 World Prehistory

This course is an archaeological survey of World Prehistory from the emergence of human culture through the development of early civilizations. By examining the archaeological record of cultures in Africa, Europe, Asia, the Americas, and the Pacific Islands, students will explore the trajectory of human cultures through several key developments including early ice age adaptations, origins of agriculture, establishment of permanent settlements, the rise of complex social organization, and specialized technologies.

ANTH 325 Archaeology of Mesoamerica

This course is a survey of the anthropology and archaeology of Mesoamerica. It includes an anthropological perspective of the characteristics of past and present Mesoamerican cultures, including languages, writing systems, mythological and religious traditions, social and political organization, gender roles, economic systems, agriculture and astronomy. The course reviews history from the pre-Columbian period through colonization and the current era, including contemporary ethnography and issues of representation. Students who took this course as ANTH 499 are not eligible to take this course.

ANTH 331 The Anthropology of Religion

This course surveys the forms and functions of supernatural belief systems and their associated rituals in various societies. Ethnographic examples are utilized in order to study beliefs and rituals within their sociocultural contexts. Comparisons are then drawn in order to understand the functions of religious and magical beliefs and rituals in human life.

ANTH 332 Native Peoples of California

This course provides a study of the Native inhabitants of California from the prehistoric period to the present time, in addition to offering an introduction to the diversity and complexity of aboriginal California. It includes the environmental adaptation, material culture, social structure, ideology, and response to change. This course meets the SCC Multicultural Graduation Requirement for comparative examination of diverse culture groups in the U.S. in addition to gaining perspectives on the great diversity of aboriginal cultures in California, the student will examine the impact of the other Native and non-Native groups on those cultures.

ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America

This course is an introductory survey of traditional Native American societies. In this course students will gain an understanding of the peoples and cultures of North America and evaluate native ecological adaptations, languages, social organizations, religion, mythologies and world view, and artistic representations. Perspectives on changes in traditional life and Native Americans' current social roles and statuses will be included.
ANTH 341 Introduction to Linguistics

This course will involve the student in the exploration of language from an anthropological perspective, including the biological basis of language, the role of language in social interaction and world view, minority languages and dialects, bilingualism, literacy, the social motivation of language change, and the impact of language loss. The student will also be introduced to the analytical techniques of linguistics and the demonstration of their relevance to language in sociocultural issues.

ANTH 480 Honors Biological Anthropology

This course is a seminar-style honors-level introduction to the science of biological anthropology. Topics will include: the field of anthropology; the scientific method; genetics and inheritance; natural selection; principles and mechanics of evolution; evidence of evolution; modern human variation; living primates; and the fossil evidence for human evolution. Honors courses are open to students who demonstrate an ability to write carefully reasoned, well-organized essays of varying lengths, are prepared to make clear oral presentations in class, and are able to actively contribute to seminar discussions. Credit may be earned for ANTH 480 or ANTH 300 but not for both.

ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology

This course is a seminar-style introduction to the variety of customs, traditions, and forms of social organization in a variety of western and non-western societies. The main goal of the course is to understand the importance of culture for both the individual and societies. Anthropological concepts will be emphasized including human culture and language, cultural relativism, holism, ethnocentrism, cross-cultural comparisons, fieldwork, and theory. Topics include the nature of culture, subsistence methods, religion, linguistics, trade and economic systems, arts, kinship, marriage and family systems, technology, and change. This honors section uses an intensive instructional methodology designed to challenge motivated students.

ANTH 495 Independent Studies in Anthropology

This course provides an opportunity to take a course in anthropology that covers topics that are not part of the regular curriculum. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.

ANTH 499 Experimental Offering in Anthropology

This course is a seminar-style offering in anthropology that covers topics that are not part of the regular curriculum. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.