COURSES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology Courses

ANT100 Intro To Anthropology
SB
Hours 3
This course introduces students to the subfields of anthropology and demonstrates the benefits of a holistic approach to understanding globalization, multiculturalism, and cultural diversity. The concepts of evolution, human prehistory, language, and culture are explored as well as the diversity of human cultural patterns, including variations in marriage, kinship, and religion. SB Credit.

ANT102 Intro Cultural Anthropology
SB
Hours 3
An introduction to the discipline of cultural anthropology, the branch of anthropology that examines the rules and behaviors of contemporary human cultures. The course will demonstrate the importance of a holistic approach to understanding human diversity, and compare and contrast the various developments cultures use to tackle the universal problems of human living. SB Credit.

ANT103 Discoveries In Archaeology
SB
Hours 3
This course examines the major archaeological discoveries of the last two centuries that have led to significant insight about the nature of human organization. Not only will some of the broader cultural patterns in human prehistory be explored such as the origins of writing, religion, art, calendar systems, agriculture, and cities, but we will also learn about several remarkable archaeological sites and phenomena, including Stonehenge, the pyramids of Egypt, upper Paleolithic cave paintings, Machu Picchu and many other impressive achievements of the past.

ANT106 Indians Of North America
SB
Hours 3
Comprehensive overview of the prehistory, history, and modern day cultural diversity of Native Americans throughout North America. Historical and technological developments of different native groups are explored including changes as a result of European contact and the more recent attempts to revitalize Native American culture.

ANT107 Intro To Archaeology
Hours 3
Overview of the methods archaeologists use to study prehistoric cultures and an introduction to the study of human culture over the past two million years.

ANT113 Indians Of Deep South
Hours 3
Introduction to the Native Americans of Alabama and their nearby neighbors. Focuses on describing and explaining lifeways of indigenous peoples using ethnographic, ethnohistoric, and archaeological studies.

ANT150 Evolution for Everyone
Hours 3
This course is designed to open students minds to what evolution is and how it applies to all life. Toward that end, we will view lectures given by evolutionary scholars from varied institutions and disciplines.

ANT208 Anthropology of Sex
Hours 3
This course is an introduction to human sexuality from a biocultural perspective with emphases on sexual diversity and pluralism and psychosexual evolution. It traces the evolution of human sociosexual behavior, including human sexual physiology, preproductive strategies; contemporary courtship, mating and marital patterns; gender differences in the brain and behavior; and sexual and social emotions. It compares the sexuality of humans to non-humans, especially to that of other primates. It also discusses human sexuality from the perspective of different cultures throughout the world. Among other topics, the course will address the psychobiocultural dimensions and implications of attraction, fidelity sex techniques, gender, incest, homosexuality and transsexuality and sexually transmitted diseases.

ANT210 Language And Culture
SB
Hours 3
Human activity in its linguistic, cultural, and social contexts; interrelationships between culture and natural language; and the influences of language and culture on thought and behavior.

ANT215 Anthropology in Movies and Fiction
Hours 3
Compares portrayals of anthropologists and core anthropological issues in movies and fiction to anthropological perspectives and scholarship.

ANT216 Ethnographic Cinema
Hours 3
This course is a survey of the history of ethnographic cinema. Students in this class will learn this history by viewing important ethnographic films and by discussing and critiquing the visual representation of culture and society in anthropology.

ANT250 Issues in Anthropology
Hours 3
This course is a flexible listing designed to cover specific topics in anthropology not already offered through an existing course. It is similar to ANT 450 Problems in Anthropology, but allows students with less exposure to ANT or the particular issues addressed an opportunity to learn more at a more introductory level.
ANT269 Field Archaeology
Hours 6-12
In this course students and the supervising archaeologists work together as a research team on an archaeological excavation. Students learn basic excavation techniques and skills: how to identify, map, measure, recover, record, and process archaeological data. At the conclusion of the course, students will have excavation experience and insights into the archaeological research process.

ANT270 Introduction to Biological Anthropology
Hours 0-3
An introduction to human evolution, biological variation, and adaptation, from the deep past to the present, with a special focus on the biocultural foundations of human nature. Students will become familiar with cutting edge evidence from the fossil record and molecular biology about our origins and prehistory, and how humans today respond to our widely varying physical and social environments.

ANT275 Race, Ethnicity Human, and Variation
Hours 3
Historical and contemporary perspectives on human biological diversity, including the concepts of race, ethnicity, adaptation, and some of the social implications of these views.

ANT311 Population, Health & Human Origin
Hours 3
Focuses on the relationships among human ecology, population growth, health and disease, and adaptation in modern and prehistoric societies. Explores the origins of infectious diseases, emphasizing the principles of epidemiology and evolution of pathogens.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 270

ANT312 Non-Human Primates
Hours 3
This course is an introductory survey of the world's living non-human primates. The focus is on the taxonomy, anatomy, behavior, ecology and cognition of our closest living relatives. It is intended both as a starting point for further coursework in primate behavior and as a survey course for non-science students.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 100 or ANT 270 or permission of the instructor.

ANT317 Anth-Modern Life
Hours 3
Application of anthropological theories and findings to selected issues and problems of living in complex industrialized societies. Offered according to demand.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 100 or ANT 102

ANT318 Ancient Cities & Empires
Hours 3
A comparative study of ancient cities and empires with examples from the Old and New Worlds.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 100 or ANT 103 or ANT 107

ANT319 Ancient New World Civilization
W
Hours 3
An introduction to the ancient civilizations of Mesoamerica and South America. Explores the development of economic and political institutions as well as hieroglyphic texts, art styles, and religious rites.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 107 or permission of the instructor.

ANT368 Southeastern Archaeology
Hours 3
Origin and development of pre-Columbian and early historic cultures of the Southeast. Offered according to demand.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 107

ANT401 Theory and Method in Linguistic Anthropology
Hours 3
Scientific study of natural language, phonology, grammar, lexicon, meaning and the role of linguistics in anthropological research.

ANT402 Gender Ethnicity & Health
W
Hours 3
Explores the gendered, ethnic, cultural, and class dimensions that underlie the patterning of disease and illness worldwide, with attention to the long-term health effects of racism, sexism and poverty. Topics include reproductive and sexual health, obesity, body image, HIV/AIDS, mental illness, homelessness, and more.
Prerequisite(s): Either ANT 100 or ANT 102 & 3 additional hours, or consent of instructor.

ANT403 Anthropology is Elemental: Teaching Anthropology in Primary and Secondary Settings
Hours 3
This course is an introduction to teaching anthropology at the primary and secondary levels. It is a service-learning course, which means that all students will serve as instructors in a local anthropology course offered in the Tuscaloosa area. This course will expose students to applied anthropology through teaching the anthropological perspective via an activity-based four-subfield curriculum in conjunction with local elementary schools, after-school programs, or similar community partners. These programs will be taught by teams, and each student will be responsible for attending weekly course meetings, developing curricular material and implementing it in a classroom setting, and co-teaching with other students.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 102, ANT 107, ANT 210 and ANT 270

ANT405 Culture, Mind, and Behavior
W
Hours 3
An examination of how culture influences individual thought, emotion, and behavior, and how culture is shaped by individual psychology. Topics include: models of culture; culture and visual perception; culture and personality; culture and mental health; as well as other topics.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 100

Writing

ANT407 Gender Ethnicity & Health
W
Hours 3
Explores the gendered, ethnic, cultural, and class dimensions that underlie the patterning of disease and illness worldwide, with attention to the long-term health effects of racism, sexism and poverty. Topics include reproductive and sexual health, obesity, body image, HIV/AIDS, mental illness, homelessness, and more.
Prerequisite(s): Either ANT 100 or ANT 102 & 3 additional hours, or consent of instructor.

Writing
ANT408 Ancient Mexican Civilization  
Hours 3  
Survey of the origins and development of ancient civilizations in Mexico.  
Prerequisite(s): ANT 107

ANT409 Ancient Maya Civilization  
Hours 3  
Ancient Maya civilizations in Mexico and Central America from the earliest inhabitants until the Spanish Conquest.  
Prerequisite(s): ANT 107

ANT410 Ethnography of Communication  
Hours 3  
Students in this course will learn to use the concepts and methods of ethnography of communication by developing and carrying out a research project on language and social interaction. You will learn how social interaction is organized, how to document and study it, and how to address such evidence to anthropology and applied problems. For undergraduates, the goal for the course will be for each student to produce a report based on their research and for the work to be of sufficient substance, quality, and intellectual and/or applied significance, that it would be an ideal submission for the UA Undergraduate Research & Creativity Conference in the following semester. Graduate students will produce a research report worthy of submission to a research conference of their professional scholarly organization. All students will finish the course with a critical and sophisticated understanding of how social interaction works in a variety of contexts.  
Prerequisite(s): ANT 401 or ANT 210 or permission from instructor

ANT411 Culture, Health, & Healing  
W  
Hours 3  
A cross-cultural overview of medical systems, and the health, illness, and healing experiences within them. Patients and healers will be studied through the lens of etiology, help seeking, diagnosis and treatment. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.  
Prerequisite(s): Either ANT 100 or ANT 102 & 3 additional hours, or consent of instructor.

ANT412 Peoples Of Europe  
W  
Hours 3  
A review of selected aspects of the customs, social systems, and cultures of European societies. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.  
Writing

ANT413 Peoples Of Latin Amer  
W  
Hours 3  
A review of selected aspects of Latin American social systems and cultures. Topics include social structure, ethnicity, economics, material culture, gender roles, religion, sports, and political systems. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.  
Prerequisite(s): Either ANT 100 or ANT 102 & 3 additional hours, or consent of instructor.

ANT414 Peoples Of Latin American  
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Hours 3  
A review of selected aspects of Latin American social systems and cultures. Topics include social structure, ethnicity, economics, material culture, gender roles, religion, sports, and political systems. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.  
Prerequisite(s): Either ANT 100 or ANT 102

ANT415 Peoples Of Latin America  
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Hours 3  
A review of selected aspects of Latin American social systems and cultures. Topics include social structure, ethnicity, economics, material culture, gender roles, religion, sports, and political systems. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.  
Prerequisite(s): Either ANT 100 or ANT 102

ANT416 Peoples Of Latin America  
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Hours 3  
A review of selected aspects of Latin American social systems and cultures. Topics include social structure, ethnicity, economics, material culture, gender roles, religion, sports, and political systems. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.  
Prerequisite(s): Either ANT 100 or ANT 102

ANT417 Peoples Of Asia  
W  
Hours 3  
A review of selected aspects of the customs, social systems, and cultures of South Asian societies.  
Prerequisite(s): ANT 100 or ANT 102

ANT418 Dev Non-West Cultures  
W  
Hours 3  
Theoretical and descriptive study of social change and development in non-Western societies. Major emphasis is placed on the effects of change on indigenous institutions. Both ethnographic and theoretical literature are examined.  
Prerequisite(s): ANT 100 or ANT 102

ANT419 Myth, Ritual, And Magic  
W  
Hours 3  
Survey of the anthropological literature on religion, including such topics as myth, ritual, magic, witchcraft, totemism, shamanism, and trance states. Offered according to demand. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.  
Prerequisite(s): ANT 102 or REL 100

ANT420 Ethnography  
W  
Hours 3  
Students work with University Libraries to develop research to address changes in information technology and the impact of such changes for UA students. Emphasizes the research design process as practiced by professional, applied anthropologists, including communicating roles and expectations with client stakeholders, developing testable hypotheses, operationalizing variables, and determining project scope, timeline, and budget.  
Prerequisite(s): 12 hrs of Anthropology or permission from instructor

ANT421 Ethnography  
W  
Hours 3  
Students work with University Libraries to develop research to address changes in information technology and the impact of such changes for UA students. Emphasizes the research design process as practiced by professional, applied anthropologists, including communicating roles and expectations with client stakeholders, developing testable hypotheses, operationalizing variables, and determining project scope, timeline, and budget.  
Prerequisite(s): 12 hrs of Anthropology or permission from instructor

ANT422 Cultural Resource Management  
W  
Hours 3  
This course is an overview of Cultural Resource Management archaeology, including the historical background and development of the field, the legal and regulatory framework to CRM archaeology, the methodologies and techniques employed, and how the legislative requirements are implemented at the federal, state, and local levels. Students will learn how to craft and submit proposals, develop and manage budgets, design and implement fieldwork, conduct and supervise data analysis, and how to author and submit reports. Upon completion of this course, students will be prepared for entering a career in CRM archaeology.

Writing
ANT426 Archaeology of East North America
Hours 3
Examination of the origins and developments of pre-Columbian and early historic cultures of eastern North America.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 107

ANT428 North American Archaeology
Hours 3
This course is an introduction to the archaeology of North America, from initial colonization of the continent by hunter-gatherers, to the arrival of European explorers. We begin with an examination of the theories and debates concerning the arrival of humans in the New World. The remaining majority of the course will be an in-depth examination of prehistoric archaeological developments in the major culture areas of North America.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 107 and 6 hrs of additional anthropology classes or permission of the instructor.

ANT431 Readings In Anth
Hours 1-3
Honors readings for seniors and graduate students. Offered with permission of instructor only. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours.

ANT432 Readings In Anthropology
Hours 1-3
Honors readings for seniors and graduate students. Offered with permission of instructor only. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours.

ANT436 Social Structure
Hours 3
Social organization and structure, social life and institutions (especially in non-literate societies), kinship, descent groups, marriage, residence, and local group composition. Offered every third semester.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 100 or ANT 102

ANT438 Anthropology of Art
Hours 3
The course views the art that societies past and present produce; it explores culture, creativity, and human beings' distinctive compulsion to make decorative objects.
Prerequisite(s): At least 6 hours of ANT courses, including ANT 102; OR permission of instructor

ANT439 Topics Anthropology Religion
Hours 3
An examination of contemporary issues and topics in the anthropology of religion.

ANT440 Culture
W
Hours 3
A selective review of past and contemporary concepts, theories, and methodological approaches adopted by cultural anthropologists. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Writing

ANT441 Documenting Justice I
Hours 3
Interdisciplinary course in ethnographic filmmaking, focusing particularly on analyzing the many dimensions of culture and social experience. Students produce a short documentary film on a story of justice or injustice in Alabama. Application and permission of instructor required.

ANT442 Documenting Justice II
Hours 3
Continuation of ANT 441.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 441

ANT444 Anthropology And Cemeteries
W
Hours 3
Using approaches developed in the discipline of anthropology and, more particularly, in the subfield of archaeology, an exploration of the different ways in which local cemeteries can yield information on cultural, societal, and historical matters. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Writing

ANT445 Historical Archaeology
Hours 3
This course is a survey of the method and theory of the discipline of historical archaeology. Focusing particularly on the historical archaeology of North America, this course reviews the development of the field, considers the related fields of colonial archaeology and the archaeology of the contemporary, and examines what distinguishes historical archaeology within the broader discipline.

ANT450 Probs In Anthropology
Hours 3
Devoted to issues not covered in other courses. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours.

ANT451 Undergraduate Research
Hours 1-6
Introduction to independent anthropological research with a focus on constructing testable hypotheses, selecting variables, measuring attributes, recording data, making interpretations and writing and presenting results.

ANT460 Anthropology and Museums
W
Hours 3
Examines the historical connections between anthropology and natural history museums in the United States. Explores the present operation of such museums and develops exhibits based on collection studies.
Writing
ANT466 Laboratory Methods Archaeology
Hours 3
This class is a "hands-on" course in archaeological laboratory methods and most useful for anthropology majors/minors. Students will read about different kinds of analyses, and then put theory into practice by classifying and analyzing prehistoric artifacts. Students will learn how to build interpretations of the past by using artifact assemblages, how to discriminate between reliable and less reliable information, and collaborate in group activities.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 103 or ANT 107

ANT467 Methods Prehistoric Iconography
Hours 3
An exploration of the concepts and methods used by prehistoric archaeologists to impute meanings in representational art.

ANT468 Ceramics for the Archaeologist
Hours 3
Ceramics are the most ubiquitous and variable materials on many archaeological sites and, as such, offer archaeologists a vast amount of information about the past. In this class, we approach ceramics from the perspective of research questions, and investigate how analytical techniques can help address them. The class also has a large practical component. Students will conduct analyses on collections and present their findings at the end of the class. This course is meant to provide a framework for developing hypotheses, methods and skills directly applicable to senior projects, MA theses, and Ph.D. dissertations.
Prerequisite(s): This is a course about archaeological research, therefore, it is restricted to undergraduates that have ceramic collections that they want to study as part of a senior or honor thesis. Undergraduate prerequisites for this course include 1) permission of the instructor, 2) 12 hours in anthropology, and 3) ANT 107 "Introduction to Archaeology"

ANT471 Fossil Humans and Evolution
Hours 3
Survey of the discoveries, methods, and theories that provide the background for modern research in macroevolution. Offered according to demand.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 270
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ANT473 Human Osteology
Hours 4
Detailed introduction to human osteology emphasizing the identification of fragmentary remains and the criteria for determination of age, sex, and race. Two hours-lecture, two hours-laboratory. Offered according to demand.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 270, and a "C" average.

ANT474 Neuroanthropology
Hours 3
This course provides an introduction to evolutionary and biocultural approaches within anthropology to the central and peripheral nervous systems and their interconnections. Topics include the evolution of the brain; how culture and social structure shape the brain, its development, and its activity; and anthropological perspectives on connections among culture, behavior, brain, mind, and body.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 270 or BSC 300 or PY 413

ANT475 Biology, Culture, & Evolution
W
Hours 3
An introduction to the biocultural and evolutionary bases of human adaptability. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Prerequisite(s): ANT 270
Writing
ANT476 Nutritional Anthropology
W
Hours 3
Introduction to anthropological inquiries in nutrition (including food habits, food systems, and dietary variability) from a cross-cultural perspective. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.

Writing

ANT478 Anthro of Human Development
Hours 3
Health culturally competent socialized adults and mature physical forms arise from a developmental process with evolutionary, biological, social and cultural dimensions. We survey child/human development from an anthropological perspective, considering interactions across levels of analysis from genes to culture.

Prerequisite(s): ANT 100 OR ANT 270

ANT479 Human Paleopathology
Hours 3
Course investigates skeletal pathology and trauma. Topics included:
1. Understanding disease processes, 2. Distinguishing accidental and violent trauma on bone, 3. Recognizing the following conditions in skeletal remains: congenital anomalies, circulatory disorders, joint diseases, infectious diseases, metabolic diseases, skeletal dysplasias, neoplastic conditions, diseases of the dentition and other conditions.
Students will inventory, evaluate and analyze sets of human skeletal remains for pathology and trauma and complete final reports on those remains.

Prerequisite(s): ANT 270

ANT480 Advanced Evolutionary Studies & Big Questions
Hours 3
This course is the capstone to the Evolutionary Studies minor and should be taken in the final semester of the program. This course meets in conjunction with "Evolution for Everyone," the minor introductory course to the minor, to revisit the basic principles and application of evolutionary theory. These courses are team-taught by faculty from around the University and integrate the Alabama Lectures of Life's Evolution series, so they are likely to be different for you in both iterations. The course will review applications of evolutionary theory in the natural, social, and applied sciences and in the humanities. Additionally, you will conduct or complete a culminating project during the first half of the semester. During the second half of the semester, you will present this to the class and submit an article based on your project for publication in a peer-reviewed science journal.

Prerequisite(s): ANT 150; BSC 220; & ANT 270, PHL 380 OR GEO 102