

Anthropology

Overview

The Department of Anthropology offers students the opportunity to study what it means to be human from the broadest historical and geographical perspective. Courses in the department offer knowledge of social and cultural aspects of behavior as well as the biological nature of humans. Lower division courses are intended to give a general understanding of human evolution, prehistory, and the nature of human cultures. Upper division courses elaborate particular themes in contemporary issues such as media and communication, migration and demographics, science and technology, health, human-environmental dynamics, decolonization and indigenization, race and gender, disability, inequality, violence and social control, poverty and rights, and political and economic development.

Anthropology is a unique social science, bridging a range of knowledge from the biological and physical sciences to the humanities. Our curriculum equips students to be critical and engaged citizens who want to make a difference in the world. Anthropology provides students with the intellectual and practical skills they need to work in the contemporary and increasingly inter-connected world through courses that emphasize thoughtful exploration, discussion, writing, and lab skills. A background in anthropology can aid students to prepare in various careers such as government, science/technology, public health/medicine, or education, or provide the foundation for further graduate studies.

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Undergraduate Program

Anthropology (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2024-25/undergraduate/degree-programs/anthropology/>): BA, Minor

Graduate Programs

Anthropology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/anthropology/>): PhD, with specializations in archaeology, biological anthropology, and sociocultural anthropology
 Medical Anthropology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/medical-anthropology/>): Joint PhD (in cooperation with UCSF)

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Anthropology

ANTHRO 1 Introduction to Biological Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2024

An introduction to an evolutionary and biocultural perspective on evolutionary theory and basic human genetics; evolutionary and comparative biology of humans and our closest living relatives the nonhuman primates; origins of early humans and uniquely human anatomical and cultural development; and modern human variation, health, and adaptation.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 2 Introduction to Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2012, Spring 2006
 Prehistory and cultural growth.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 2AC Introduction to Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

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.

Rules & Requirements

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

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 3 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2013 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2010 First 6 Week Session

The structure and dynamics of human culture and social institutions.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 3 after taking 3AC; deficient grade in 3 may be removed by taking 3AC.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 3AC Introduction to Social/Cultural Anthropology (American Cultures) 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

The structure and dynamics of human cultures and social institutions from a comparative perspective with special attention to American cultures and their roots. Case studies will illustrate the principles presented in the course. It fulfills the requirements for 3.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 3AC after taking 3; deficient grade in 3AC may be removed by taking 3.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO R5B Reading and Composition in Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

Reading and composition courses based on the anthropological literature. These courses provide an introduction to issues distinctive of anthropological texts and introduce students to distinctive forms of anthropological writing, such as ethnography and anthropological prehistory. Readings will be chosen from a variety of texts by authors whose works span the discipline, from bioanthropology to archaeology and sociocultural anthropology. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week
8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO C12AC Fire: Past, Present and Future Interactions with the People and Ecosystems of California 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

The course presents a diachronic perspective on human-fire interactions with local ecosystems in California that spans over 10,000 years. The course will provide an historical perspective on human-fire interactions at the landscape scale using a diverse range of data sources drawn from the fields of fire ecology, biology, history, anthropology, and archaeology. An important component includes examining how diverse cultures and ethnicity influenced how people perceived and used fire at the landscape scale in ancient, historical and modern times. The implications of these diverse fire practices and policies will be analyzed and the consequences they have had for transforming habitats and propagating catastrophic fires will be explored.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructors: Stephens, Lightfoot, Nelson

Also listed as: ESPM C22AC/NATAMST C22AC

ANTHRO 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2022

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics may vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

ANTHRO 39 Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

ANTHRO 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-5 hours of seminar per week
8 weeks - 1.5-3.5 hours of seminar and 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

ANTHRO 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Organized group study on topics selected by lower division students under the sponsorship and direction of a member of the Anthropology Department's faculty.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor; freshmen or sophomore status

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 99 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2005, Summer 2004 10 Week Session, Spring 2004
Individual research by lower division students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor; freshmen and sophomores only

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-12 hours of tutorial per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of tutorial per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 105 Primate Evolution 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2013 Second 6 Week Session

A consideration of the major groups of primates with an emphasis on the evolution of behavior.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1 recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 106 Primate Behavior 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2024
Humans, apes, and selected monkeys are the primates of concern, and among this array patterns and degrees of social behavior vary greatly.

Lectures present a general introduction to behavior and its ecological context, the interaction of biology and behavior from an evolutionary perspective, and an examination of the roots of modern human behavior.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1 or Integrative Biology 32 recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 107 Evolution of the Human Brain 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Introduction to comparative vertebrate brain anatomy, neural development, and sensory-motor functions that are relevant to the study of human brain evolution and the evolution of uniquely human mental and behavioral capacities. Emphasis is on understanding the processes of evolution that are responsible for species differences in brain structure and function. Special attention will be given to animal communication, vocalization, neurolinguistics, and theories of language evolution.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division undergraduate standing and Anthropology 1 or equivalent or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Deacon

ANTHRO 108 Cross-cultural Mental Health: Biocultural Perspectives 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 1998, Spring 1997, Spring 1996

The intersections of mental health, biology, and culture, explored using a variety of anthropological, cross-cultural, and interdisciplinary perspectives. Uses a variety of theories and methods across anthropology – specifically from the traditions of the biocultural, medical, and psychological sub-fields – to meticulously dissect and critically engage with issues of mental illness, psychiatry, non-Western paradigms of psychological well-being. Considers “mental health” as an amalgamation of diverse and ever-changing subjective experiences, temporally complex social and political processes, and complex interactions between neurobiology, the mind, and pluralistic cosmologies of health, illness, and life.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 109 Psychoneuroendocrinology: Stress, Disease, and Health Inequalities 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 1999, Fall 1997, Fall 1996

This course explores the sophisticated and complex interactions between the brain, hormones, and behavior and their relevance to human development and health – a growing scientific field known as psychoneuroendocrinology. Topics include the multiple psychological and biological systems that make up psychoneuroendocrinological processes; evolutionary and developmental perspectives on the emergence and function of these mechanisms; the social experiences of stress, trauma, nurturance, and support; the psychoneuroendocrinology of physical, mental, and psychosomatic disease; and how historical, societal, and political dynamics of power structure the patterns of intersectional health inequities.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 110 Theory and Method in Physical Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A unitary view of past history and current trends in the field of Physical Anthropology, emphasizing schools of thought, important figures and major areas of research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 111 Evolution of Human Behavior 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

This course will ask to what extent human behavior in its various individual, group, social, and cultural dimensions can be understood using the relatively small number of basic principles provided by evolutionary biological considerations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 112 Special Topics in Biological Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

Varying topics covering current discoveries, research, theories, fieldwork, etc., in biological anthropology. Topics vary with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Anthropology 1 recommended

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 113 The Palaeopathological Perspective 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024

An exploration of the record and human experience of health and disease with specific focus on bioarchaeology, the study of human remains from ancient and recent archaeological contexts, using a biocultural approach. Evaluates how morbidity, prevalence, and mortality in the past are identified using a biocultural lens to analyze and interpret the etiology of disease in the past. Discusses how evolution and adaptation plays a central role in disease emergence and prevalence; how humans are agents in the co-evolution of infectious agents in food webs and ecosystems; and how people define and experience disease, illness, wellness and suffering in different cultural contexts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Anthropology 1

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 114 History of Anthropological Thought 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course will present a history of anthropological thought from the mid-19th century to the present, and will draw upon the major subdisciplines of anthropology. It will focus both upon the integration of the anthropological subdisciplines and upon the relationships between these and other disciplines outside anthropology.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 114A

ANTHRO 115 Introduction to Medical Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025, Fall 2023

Cultural, psychological, and biological aspects of the definitions, causes, symptoms, and treatment of illness. Comparative study of medical systems, practitioners, and patients.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 119 Special Topics in Medical Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Spring 2024, Spring 2022

Special topics in cultural, biomedical and applied approaches to medical anthropology.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division status and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO C119A Inequality and the Body: Health, Medicine, Society and Environment 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Introduces students to intersections between health, medicine, society, and environment through medical and environmental anthropology, political ecology, medical geography, and the social studies of science, technology and the natural environment. Readings, discussions, and assignments will explore the sociocultural, political economic, and environmental aspects of illness, care, disease, biomedicine, and health (in)equity.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Critically assess social and health issues appearing in scholarly

publications and the popular press;,, Practice communicating ideas and analyses in language that can be generally understood;,, Work with

classmates from multiple disciplines and backgrounds in order to realize the importance of multidisciplinary approaches for solving social and health inequities;,, Apply sociocultural, political economic, and critical theory frameworks for understanding conflicts in the

realms of public health, global health, medicine, and public policy.,, Demonstrate knowledge in major areas of health and society in

relation to current debates in medical anthropology and cognate social sciences;,, Engage with increasingly popular subfields of the medical

social sciences including those on issues of health inequities, care, medical science, sickness, anguish, and resistance.

This course will provide an overview of key theoretical and methodological approaches as well as central arguments to understand

the relationships between health, medicine, society and environment. The course will lend context and highlight concepts that are important

to understandings of and movements toward social and health equity.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).

Also listed as: ESPM C162A

ANTHRO 121A Historical Archaeology: American Material Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2003, Summer 2002 10 Week Session, Fall 2000
Formerly 121. Patterns in material culture as it reflects behavioral and psychological aspects of American culture since the 17th century. Topics include architecture, domestic artifacts, mortuary art, foodways, and trash disposal. Euro-American, African American, and Native-American examples are considered.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 121AC American Material Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2018
Patterns in material culture as it reflects behavioral and psychological aspects of American culture since the 17th century. Topics include architecture, domestic artifacts, mortuary art, foodways, and trash disposal.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Anthropology 2 or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Anthropology 121AC after completing Anthropology 121A.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 121B Historical Archaeology: Theoretical Approaches in American Historical Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Fall 2003, Spring 1997

This course will provide a background in the theoretical and methodological development of American historical archaeology, with particular emphasis on the ways in which archaeologists have approached the integration of archaeological, documentary, oral historical and ethnohistoric data. Emphasis on continuing theoretical developments in the discipline. Politics of historical archaeology, and ways in which historical archaeologists and other public historians make the past relevant to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 121C Historical Archaeology: Historical Artifact Identification and Analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2022

Learn to work with historical artifacts from the stage of recovery through the stages of analysis and interpretation. The focus is on the analysis of materials (i.e., ceramic, glass, metal, bone, shell artifacts) recovered from historic sites. Skills acquired include how to identify, date, record, illustrate, photograph, catalog, and interpret historical archaeological materials through a combination of lectures, lab exercises, and a research paper.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 121A, 121AC, or 121B recommended and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 7.5 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 3.5 hours of lecture and 6 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 122A Archaeology of the Americas: Archaeology of North America 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Fall 2016

Archaeological understanding of ancestral cultures in North America from the end of the last ice age (ca. 20,000 years before the present) up to the time of sustained European contact (beginning ca. 500 years ago). Emphasis on variability of cultural expression in each region and historical continuities between archaeological materials and contemporary Native American communities. Topics include: earliest sites known to archaeology; development of foraging societies in the far west and far north; origins of agriculture and village life; and the emergence of politically complex societies in the southwest and Eastern Woodlands.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 122B Culture Contact in North America 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2002, Spring 1999

This culture examines the implications of early encounters between Native Americans and Europeans, including how indigenous peoples responded to European contact and colonialism, and how the outcomes of these encounters influenced cultural developments in postcolonial contexts. The study employs a holistic approach that integrates evidence from archaeology, ethnography, ethnohistory, linguistics, biological anthropology, and native oral traditions. Case studies from the Caribbean, Florida, Louisiana, Virginia, Alaska, Hawaii, and California will be included.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 122C Archaeology of the Americas: Archaeology of Central America 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2021, Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session

A survey of what archaeology can tell us about the pre-Columbian cultures of Central America: the Olmec, Maya, Aztec, and their neighbors.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 122D Archaeology of the Americas: World of Ancient Maya 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2014

A survey of the history of development of Maya society and culture in Central American prior to European contact in the 16th century AD.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 122E Archaeology of the Americas: Andean Archaeology: People of the Andes 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

This course covers the archaeology and history of the indigenous societies of the Andean region of South America. The lectures and readings emphasize major political, economic, social, and symbolic processes in the development of the Andean civilizations. Particular attention is paid to the development of the early states along the coast of Peru. The development of major centers in the highlands, and the relationship between the political, economic, and religious systems of the later empires and earlier political structures and social processes, are also emphasized.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 122F Archaeology of the Americas: California Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2015, Spring 2012

Prehistory of California Indians; selected archaeological sites and current issues in interpretations.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 122G Archaeology of the Americas: Archaeology of the American Southwest 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2008, Spring 2006

This course will outline the development of vative cultures in the American Southwest from Paleo-Indian times (ca. 11,500 BC) through early European contact (ca. A.D. 1600). Topics to be covered include the greater environment, early foaging culture, the development of agriculture and village life, the emergence and decline of regional alliances, abandonment, and reorganization, and changes in social organization, external relations and trade. The course is designed as an advanced upper division seminar for students majoring in anthropology with an emphasis in archaeology. Can be taught as a distance learning course with another university.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 122H African American Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2022 Second 6 Week Session

This course uses archaeological data from across the United States to think about the role archaeology has played in defining and informing society about Black Americans. African American archaeology uses folklore, anthropology, and history as well as empirical data gleaned from archaeological sites to inform us about Black pasts. This course starts with the first archaeology conducted on Black heritage sites and continues to the present practice of community-based collaborative research.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 123A Old World Prehistory 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2020

This course explores the dramatic developments in human evolution, behavior and culture that accompany the emergence of prehistoric human society, from our earliest Palaeolithic ancestors who first ventured out of Africa over a million years ago to the origins of settled farming economies and the first urban environments. Focusing on the Old World, we trace these interconnected transitions in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The archaeological record forms our dataset, providing a rich record of economic and technological developments, settlement, architecture, burial practices, art, ideology, and social organization.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: None

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 123B Old World Cultures: Archaeology of Africa 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011

This course provides an overview of the archaeological history of the African continent. Through case studies, it will explore Africa beginning with human evolution and cultural development to later colonial encounters and their impacts. It will also examine how groups and governments have used the past in politics, and the roles heritage plays in contemporary African Societies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

10 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 123C Old World Cultures: Archaeology of Europe 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2007, Spring 2006, Spring 2002

Selected topics and research problems in the archaeology of the Pleistocene and/or post-Pleistocene of Europe.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 123E Old World Cultures: Mediterranean Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2015 First 6 Week Session, Spring 1999

Prehistory and early civilizations of the Mediterranean basin and its hinterland.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 124A Pacific Cultures: Archaeology of the South Pacific 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2013

Selected topics and research problems in the archaeology of the southern Pacific from prehistory through to the establishment of complex chiefdoms in many locales. Stress on current issues and interpretations.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 124B Hawaiian Ethnohistory 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 1996

Developmental foundations of the 20th-century multicultural society of Hawaii, during the period 1778-1900, explored through an explicitly anthropological perspective. The following ethnic groups are emphasized: Native Hawaiians, British-American whites, Chinese, and Japanese.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or equivalent or consent of instructor

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO C125A Archaeology of East Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Prehistoric and protohistoric archaeology in China, Japan, and Korea.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: EA LANG C175

ANTHRO C125B Archaeology and Japanese Identities 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2007

Course explores stereotypical images of traditional Japanese culture and people through archaeological analysis. Particular emphasis will be placed on changing lifeways of past residents of the Japanese islands, including commoners, samurai, and nobles. Consideration will be given to the implications of these archaeological studies for our understanding of Japanese identities.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: JAPAN C176

ANTHRO 126M Geoarchaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Spring 2016

Humans have always been affected by changes in their landscape and, in turn, had an influence on their physical surroundings. The contexts that archaeological material and features are found within yield invaluable clues as to how sites form, what types of activities people performed in them, and what kinds of natural and cultural processes altered the archaeological record from deposition to excavation. This course introduces the methods of studying archaeological remains from an environmental context in order to reconstruct the relationships between people and the environment, drawing on case studies from different areas of the world.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Anthro 2/2AC Introduction to Archaeology

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 8 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 127A Bioarchaeology: Introduction to Skeletal Biology and Bioarchaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

An introduction to skeletal biology and anatomy to understand how skeletal remains can be used in reconstructing patterns of adaptation and biocultural evolution in past populations, emphasizing a problem-based approach to bioarchaeological questions.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1, Biology 1B

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 127A after taking either C103 or Integrative Biology C142.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 10 hours of laboratory per week
8 weeks - 3.5 hours of lecture and 7.5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 127B Bioarchaeology: Reconstruction of Life in Bioarchaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2013, Summer 2010 First 6 Week Session

This course deals with the skeletal biology of past populations, covering both the theoretical approaches and critical analysis of methods used in the study of skeletal and dental remains, and is considered the continuing course for those that have already taken introduction to skeletal biology, 127A.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 127A or C103/Integrative Biology C142L is required

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 127C Bioarchaeology Research: Data Collection and Analysis 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Bioarchaeology is the study of archaeological human skeletal remains together with contextual information (archival, historical, material culture) to provide insight on the life of people and communities in the past. In this course you will delve into the formative contemporary literature and get to work with actual archaeological skeletal remains in order to learn bioarchaeological methods, develop your own research questions, and conduct and complete a hands-on research project. You will work with skeletal remains from the stage of identification, inventory, illustration/photography, to the collection of data such as sex, age, stature, and health/growth, pathology, and statistical analysis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: - Consent of Instructor - Anthropology 1 AND - Anthropology 127A or Anthropology 127B or Anthropology C103/Integrative Biology C142

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Agarwal

ANTHRO 128 Special Topics in Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Current topics in method and theory of archaeological research, varying with instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 128A Special Topics in Archaeology/Area 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2019

Special topics in archaeology which meet the area requirement for the anthropology major.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 recommended

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

10 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 128M Special Topics in Archaeology/Method 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Summer 2021 First 6 Week Session

Special topics in archaeology which meet the method requirement for the anthropology major.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 recommended

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 129 Topical Areas in Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2001, Fall 1997

These courses explore contemporary topics in archaeology that transcend time periods or cultural areas. Courses may be taken in any sequence.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 129A Topical Areas in Archaeology: Prehistoric Art 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2013, Fall 2006

Draws on study of art in non-literate societies and on archaeology to explore a range of prehistoric arts in cultural contexts; e.g., rock art; Ice Age Arts; prehistoric ceramics. Uses illustrative materials from the Hearst Museum.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2. (2 or 3 for 129A.)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 129B African Diaspora Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025

An overview of the archaeology of African Diaspora sites occupied between the 13th and 20th centuries, including the ways economics, environments, networks, governments, religions and culture coalesced to create vibrant black communities around the world. An investigation of the roles anthropology and archaeology have played in defining, informing, and promoting images of black people throughout time, and some of the ways archaeology has impacted African diasporic communities.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 129C Topical Areas in Archaeology: Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherers 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2018

Course will provide an overview of hunter-gatherer archaeology, focusing on the history of hunter-gatherer archaeology in North America and Britain; long-term changes in hunter-gatherer subsistence, settlement, mortuary/ceremonial practices and crafts/trade; social archaeology of hunter-gatherers including studies of gender, cognition, and cultural landscapes; and discussions of the relevance of hunter-gatherer studies in the context of world archaeology.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2. (2 or 3 for 129A.)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 129D Human Palaeoecology: How Humans Changed the Earth 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024

Since the end of the Pleistocene and especially with the development of agriculturally based societies humans have had cumulative and often irreversible impacts on natural landscapes and biotic resources worldwide. Thus "global change" and the biodiversity crisis are not exclusively developments of the industrial and post-industrial world. This course uses a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing upon methods and data from archaeology, palynology, geomorphology, paleontology, and historical ecology to unravel the broad trends of human ecodynamics over the past 50,000 years.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 129E Topical Areas in Archaeology: Household Archeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2015 10 Week Session, Summer 2015 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2012

This class explores the questions: why study the archaeology of households? How do we define households and how can we identify and study them archaeologically? What research questions, strategies, and methodologies does the archaeological investigation of households entail? How does the study of households contribute to multiscale approaches for understanding social organization? Why is this important? What are the causes and effects of changing scales of analysis?

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2. (2 or 3 for 129A.)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO C129F The Archaeology of Health and Disease 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2011

This course explores how archaeologists and bioarchaeologists study human families' and communities' conceptualizations and experiences of health and health care cross-culturally and through time. Students will be exposed to case studies drawing upon skeletal and material cultural evidence.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: L & S C140U

ANTHRO 130 History and Theory of Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2007

A critical review of the historical background and philosophical premises of past and present anthropological theory with respect to its concepts of time and change.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 136

ANTHRO 132A Analysis of Archaeological Materials: Ceramics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Summer 2011 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2008

Discussion of and laboratory instruction in methods of analysis of ceramics used by archaeologists to establish a time scale, to document interconnections between different areas, sites, or groups of people, to suggest what activities were carried out at particular sites, and to understand the organization of ceramic production itself.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 8 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 6 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 134 Analysis of the Archaeological Record 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

Guidance in the preparation of excavated materials for publication, including sampling and analysis strategy, drawing, photography and write-up.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 7.5 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 5.5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 134A Field Course in Archaeological Methods 6 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session
Practical experience in the field study of archaeological sites and materials. Coverage may include reconnaissance, mapping, recording, and excavation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

4 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 20 hours of fieldwork per week

15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture and 8 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture and 40 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: 133 and N133

ANTHRO 135 Paleoethnobotany: Archaeological Methods and Laboratory Techniques 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

An introduction to the basic approaches and techniques in archaeobotanical analysis. A series of different data types and their unique approaches will be discussed, including phytoliths, pollen, and DNA, with an emphasis on macrofloral remains. Laboratory study will include the major classes of plant remains likely to be encountered in archaeological sites. Discussion will emphasize the use of plant remains to answer archaeological questions, rather than study the plant remains for their own sake. Microscope work and computing will be included.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 7.5 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 5.5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 135B Environmental Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Spring 2022

The major issues, research objectives, databases, and techniques involved in the study of past society's relationship and interaction with the natural environment. Particularly methods that use "noncultural" information in archaeological research, but with a cultural orientation. Major subjects addressed will be paleoenvironmental reconstruction; human-environment interaction, impact, and environmental degradation; paleodiet and domestication; land-use and social environments; with an emphasis on ecofactual analysis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 136A Museum Exhibit Curation and Design 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2017, Fall 2011

A practical introduction to contemporary museum approaches to exhibition design, with particular application to the design of exhibits that present cultural heritage in anthropology, art, and natural history museums. Both the theory of museum exhibit design and practice will be covered, including critiques of representation; issues of cultural heritage; conversation, education, and installation standards; and incorporation of interactivity, including through digital media.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 4 hours of studio per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 10 hours of studio per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 7.5 hours of studio per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 136B Introduction to Museum Methods 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session

This course will introduce participants to the fundamentals of contemporary museum practices. It is intended for two groups of students: individuals who may be thinking of conducting research in museums, and may benefit from an understanding of the way these institutions work; and individuals who may be thinking of museum work as a post-graduate career. The course will include both discussion of museum concepts and practical application of these concepts through real-world exercises. While the course fulfills the method requirement, it covers practices of art, natural history, and science museums as well.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 136D Introduction to Heritage Conservation 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023

This course provides an overview of the origins, history, and execution of heritage conservation with an emphasis on the United States. You will discuss and ponder the motivations for historic preservation regulations in the United States, the role they play in community development, and how these regulations articulate with the wider field of heritage conservation.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 136F Cultural Heritage in the Popular Media 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016

This course will engage students in critical reading of popular media, both in print and digital form, that present to different public audiences the kinds of objects and sites understood as "cultural heritage". Starting with controversies that have been widely covered by mainstream newspapers, popular science magazines (including in online posts), and also commented on by bloggers and microbloggers, students will explore how scholarly information enters into popular circulation, including for general readers, policy makers, and specialized audiences.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 136G Cultural Policy: Cultural Heritage and Cultural Diplomacy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Fall 2016

This course frames museums within issues of cultural heritage (repatriation, the international traffic in antiquities, intangible cultural heritage) and cultural diplomacy (implementation of the UNESCO Convention, development and circulation of collaborative international exhibitions). Students will gain a basic understanding of the structure of western museums; the history of the universal museum; relationships between cultural property and national identity; and contemporary cultural policy issues.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Joyce

ANTHRO 137 Energy, Culture and Social Organization 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

This course will consider the human dimensions of particular energy production and consumption patterns. It will examine the influence of culture and social organization on energy use, energy policy, and quality of life issues in both the domestic and international setting. Specific treatment will be given to mind-sets, ideas of progress, cultural variation in time perspectives and resource use, equity issues, and the role of power holders in energy related questions.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 138A History and Theory of Ethnographic Film 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2022 First 6 Week Session

The course will trace the development of ethnographic film from its beginnings at the turn of the century to the present. In addition to looking at seminal works in the field, more recent and innovative productions will be viewed and analyzed. Topics of interest include the role of visual media in ethnography, ethics in filmmaking, and the problematic relationship between seeing and believing. Requirements include film critiques, a film proposal, and a final exam.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or 114

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 138B Field Production of Ethnographic Film 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Summer 2022 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2018

This course is devoted to training students in methods of ethnographic field film production. Based on the previous coursework in Anthro 138A, students will work toward the production of an ethnographic video from elected project proposals. In addition to weekly discussions of student projects, guest consultants and lecturers will lend their expertise on aspects of production as well as editing.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 138A

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 7.5 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 5.5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 140 The Anthropology of Food 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

This course examines the place of food in society and includes discussions of identity, taste, taboos, ritual, traditions, nationalism, health, alcohol use, civilizing society, globalism, and the global politics of food.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or equivalent or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

10 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 141 Comparative Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

Theories of social structure, functional interrelationships of social institutions. Primary emphasis on non-Western societies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 142 Climate Change and the Senses 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2009, Spring 1975

This course is intended to be an introduction for students interested in the critical study of climate change. It does so by pursuing questions about the psychic and social forms of life shaped by technologies used to understand, represent, and manage climate change. Of primary concern is what these technologies tell us about the formation of subjectivity and how people sense changes in weather and climate over time. We will explore a variety of cultural and historical locations, and a diverse set of ideas related to climate change such as catastrophe, uncertainty, the Anthropocene, and vulnerability.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: ANTHROPOLOGY 3AC or Consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ANTHRO 142 after completing ANTHRO 142. A deficient grade in ANTHRO 142 may be removed by taking ANTHRO 142.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Vaughn

ANTHRO 146 Cities of the Global South 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Examines urbanization of cities in the Global South resulting from the intersection of projects articulated globally and locally by agents of development (nation-states, corporations, real estate developers, elite investors, municipalities, world agencies, NGOs) and insurgent practices of urban poor, middle classes, immigrants, youth, street dwellers, under-employed laborers, and "marginals" who build cities and transform, derail, and reconstitute development projects in work and residence.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ANTHRO 146 after completing ANTHRO 146. A deficient grade in ANTHRO 146 may be removed by taking ANTHRO 146.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Holston

ANTHRO 147A Anthropology of Gender 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2000, Fall 1999

The course explores major developments within feminist theory in the 20th century within an international context, with special attention to issues of class, culture, race, ethnicity, and sexuality.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 147C Queer Ethnographies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2004, Spring 2004

This seminar engages in a broad reading of classic and contemporary ethnographies of non-mainstream genders and sexualities. Our emphasis will be on understanding anthropology's contribution to and relationship with gay and lesbian studies and queer theory. Over the course of the semester, we will be reading and talking about what constitutes a queer ethnography and the history and future of an anthropology of sexuality.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO C147B Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2019

An introduction to social theory and ethnographic methodology in the cross-cultural study of sexuality, particularly sexual orientation and gender identity. The course will stress the relationships between culture, international and local political economy, and the representation and experience of what we will provisionally call homosexual and transgendered desires or identities.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or Sociology 3

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: LGBT C147B

ANTHRO 148 Anthropology of the Environment 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2014 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2013, Spring 2004

Surveys anthropological perspectives on the environment and examines differing cultural constructions of nature. Coverage includes theory, method, and case materials extending from third world agrarian contexts to urban North America. Topics may include cultural ecology, political ecology, cultural politics of nature, and environmental imaginaries.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 149 Psychological Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

In the contemporary world, different systems of knowledge, philosophies, and techniques of the self, understandings of normality and pathology, illness and healing, are increasingly engaged in a dialogue with each other in the lives, on the bodies, and in the imagination of people. The terms of this dialogue are often unequal and painful, yet they are also productive of new subjectivities and new voices. It is the task of a renewed psychological anthropology to study and reflect on these processes. Topics to be covered in this class include new forms of the subject and ethics at the intersection of psychical/psychiatric, political, and religious processes and discourses; ethno-psychiatry, psychoanalysis, the psychology of colonization and racism; anthropological approaches to possession and altered states, emotion, culture, and the imagination, madness and mental illness. The specific stress will be on the stakes of anthropology of the psyche today, for an understanding of power and subjugation, delusion and the imagination, violence, and the possibility of new forms of life.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2.5-1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 150 Utopia: Art and Power in Modern Times 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2023

Modern times have been dominated by utopian visions of how to achieve a happy future society. Artists in competing social systems played a central role in the development of these visions. But artistic experiments were filled with paradoxes, contributing to the creation not only of the most liberating and progressive ideals and values but also to the most oppressive regimes and ideologies. The course questions: what is art, what can it achieve and destroy, what is beauty, artistic freedom, and the relationship between esthetics, ethics, and power?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 151 Disability and Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2005, Fall 2002, Spring 2001

Disability is a cultural construct. This does not mean that physical and mental impairments are not real, but that our conceptions of the body and its possibilities and impossibilities are constantly mediated through social norms and mores. The built environments and social institutions we navigate are based around these concepts of the "normal." Using ethnographic examples drawn from various countries around the world, and various disability categories, we examine the contingency of the categories of disability and normality from social, legal, and personal perspectives.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 155 Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2013

This upper division course presents episodes in the understanding of anthropos (man, humanity, civilization, etc.) in its modern figuration. The course will juxtapose the conceptual repertoire of key thinkers about modernity, and will examine episodes in the history of the arts and/or sciences.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 156 Anthropology of the Contemporary 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2012

This course is an introduction to the conceptual field of "the contemporary," a stylization of both old and new elements that stands in contrast to "modernity", and "post modernity", and which opens up inquiries into the actual state of things, particularly for anthropology.

Anthropology 155, while not required, is highly recommended as a prerequisite.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 156A Politics and Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

Anthropological concepts relevant to the comparative analysis of political ethnography and socio-political change. Particular attention will be given to the interrelations of culture and politics.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 156B Culture and Power 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2007, Fall 2002

The course examines how representations are situated within fields of power and, in turn, how political considerations are translated into cultural forms. Topics include: philosophy and history of social science, power/knowledge, the social, difference and power, social science and ethics.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 157 Anthropology of Law 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Comparative survey of the ethnography of law; methods and concepts relevant to the comparative analysis of the forms and functions of law.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 158 Religion and Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2020

A consideration of the interplay between religious beliefs and institutions and other aspects of culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 159 Indigenous Perspectives in Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course examines the relationships among colonialism, anthropological research, Indigenous people, and the work of Indigenous anthropologists. It examines the role of anthropology in furthering colonial agendas and critiques of colonialism by Indigenous scholars, and surveys the work of contemporary Indigenous anthropologists. It focuses particular attention on the ongoing impact of anthropological research on Indigenous people, and the different ways in which Indigenous anthropologists use anthropology to speak back to, and against the Western anthropological tradition and canon.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 160AC Forms of Folklore 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

A world-wide survey of the major and minor forms of folklore with special emphasis upon proverbs, riddles, superstitions, games, songs, and narratives.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

10 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 161AC Creole Tradition 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session

This course explores vernacular art, music, religion, and folklore from the overlapping regions of the Gulf of Mexico and Greater Caribbean. Students will learn about syncretic traditions that were forged under colonialism and the slave trade in places including Cuba, Haiti, and Louisiana. Students will engage modes of expression ranging from décima poetry to carnical masking, from funeral rituals to blues improvisation, with an eye to understanding how creole traditions are sustained through networks of migration, exchange, and struggle.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 162 Topics in Folklore 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2021

Special topics in folklore or ethno-musicology.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 166 Language, Culture, and Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024

Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This course examines the complex relationships between language, culture, and society. The materials in the course draw on the fields of linguistic anthropology, linguistics, sociolinguistics, philosophy of language, discourse analysis, and literary criticism to explore theories about how language is shaped by, and in turn shapes, our understandings about the world, social relations, identities, power, aesthetics, etc.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 168 Anthropology of Science, Technology and Data 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024

This course provides an advanced introduction to key conceptual work in the anthropology of science, technology, and knowledge production. The course examines how truth-effects are produced in the world, and how people know what we know. It explores the social and political arrangements "built into" or materialized through the infrastructures and objects that help structure lives in the U.S. and globally. It asks how new information technology, media platforms, and data-rich practices change the questions of knowledge and truth. It examines such things as life by algorithm, data mining, the self-tracking movement (especially vis-à-vis health), and the infrastructures of "the cloud".

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for ANTHRO 168 after completing ANTHRO 168. A deficient grade in ANTHRO 168 may be removed by taking ANTHRO 168.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required, with common exam group.

ANTHRO 169A Data Analysis and Computational Methods 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010

This course capitalizes on a successful approach of using definitional formulas to emphasize concepts of statistics, rather than rote memorization in both qualitative and quantitative anthropology. This conceptual approach constantly reminds the students of the logic behind what they are learning. Procedures are taught verbally, numerically, and visually, to reach students with different learning styles.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 169B Research Theory and Methods in Socio-Cultural Anthropology 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Introduction to research problems and research design techniques. Will involve local field research on the collection, analysis, and presentation of data. This course requires 15 hours of work per week including class time, outside work and preparation. One section meeting per week will be required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 169C Research Theory and Methods in Linguistic Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

This course provides an introduction to selected theories and methods in Linguistic Anthropology, with a focus on topics of relevance to ethnographic fieldwork. Readings and lectures are organized into three modules: Linguistic categories and their consequences for thought, the effects of social context on meaning, and the empirical basis of research on language.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division undergraduate standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Hanks

ANTHRO 170 China 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Chinese culture and society with an emphasis on the village level.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 171 Japan 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This course offers an introductory survey of Japan from a four-field anthropological perspective. It is open without prerequisite to anyone with a curiosity about what is arguably the most important non-Western society of the last 100 years, and to anyone concerned about the diverse conditions of modern life. We will range over many aspects of contemporary Japan, and draw on scholarship in history, literature, religion, and the various social sciences.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 174AC California Historical Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2017, Summer 2016 First 6 Week Session

Combining historical archaeology, ethnohistory, and ethnography, this course will take account of ethnic groups and their interaction in early colonial California; Native Americans; mission, presidio, pueblo, and rancho communities of Spanish/Mexican California; Russian frontier society at Fort Ross; and American expansion into California, especially the Gold Rush. The course will also examine how the colonial past affects ethnic relations and cultural identity among contemporary California Indians.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 179 Ethnography of the Maya 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023

An introduction to the anthropological study of Maya people in Southern Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize. The course focuses on certain parts of the Maya region, emphasizing selected themes and problems. We will explore regional history through the development of Maya studies and the historical transformations of Maya societies. These themes will be traced through studies of the Classic Maya, the Spanish conquest and colonization, indigenous resistance and rebellion, and recent pan-Maya activism.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 recommended

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 179 after taking 188 spring or fall 2001.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 180 European Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2014, Spring 2013

Representative groups in historical and modern perspective. Rural-urban relationships and the dynamics of change.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 181 Themes in the Anthropology of the Middle East and Islam 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2022, Fall 2018

Cultures of the contemporary Near East, with special emphasis upon Arab populations.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Anthropology 3 recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 15-15 hours of lecture and 0-5 hours of discussion per week

6 weeks - 8-8 hours of lecture and 0-2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6-6 hours of lecture and 0-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Pandolfo

ANTHRO 183 Topics in the Anthropological Study of Africa 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

The course will focus on African societies and cultures, as well as on issues relating to the history of Africanist anthropology. Images and constructs of Africa or Africans will thus be contextualized in relation to prevailing anthropological theories at different times, and in different regions of the continent.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 and/or 114

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 184 South Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2016, Fall 2014

Cultural traditions, social organization, and social change, with an emphasis on India and Pakistan.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 186 Power and Politics in Southeast Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2000

This course highlights Southeast Asia as an important region for the study of politics and power from an anthropological perspective. It sheds light on how notions of "power" stemming from the unique political histories of Southeast Asia might help us rethink its role in governmentality, knowledge-producing practices, and in creating the conditions for political legitimacy. We will examine how various forces shaped what power came to be in time and place. We will examine how this legacy continues in terms of patron-client networks, the meaning of political legitimacy, and ways of seeing sex and gender.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

ANTHRO 189 Special Topics in Social/Cultural Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Various topics covering current research theory, method; issues of social and cultural concern; culture change, conflict, and adaptation. May combine more than one subdiscipline of Anthropology.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 189A Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology/Area 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2016

Special topics in cultural anthropology which meet the area requirement for the major.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 recommended

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO H195A Senior Honors 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Systematic readings in history and modern theory, collection and analysis of research materials, and the preparation of an honors thesis. Group or individual tutorials.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to honors students

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of tutorial per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of tutorial per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO H195B Senior Honors 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

Systematic readings in history and modern theory, collection and analysis of research materials, and the preparation of an honors thesis. Group or individual tutorials.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to honors students

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of tutorial per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of tutorial per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 196 Undergraduate Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Seminar for the advanced study of the subject matter of a previously given upper division course, emphasizing reading and discussion.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 3.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ANTHRO 197 Fieldwork 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 10 Week Session, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
Individual field experience sponsored by a faculty member; written reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper-division status; consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-36 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 1.5-18 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

Undergraduate research by small groups.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 60 units; good academic standing

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of directed group study per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ANTHRO 199 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2023 10 Week Session, Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2022 First 6 Week Session

Supervised independent study and research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Folklore

FOLKLOR C261 Theories of Narrative 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011, Summer 2006 10 Week Session, Spring 2006

This course examines a broad range of theories that elucidate the formal, structural, and contextual properties of narratives in relation to gestures, the body, and emotion; imagination and fantasy; memory and the senses; space and time. It focuses on narratives at work, on the move, in action as they emerge from the matrix of the everyday preeminently, storytelling in conversation--as key to folk genres--the folktale, the legend, the epic, the myth.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C261

FOLKLOR C262A Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C262A

FOLKLOR C262B Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C262B

FOLKLOR C288 Vernacular Art 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

Studies in vernacular art and expression. Topics will vary from semester to semester.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

8 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: HISTART C288

FOLKLOR C292 Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Collaboration in ethnographic praxis on a local and global scale in folkloristics, sociocultural, linguistic, media, and medical anthropology, producing projects grounded in meaningful engagement with communities. Graduate students, working with lay mentors and faculty, will design and begin implementation of projects that break through infrastructures of theory, research, pedagogy, and practice that reproduce racial hierarchies and that erase anti-racist alternatives.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C292

FOLKLOR 298 Readings in Folklore 3 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FOLKLOR 299 Directed Research 3 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-6 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-15 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 5.5-11 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.