Anthropology Courses (ANTH)

Courses

Introduction to physical anthropology and archaeology with emphases on evolutionary theory, variation and adaptation, primatology, paleoanthropology, animal and plant domestication, and the rise to early civilization. (Fall and Spring)

ANTH 1002 (990:011). Introduction to Cultural Anthropology — 3 hrs.
Introduction to cross-cultural perspective on human behavior. Consideration of the nature of society and culture among diverse human groups, from hunter-gatherers to industrialized city dwellers, by examination of their technologies, economic systems, family life, political structures, art, languages, and religious beliefs and practices. Emphasis on non-Western societies. (Fall and Spring)

ANTH 2018. Food and Culture — 3 hrs.
This course examines the relationship between human food and culture from a holistic and comparative perspective. Key issues related to food, nutrition, and culture will be considered. Major topics include sociocultural and ecological underpinnings of human nutrition and the evolution of the human food ways and food systems; sociocultural, symbolic, and medical uses of food; food and ethnicity; food and class; food and gender; industrial food, fast food, and traditional food; the political economy of food overconsumption and malnutrition; food and equality; and global food justice. (Variable)

ANTH 2401. Tribal Religions — 3 hrs.
Tribal Religions is designed to provide students with an introduction to the religions and spirituality of indigenous societies from around the world. Special attention is given to the relationships between religion and the environment, and between religion and the social, political and economic organizations of a society. (Same as RELS 2401) (Fall)

ANTH 2420. Primate Behavior — 3 hrs.
Examination of behavior and appearance of nonhuman primates in response to environmental and social factors. Investigation of how diet, reproduction, and social interaction among prosimians, monkeys, and apes act as a foundation for interpreting the origins of humans and their behaviors. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010). (Fall)

ANTH 3001 (990:177). Language and Culture — 3 hrs.
Examination of how language use shapes and expresses cultural identity. Implications of linguistic diversity for world view, gender and ethnic identity, education, and cross-cultural communication. Prerequisite(s): PSYCH 1001 (400:001) or SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011). (Same as SOC 3001 (980:177)) (Spring)

ANTH 3080/5080 (990:120g). Immigration and Transnationalism — 3 hrs.
Comparative multi-disciplinary perspective on international migration and immigrant settlement strategies, with a focus on Western Europe and the United States. Topics cover the main theoretical and contemporary debates within the field of international migration. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as SOC 3080/5080 (980:120g)) (Variable)

ANTH 3101/5101 (990:164g). Psychological Anthropology — 3 hrs.
Psychological dimensions of sociocultural systems from a cross-cultural perspective. Analysis of universals and cultural variation in cognition, socialization, concepts of the self, emotion, and mental illness. Prerequisite(s): PSYCH 1001 (400:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as PSYCH 4607/5607 (400:164g)) (Spring)

ANTH 3102/5102 (990:168g). Culture, Disease, and Healing — 3 hrs.
Introduction to medical anthropology through examination of the interactions among culture, disease, and healing. Emphasis on non-Western medical systems. Topics include development of medical anthropology; the social fabric of health; the cultural context of health, illness, and disease. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as SOC 3102/5102 (980:168g)) (Variable)

This course emphasizes a comparative and anthropological approach to the study of religion, magic and witchcraft. Course content includes the study of classical theoretical frameworks that explain of religious beliefs and practices and in-depth discussions on diverse religious systems. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1002 (990:011) and junior standing; or consent of instructor. (Same as RELS 3103 (640:161)) (Spring)

ANTH 3104/5104 (990:167g). Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective — 3 hrs.
Evolutionary, biological, psychological, cognitive, social, and cultural theories of gender and gender inequality evaluated with respect to cross-cultural data. Prerequisite(s): PSYCH 1001 (400:001) or SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as PSYCH 4608/5608 (400:167g) and SOC 3411/5411 (980:167g)) (Spring)

Ethnographic survey of sociocultural systems developed by Native Americans north of Mexico. Emphasis on relationships that exist among ecological factors, subsistence techniques, social organizations, and belief systems; and the impact interactions with European and U.S. societies had on Indian lifestyles. (Same as HUM 3132 (680:132)) (Variable)

ANTH 3137 (990:137). Native Central and South America — 3 hrs.
Ethnographic focus on the sociocultural systems of the indigenous peoples of Mesoamerica, Amazon Basin, and the Andean Highlands. Emphasis on inter-relationships among environment, history, social organizations, and belief systems from a holistic and comparative perspective. (Same as HUM 3137 (680:137)) (Fall and Spring)

Historical perspective on the development of evolutionary thought and how it changed ideas in physical anthropology, including the theoretical foundations of the "modern synthesis", the race concept, primate studies, paleoanthropology, and human ecology and adaptation. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010); junior standing. (Spring)

ANTH 3202/5202 (990:152g). Human Biological Variation — 3 hrs.
Exploration of the processes and origins of human biological variability, adaptability, and responses to a changing environment. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010); junior standing. (Spring)
ANTH 3302 (990:142). Archaeology of the New World — 3 hrs.
Prehistory of North American Indians and major prehistoric cultures in
Central and South America, including the Aztec, Maya, and Inca,
traced from earliest arrival of peoples in the New World to time of
European contact. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010); junior
standing or consent of instructor. (Variable)

ANTH 3303 (990:143). Archaeology of the Old World — 3 hrs.
Prehistory of Africa, Asia, Europe, and Australia from dawn of
humanity to civilizations of Egypt, Indus Valley, Mesopotamia, and
China. Emphasis also on prehistory of simple hunter-gatherer cultures
in the Old World. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010); junior
standing or consent of instructor. (Variable)

ANTH 3420 (990:155). Forensic Anthropology — 3 hrs.
Introduction to methods used in the recovery of unidentified human
remains, their use in establishing identity, the post-mortem interval,
pathological defects and traumatic insults and reconstructing the
events surrounding death. Knowledge of the human skeletal anatomy
preferred. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010). (Fall)

ANTH 3431/5431 (990:171g). Interpreting the Archaeological
Record — 3 hrs.
Anthropological approaches to archaeology, including history of
research; formation of archaeological record; research design, data
collection, artifact analysis, classification, interpretation, dating,
and inference. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010); ANTH 1002
(990:011); 3 hours of 100/300/4000-level archaeology or consent of
instructor; junior standing. (Odd Falls)

ANTH 3440/5440 (990:125g). Introduction to Museum Studies —
3 hrs.
Exploration of history, public mission, working environment,
and ethical issues of museums. Discussion of practical skills and
theoretical issues of museum studies, exposing students to broad range
of museum types and career opportunities. Prerequisite(s): junior
standing. (Same as HIIST 4020/5020 (960:125g)) (Variable)

ANTH 3441/5441 (990:162g). Crime, Law, and Justice: A Global
Perspective — 3 hrs.
Exploration of similarities and diversity in crime, law, and social
control in a cross-cultural and global perspective. Examination
of case studies from traditional and contemporary; emphasis on
theoretical approaches from anthropology, sociology, and criminology.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior
standing. (Variable)

ANTH 3450 (990:172). Archaeological Fieldwork — 3-8 hrs.
Introduction to field research techniques (survey, excavation, and
mapping), laboratory processing, and hypothesis testing. Conducted in
the field. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1001 (990:010); consent of instructor.
(Summer)

ANTH 3470 (990:102). Conflict Resolution — 3 hrs.
Survey of social science theory and research in conflict resolution
with emphasis on development of less destructive modes of
problem solving in social formations. Prerequisite(s): SW 1001
or PSYCH 1001 (400:001) or SOC 1000 (980:001) or consent of
instructor; junior standing. [Same as SW 3102 (450:102) and
SOC 3090 (980:102)] (Fall and Spring)

ANTH 3501 (990:145). Research Experience in Anthropology —
1-3 hrs.
Research participation and/or independent supervised research
in anthropology. May be repeated for maximum of 6 hours.