
Anthropology (ANT)

(Behavioral Sciences Department)

ANT 101—Cultural and Social Anthropology

3 cr. (Fall/Spring)

A cross-cultural approach to human behavioral diversity, through the methods of cultural anthropology. This course will explore major dimensions of global human diversity, including language, subsistence, kinship, sexuality, gender, social structures, race, ethnicity, politics, religion, and economics through cross-cultural comparisons. Throughout, the course emphasizes a holistic perspective that highlights the many intersections between these topics and analyzes them according to several theories of social change. Fulfills Category C and Category E. (G3A, G6A)

ANT 102—Human Evolution

3 cr. (Fall)

This course applies Darwinian evolutionary theory to an examination of the position of the human species within the animal kingdom, the characteristics of primates, the evolutionary origins of human behavioral patterns, the fossil record of human evolution, the study of race, and continuing human evolution. Fulfills Category C. (G3A)

ANT 103—Archaeology and Prehistory

3 cr. (Spring)

This course investigates the contribution made by archaeological science to an understanding of the process by which human society evolved from earliest forms to the emergence of complex civilizations in various parts of the world prior to historical times. Fulfills Category C. (G3A)

ANT 104—Archaeological Field Experience

1 lect., 6 lab, 3 cr.

This is a three credit class designed to provide students with experience conducting archaeological research. Students will participate in all aspects of the field process including laying out a grid, excavating test pits, mapping, photographing, documenting the archaeological record, and recovering artifacts and features. Instructor-led lecture and discussion will begin each field day so that students are able to understand the larger context of the work they are doing. In addition, select field trips and guest speakers will provide additional context for the specific site to be investigated. Length of time in the field will be a minimum of 100 hours over four weeks.

ANT 105—Native Nations of North America

3 lect., 3 cr.

This course presents an anthropological, archaeological, historical, and sociological examination of the Native Peoples of North America. Through the course, students will explore the ancient pasts of Native Peoples as revealed through indigenous oral history and archaeology. The course will also cover the many ways Native Peoples were impacted by European settler colonialism as well as their reactions and resistance to that process. The course will end with a survey of important social, political, and environmental issues facing Native communities in the present. Throughout the course, an emphasis will be placed on prioritizing the voices of Native scholars and writers. (G5A)