

# ANTHROPOLOGY

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## College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences

### Department of Anthropology

#### Degree Roadmaps

#### Bachelor of Arts

General Anthropology Concentration  
Applied Anthropology Concentration  
Archaeology Concentration  
Biological Anthropology Concentration

#### Minor

Anthropology  
Indigenous Peoples of America

#### Certificate

Cultural Resource Management

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## Program Description

The Department of Anthropology offers undergraduate students course work in the five anthropological subdisciplines: ethnology, archaeology, biological anthropology, applied anthropology and anthropological linguistics. In addition, courses focus on contemporary disciplinary research, area studies and societal applications of anthropological knowledge.

By majoring or minoring in Anthropology, a student gains a better understanding of people's behavior within cultural settings. Anthropology studies the varied nature of human experience in American society and in the cultures of the world. Through this study of people, their lifestyles and how they adapt to cultural change, both present and past, a student is better prepared to comprehend human behavior. What distinguishes anthropology from other disciplines concerned with people is its holistic perspective or encompassing view, and its central concern with the concept of culture.

The Department of Anthropology, in the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, offers a major and minor in the discipline. Majors may choose between the General Anthropology concentration, Biological Anthropology concentration, Applied concentration, or the Archaeology concentration. With additional applied work in Cultural Resource Management, the student will be awarded a certificate.

Comparative and evolutionary, scientific and humanistic, Anthropology provides a unique opportunity for broadening and integrating one's view of human existence. Goals of the major concentration in General Anthropology include an understanding of cultural heritage along

with a general overview of the significance of cultural change, whether that change be ongoing, from the past, or anticipated in the future. Acquainting students with the cross-cultural perspective and cultural pluralism also are major goals of the General Anthropology concentration.

The major concentration in Archaeology is designed to provide the undergraduate student with a strong background in general anthropology, archaeology and cultural preservation. It stresses anthropological theory, archaeological methodology, field research, data collection, area studies and applications of the field to cultural resource management. In the face of rapid population expansion and increased development, public concern has grown to protect the quickly diminishing cultural resources related to our ancestral and traditional heritage. In addition to the concentration, the department offers a certificate in Cultural Resource Management to those students who complete the program and demonstrate competence in applied aspects of the field.

The major concentration in Biological Anthropology is designed to provide the undergraduate student with a strong background in general anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology and research methods. It stresses biological anthropology research methodology, field research, data collection and statistical methodology.

The major concentration in Applied Anthropology is designed to provide the undergraduate student with a strong background in general anthropology, applied anthropology and research methods. It stresses applied anthropology research methodology, field research, data collection, statistical methodology and service learning. One of the pillars of an applied anthropology focus is to stress community engagement and application of anthropological theoretical framework to the field.

The Minor in Anthropology complements a major in other disciplines and professional programs such as biology, health sciences, art, communications, history, philosophy and the other behavioral sciences. Students have the opportunity to develop a focused minor in consultation with an advisor in specialized areas such as medical anthropology, New World cultures, physical anthropology, cognitive anthropology, etc.

## Features

A current description of research projects and other activities is available at [www.csudh.edu](http://www.csudh.edu) (<https://www.csudh.edu>). The Robert J. Franklin Anthropology Laboratory is equipped for student study of archaeological collections. Several comparative collections have been developed for analysis of artifactual materials from Southern California archaeological sites. A variety of computers and technical equipment is available that can be used to measure, analyze and compile data applicable to archaeological research. In addition, the laboratory possesses anthropometric and photographic equipment, and specimens for the study of comparative primate anatomy.

Students are provided the directed opportunity to experience archaeological and ethnographic fieldwork in the context of course work and extracurricular research activities. Learning and research opportunities often are arranged in local communities as part of on-going faculty research. Internships with local museums, research organizations and in corporate settings are often arranged through the CSUDH center for Services learning, Internships, and Civic Engagement.

Field studies in archaeology are often offered in the spring semester, making use of sites at the Rancho Dominguez, Baja California, and other

localities in the vicinity of the university. Students are instructed in field and laboratory research procedures.

The Archaeology Concentration and Cultural Resource Management Certificate Program is the only undergraduate program of its kind in the Los Angeles Basin.

## Academic Advisement

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor whose experience and expertise most closely reflects their own interests and career plans. An advisor will provide educational and professional guidance during the undergraduate curriculum. Advisors are familiar with disciplinary opportunities and current directions and can assist with career planning. In addition, the academic advisor can recommend or refer students to other campus services such as skills assessment, development and enhancement. Advisors will assist in verifying that each student completes university and departmental requirements.

## Preparation

Students will find classes in the following areas useful to the appreciation of anthropological course work: history, ancient civilizations, art history, biology, geography, earth science, foreign languages and social studies.

Transfer students with previous course work in anthropology should consult with an advisor to determine which courses are transferable for lower and upper division units towards completion of the major or minor.

## Career Possibilities

The Department of Anthropology provides undergraduate training for students interested in developing careers in academic, research and applied aspects of the discipline. Often postgraduate work is useful or required in certain job categories. However, persons with anthropological background are employed in a wide range of service areas: education, government, environmental and socioeconomic consulting, medical research, planning, social services, personnel, marketing/advertising, international business, law, tourism and a variety of occupations for which knowledge and appreciation of cultural diversity is important. Students should discuss career objectives with an academic advisor in order to develop an appropriate curriculum and research interests.

## Graduation with Honors

Undergraduate students may be candidates for graduation with Honors in Anthropology if they meet the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 36 units in residence at CSU Dominguez Hills.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.5 in all courses used to satisfy the upper division requirements for the Anthropology major.
3. Recommendation by the faculty of the Department of Anthropology.

## Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

### Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

### Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

### General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/double-counting-general-education-courses/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

### Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/graduate-writing-examination/>)" in the University Catalog.

### Major Requirements (45 units)

Students must fulfill requirements in the Common Core (30 units, see below) and requirements for one of the Concentrations: General Anthropology, Archaeology, Biological, or Applied (see below).

Students must select one of the listed concentrations.

All courses applied to the B.A. in Anthropology must be passed with a grade of "C" or better.

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

### Common Core Requirements (30 units)

#### 1. Lower Division Required Courses (9 units)

- ANT 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ANT 101 Intro to Biological Anthro (3)
- ANT 102 Ancient Civilizations (3)

#### 2. Upper Division Required Courses (15 units)

- ANT 312 Language And Culture (3)
- ANT 354 Biological Anthropology (3)
- ANT 388 Anthro Theories Of Behav (3)
- ANT 390 Applied Anthropology (3)
- ANT 490 Proseminar in Anthropology (3)

#### 3. Select one course from each of the following groups (6 units)

##### a. Ethnography (3 units)

- ANT 330 North American Indians (3)
- ANT 337 Ethnography and Film (3)
- ANT 338 Mainland Southeast Asia (3)
- ANT 339 Mexico and Central America (3)
- ANT 342 South America (3)
- ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

##### b. Ethnology (3 units)

- ANT 310 Culture & Personality: Psychological Anthropology (3)
- ANT 315 Magic & Religion (3)
- ANT 336 Comparative Cultures: Culture, Environment and Globalization (3)
- ANT 341 Folklore (3)
- ANT 360 Visual Anthropology (3)
- ANT 389 Transmission Of Culture (3)
- ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

### Concentrations

Each Anthropology major must select one of the concentrations listed below:

**General Anthropology Concentration (45 units)****A. Common Core (30 units)****B. Upper Division Required Courses (3 units)**

ANT 375 Ethnographic Meth & Tech (3)

**C. Select one course from each of the following groups and an additional course from one of the groups (12 units)****1. Archaeology (3-6 units)**

ANT 313 Meth & Tech In Arch (3)  
 ANT 333 Ancient Peoples Of Mexico (3)  
 ANT 350 Prehistory: Africa & Eurasia (3)  
 ANT 351 Prehistory of the Americas (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**2. Biological (3-6 units)**

ANT 352 Human Osteology (3)  
 ANT 353 Forensic Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 355 Human Variation (3)  
 ANT 456 Quantitative Methods for Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**3. Applied (3-6 units)**

ANT 345 Medical Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 346 Anthropology Of Work (3)  
 ANT 455 People Culture, and the Environment (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**Archaeology Concentration (45 units)****A. Common Core (30 units)**

ANT 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 101 Intro to Biological Anthro (3)  
 ANT 102 Ancient Civilizations (3)

**B. Upper Division Required Courses (3 units)**

ANT 313 Meth & Tech In Arch (3)

**C. Select two courses from the following (6 units)**

ANT 350 Prehistory: Africa & Eurasia (3)  
 ANT 351 Prehistory of the Americas (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**D. Select one course from each of the following groups (6 units)****1. Biological (3 units)**

ANT 352 Human Osteology (3)  
 ANT 353 Forensic Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 355 Human Variation (3)  
 ANT 456 Quantitative Methods for Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**2. Applied (3 units)**

ANT 345 Medical Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 346 Anthropology Of Work (3)  
 ANT 455 People Culture, and the Environment (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**Biological Concentration (45 units)****A. Common Core (30 units)****B. Upper Division Required Courses (3 units)**

ANT 352 Human Osteology (3)

**C. Select two courses from the following (6 units)**

ANT 353 Forensic Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 355 Human Variation (3)  
 ANT 456 Quantitative Methods for Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**D. Select one course from each of the following groups (6 units)****1. Archaeology (3 units)**

ANT 313 Meth & Tech In Arch (3)  
 ANT 333 Ancient Peoples Of Mexico (3)  
 ANT 350 Prehistory: Africa & Eurasia (3)  
 ANT 351 Prehistory of the Americas (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**2. Applied (3 units)**

ANT 345 Medical Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 346 Anthropology Of Work (3)  
 ANT 455 People Culture, and the Environment (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**Applied Concentration (45 units)****A. Common Core (30 units)****B. Upper Division Required Courses (3 units)**

ANT 375 Ethnographic Meth & Tech (3)

**C. Select two courses from the following (6 units)**

ANT 345 Medical Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 346 Anthropology Of Work (3)  
 ANT 455 People Culture, and the Environment (3)  
 ANT 456 Quantitative Methods for Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**D. Select one course from each of the following groups (6 units)****1. Archaeology (3 units)**

ANT 313 Meth & Tech In Arch (3)  
 ANT 333 Ancient Peoples Of Mexico (3)  
 ANT 350 Prehistory: Africa & Eurasia (3)  
 ANT 351 Prehistory of the Americas (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**2. Biological (3 units)**

ANT 352 Human Osteology (3)  
 ANT 353 Forensic Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 355 Human Variation (3)  
 ANT 495 Selected Topics In Anthropology (1-4)

**Minor in Anthropology (15 Units)**

The minor consists of five courses in anthropology. In consultation with an advisor, a specialized minor focusing on a specific aspect of

anthropology can be developed in an area such as: Medical Anthropology, Human Evolution, Applied Anthropology, Educational Anthropology.

## Requirements

### A. Lower Division Requirements (6 units)

Select two courses from the following:

ANT 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)  
 ANT 101 Intro to Biological Anthro (3)  
 ANT 102 Ancient Civilizations (3)

### B. Upper Division Requirements (9 units)

Select three upper division Anthropology courses

## Minor in Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (12 Units)

### IPA Program Learning Outcomes

The interdisciplinary minor in Indigenous Peoples of the Americas focuses on the indigenous peoples of North, Central, and South America. The minor includes courses from four academic disciplines in three colleges. The Indigenous Peoples of the Americas minor provides students with an understanding of and respect for historic and contemporary Native Peoples of the Americas, and it serves our students who have a Native American heritage. The minor helps to prepare students for a variety of careers in the public, non-profit, and private sectors, where knowledge of Native American history and culture is important. For further information, contact the Department of Anthropology.

## Requirements

### A. Select one course from the following (3 units)

All students in the IPA minor must take at least one of the following core courses. These courses provide comprehensive converge of indigenous cultures and history in North America.

ANT 330 North American Indians (3)  
 HIS 342 Native American History (3)

### B. Select two courses from the following (6 units)

All students are required to take two of the following courses. These courses focus exclusively on the themes relevant to indigenous peoples of the Americas or on specific indigenous groups/regions within the Americas.

ANT 333 Ancient Peoples Of Mexico (3)  
 ANT 334 Mesoamerica Past and Present (3)  
 ANT 342 South America (3)  
 ANT 351 Prehistory of the Americas (3)  
 HIS 376 Film As History (3)  
 HIS 380 Women In History (3)

**Note:** An advisor may approve the use of any 395 or 495 course for Area B of the IPA minor if the student can provide documentation indicating the course content meets the criteria discussed in Area B.

### C. Select one of the following (3 units)

All students must take one of the following courses. These courses include components that focus on indigenous peoples of the Americas, and also include discussion of non-indigenous peoples.

ANT 315 Magic & Religion (3)  
 HEA 468 Multicultural Health (3)  
 HIS 340 American West (3)  
 HIS 368 Mexico: Colonial (3)

HIS 369 Mexico: National Period (3)

SPA 490 Seminar in Special Topics in Literature and Linguistics (3)

**Note:** An advisor may approve the use of any 395 or 495 course for Area C of the IPA minor if the student can provide documentation indicating the course content meets the criteria discussed in Area C.

## Certificate in Cultural Resource Management

In addition to the course work listed for the major concentration in Archaeology, the awarding of the certificate is based on demonstrated applied experience in the professional aspects of Cultural Resource Management. Students must demonstrate competence in at least two of the following areas:

1. Intensive archaeological or ethnographic field experience relating to Cultural Resource Management; this experience must extend beyond an introductory field course.
2. Laboratory analysis in which the student demonstrates knowledge of methods and techniques in handling, processing, and interpreting either archaeological or ethnographic findings.
3. Report preparation experience in which the archaeological or anthropological aspects of Cultural Resource Management are stressed.

The applied experiences required for the Certificate in Cultural Resource Management can be obtained through independent study, enrollment in a special topics course, volunteer training, internships or actual professional experience of reasonable duration gained through employment in cultural resource management programs or projects. Arrangements for such experiences and individual competencies need to be made in advance under the guidance of the program coordinator and the department chair. Consultation should take place as soon as possible after the student selects this certificate program and also periodically while participating in the program.