

Anthropology

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Overview

The Department of Anthropology offers students the opportunity to study humankind from the broadest historical and geographical perspective. Courses in the department offer knowledge of social and cultural aspects of behavior, as well as the physical nature of humans. Lower division courses are intended to give a general understanding of human evolution, prehistory, and the nature of human cultures, while upper division courses elaborate particular themes.

The anthropology major is designed to serve two purposes: to provide a general education in anthropology for students who are pursuing a liberal arts education, and to provide preparation for graduate work for students who wish to become professional anthropologists. Students who do not intend to do graduate work in anthropology may plan their program with considerable freedom, so long as they fulfill the requirements of the major listed below. Students who plan to go on to graduate study, either at UC Berkeley or at another institution, should select a combination of courses to form a unified plan of study that meets special intellectual interests.

The collections and research facilities of the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology are available for study in archaeology, ethnography, physical anthropology, and related subjects by graduate and undergraduate students, and visiting scholars; the museum's exhibition hall is used for instructional and educational purposes, particularly in connection with classwork. Those interested may address the Director, 103 Kroeber Hall.

The Anthropology Library, 230 Kroeber Hall, is part of the campus library system. It contains nearly 70,000 bound volumes and receives 965 current serial titles. The Anthropology Library houses a large reading room and facilities for reading microfilm. It is open to all members of the University but serves primarily the faculty and students of the Anthropology Department.

Students seeking information on the Undergraduate Program may inquire at 209 Kroeber Hall. Students seeking information on the Graduate Program may inquire at 205 Kroeber Hall.

Major Requirements

Lower Division Prerequisites (3 total):

Anthropology 1, 2 or 2AC, and 3 or 3AC. The three lower division prerequisites may be taken in any order.

Upper Division Requirements (9 total):

- Anthropology 114: History of Anthropological Thought
- One course in biological anthropology (choose from Anthropology 100-112, 127A, 127B)

- One course in archaeology (choose from Anthropology 121-136J, 174AC)
- One course in social/cultural anthropology (choose from Anthropology 115-119, 138-189A)
- Five anthropology electives (choose five from Anthropology 100-196)
- The nine required upper division courses listed above must include at least one Area course and one Method course:
 - a. Area courses: 121-125B, 128A, 147C, 170-188, 189A
 - b. Method courses: C100, C103, 121C, 127A, 128M, 131-136J, 138B, 139, 169A, 169B, 189M

Courses taken to satisfy the Area and Method requirement also simultaneously satisfy one of the nine required courses. For example, taking Anthropology 189A will satisfy both the Area requirement and one of the five electives; Anthropology 132A would satisfy both the Method and the Archaeology Core.

All courses taken to satisfy the major requirements must be taken on a letter grade basis.

Students wishing to pursue a PhD in Anthropology should consider tracking their five elective requirements. (This concentration would not be noted on the transcript or diploma.) Faculty advisers are available to meet with students who have questions on how best to prepare for graduate work in Anthropology. See the undergraduate adviser in 209 Kroeber for a referral to one of the faculty undergraduate advisers.

A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in the lower and upper division Anthropology courses.

Lower division courses may be completed in any order. Start with the course that seems most interesting to you. *Note:* Anthropology 1 is offered once a year (either fall or spring) and during summer. Anthropology 2 and 3 are offered during both fall and spring of each year, and usually during the summer.

Anthropology 114 is only offered in the spring and should be taken no later than the spring of junior year.

Study Abroad

A maximum of four courses taken at other institutions, including those of the Education Abroad Program of the University of California, may be used to meet upper-division major requirements. Submit a Course Substitution petition and a detailed syllabus for each class you'd like evaluated to the undergraduate adviser in 209 Kroeber. *Note:* A course description alone is never sufficient for evaluation; a syllabus is always required for course evaluation.

Honors Program

The Honors Program in anthropology is an independently pursued course of research undertaken by qualified students under the mentorship of a faculty thesis adviser. A GPA of 3.3 overall, and 3.5 in the major in courses completed at Berkeley is required to qualify for the program. A year-long senior program, it may begin in either the fall or spring semester. The program requires the sponsorship of an anthropology professor as thesis adviser and a second reader. The honors courses, H195A and H195B, may also count as elective requirements for the major. Applications and more information are available at 209 Kroeber Hall.

Minor Requirements

Lower Division Requirements

Choose two from Anthropology 1, 2/2AC, or 3/3AC.

Upper Division Requirements

Any five anthropology courses. All courses must be taken for a letter grade, and the student must achieve a C average in all anthropology coursework. At least four of the five courses must be completed at Berkeley. For more information about the minor, please contact the undergraduate adviser in 209 Kroeber.

Preparation for Graduate Study

Admission to graduate studies at Berkeley does not presuppose a BA in anthropology. The graduate program is oriented toward the doctorate, and only candidates for the PhD will be accepted. The MA degree is awarded in the course of study leading to the doctorate.

Because of the number of students who wish advanced training, only a small percentage of applicants can be accepted. Applications are considered only once a year for the following fall semester. The deadline for applications is December 15.

Graduate Programs

Anthropology PhD Program

The Department of Anthropology offers a PhD in anthropology, with the subdisciplines of social-cultural anthropology or archaeology. The PhD in anthropology is concerned with diverse analytic and substantive problems in the contemporary world and includes research sites across the United States and around the world. For example, the PhD in anthropology might focus on globalization and political economy; gender and feminist analysis in archaeology and social-cultural anthropology; genomics and the anthropology of science and reason; folklore theory; ethno-archaeology; linguistic anthropology; paleo-ethnobotany; the anthropologies of tourism, food, energy, space, and the body; sexuality and difference; aging and the life course; cultural politics of identity, space, and the body; political ecology and agrarian micropolitics; coastal archaeology; urban anthropology and psychoanalytic anthropology.

The program for the PhD degree normally takes six years and is divided into three steps, as follows:

- **Step I:** The students begin to narrow down their interests to particular topical and geographical fields of specialization, a process that normally takes one year.
- **Step II:** Students attend seminars, prepare three field statements in their specializations, satisfy their language requirement, and prepare for their PhD oral qualifying examination. This step lasts one to two years. With the successful passing of the orals, students are advanced to candidacy for the PhD degree.
- **Step III:** Students undertake research for the PhD dissertation under a three-person committee in charge of their research and dissertation. Students do original field, laboratory, or library research, which generally takes a minimum of one year. The students then write the dissertation based on the results of this research. On completion of the research and approval of the dissertation by the committee, the students are awarded the doctorate.

For further information, please address correspondence to the Graduate Adviser, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA 94720.

Medical Anthropology PhD Program

General Information: The Department of Anthropology at Berkeley, and the Graduate Group in Anthropology at the University of California at San Francisco, currently offer a joint PhD in medical anthropology. Students may apply to enter the program through either the Berkeley or the San Francisco campus *but not to both*. The point of entry determines the student's home base during the program. Financial aid, primary advising, and other routine services are provided by the campus through which the student enters the program. All students, however, benefit by taking required coursework on both campuses and by the participation of the faculty on both sides of the program on all qualifying examinations and on the doctoral dissertation committees. The degree is the same and bears the name of both campuses.

Medical Anthropology: Medical anthropology entails the exploration of humans as simultaneously physical and symbolic beings in both contemporary and evolutionary contexts. As such, medical anthropology participates in anthropology as a whole, encompassing theory and practice from sociocultural, psychological, biological, biocultural, symbolic, and linguistic anthropology. It is concerned with questions of both theoretical and applied significance, and with research that is of relevance to the social sciences as well as to medicine and the biological sciences. Courses in bioevolutionary dimensions of disease are accompanied by seminars that explore pain, suffering, madness, and other human afflictions as a social language speaking to the critically sensitive or contradictory aspects of culture and social relations. Anthropological epidemiology asks the questions, "*Who* gets sick with what ailments?" (differential risks, forms of medical knowledge, and medical systems) and "*Why*?" (what social arrangements, cultural features, and biotechno-environmental forces account for these risks). Medical anthropology interprets individuals as actively constructing their medical realities and not simply adjusting to or coping with them.

Given the broad definition of medical anthropology, the joint graduate program at Berkeley-UCSF is extremely flexible, allowing for the individual needs and interests of each student. During the first year of training, students are required to take core courses in both sociocultural and biological aspects of medical anthropology, taught at both campuses. After the first year and successful completion of the preliminary qualifying examination, medical anthropology students develop a more specialized and individually tailored program under the supervision and guidance of their adviser.

For students entering Berkeley with a BA, the doctoral program is estimated to take between five and six years, as follows: three years of coursework, one to two years of dissertation research, and one to two years of writing the dissertation.

For a complete list of faculty, consult the Medical Anthropology brochure available from the Program Office, 232 Kroeber Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-3710, or the *Berkeley Bulletin* or catalog for the UCSF campus.

Applications to all graduate programs are considered once each year for admission the following fall semester. The application period opens in early September, and the deadline for receipt of both department and Graduate Division applications is December 15. Applications are screened by the anthropology faculty, and selections are made on the basis of academic excellence, letters of recommendation, GRE scores, relevant

experience, and a strong statement of intellectual and professional purpose.

The minimum requirement for admission to the Berkeley doctoral program in anthropology and in medical anthropology is a B.A. The UCSF program in medical anthropology requires a master's degree in anthropology or a related discipline, or a postbaccalaureate professional degree.

The Master of Arts in Folklore

The folklore program is designed to provide graduate students with a competent knowledge of both the materials of folklore and the various methods of studying these materials.

For information, see the Folklore section (<http://bulletin.berkeley.edu/archive/2013-14/departmentsandssubjects/folklore>) of this bulletin.

ANTHRO 1 Introduction to Biological Anthropology 4 Units

Department: Anthropology

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 1.5 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

An introduction to human evolution. Physical and behavioral adaptations of humans and their prehistoric and living relatives. Issues in evolutionary theory, molecular evolution, primate behavior, interpretation of fossils. Prehistoric activities, racial differences, genetic components of behavior are defined and evaluated.

Students will receive no credit for Anthropology 1 after taking Anthropology N1, XAnthropology 1.

ANTHRO N1 Introduction to Physical Anthropology 4 Units

Department: Anthropology

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 5.5 hours of Lecture and 2.5 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

An introduction to human evolution. Physical and behavioral adaptations of humans and their prehistoric and living relatives. Issues in evolutionary theory, molecular evolution, primate behavior, interpretation of fossils. Prehistoric activities, racial differences, genetic components of behavior are defined and evaluated.

ANTHRO 2 Introduction to Archaeology 4 Units

Department: Anthropology

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 1.5 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Prehistory and cultural growth.

Students will receive no credit for Anthropology 2 after taking Anthropology 2AC, XAnthropology 2AC but may remove a deficient grade.

ANTHRO 2AC Introduction to Archaeology 4 Units

Department: Anthropology

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 1.5 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Prehistory and cultural growth. Introduction to the methods, goals, and theoretical concepts of archaeology with attention to the impact archaeology has had on the construction of the histories of diverse communities - Native Americans, Hispanics, and Euro-Americans. It fulfills the requirements for 2.

Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Students will receive no credit for Anthropology 2AC after taking Anthropology 2, XAnthropology 2AC but may remove a deficient grade.

ANTHRO 3 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology 4 Units

Department: Anthropology

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week