Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Anthropology

The Anthropology Department at the University of Kansas

Anthropologists are concerned with the origin, history, and future of the human species. Our mission is to further our understanding of past and present human societies in their cultural, biological, and environmental contexts. As flows of people, ideas, money, and goods are crossing borders at unprecedented speeds, we are encountering human diversity now, more than ever before. The discipline provides students the knowledge and skills they will need to navigate these complex, multicultural, and rapidly changing worlds. Because we study what it is to be human, the field is one of the most wide-ranging of the academic disciplines.

There are four main subdisciplines of anthropology: Archaeology is concerned with studying the human past based on the material culture left behind. Biological or physical anthropology is concerned with human evolution and variation. Linguistic anthropology focuses on the relationship between language and culture, as well as the documentation of the history and evolution of languages over time and across space. Cultural anthropology is concerned with the many ways humans organize themselves to live together, questioning past and present patterns of meaning and power relationships on local and global scales. Anthropologists across all of the subdisciplines apply holistic, comparative, and evolutionary perspectives and a range of methodologies in their research. We are committed to fieldwork and the application of this knowledge to helping people better understand one another.

Why Study Anthropology?

Students have many reasons for wanting to major in anthropology. Some are curious about the origins of the human species. Others are fascinated by the diversity of human experiences in ancient and modern periods. Some students intend to pursue international careers, where they will use languages and work in cultural contexts very different from those in which they were raised. Others plan to work in museums collecting and curating human cultural resources. Some wish to pursue graduate training in one or more of the field’s subdisciplines, while others seek to use their anthropological training as preparation for professional schools, including law, medicine, public health, journalism, business, and engineering. There are many professions where the broad scientific, humanistic, and multicultural knowledge available through the study of anthropology can be useful—in education, healthcare, law, social work, business, human resources, public affairs, cultural resource management, or laboratory research.

Anthropological Research Opportunities at KU

- Laboratory of Biological Anthropology (LBA): Founded in 1975, the LBA was established as a research center of the University of Kansas. The LBA has supported graduate and undergraduate student research in biological anthropology, human genetics, and genetic epidemiology.

- Archaeological Research Center: Located in historic Spooner Hall on the main campus, the archaeology laboratory offers research space and support to Anthropology faculty and graduate students, Archaeology staff, Museum Studies interns, affiliate curators and research associates and visiting scholars.

- Field Schools: Anthropology faculty offer field schools in archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology. Undergraduates and graduate students have conducted independent and collaborative research in the United States, including Alaska; Mexico, Central, and South America; sub-Saharan Africa; and Asia.

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Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

First- and Second-Year Preparation

To complete the requirements for the degree in 4 years, the department recommends the following:

1. Prospective majors should have completed all general education and language requirements no later than the end of the fall semester of the junior year.
2. Prospective majors should meet with the undergraduate advisor upon declaration of the major
   a. to assess their progress toward completing the degree in 4 years, and
b. to develop a plan for their course work in their remaining semesters.

3. Prospective majors are advised to take required courses in part 1 before the junior year.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major

A minimum of 31-34 hours is required. The major offers a systematic introduction to each of the subdisciplines along with advanced training in specific areas. These normally are taken before moving on to upper-level courses. Students should select courses listed in part 2 in consultation with faculty advisors.

Anthropology Core Knowledge and Skills

Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas. Two should be at the 300 level.

Anthropology Core Knowledge and Skills

Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:

Succeeding in Anthropology. (1)

Satisfied by:

ANTH 102  Succeeding in Anthropology 1

Fundamentals of Physical Anthropology (3)

Satisfied by one of the following:

ANTH 104  Fundamentals of Biological Anthropology
ANTH 105  Fundamentals of Biological Anthropology, Honors
ANTH 304  Fundamentals of Biological Anthropology

Introduction to Linguistics or Language in Culture & Society (3)

Satisfied by one of the following:

ANTH 106  Introductory Linguistics
ANTH 107  Introductory Linguistics, Honors
ANTH 320  Language in Culture and Society
ANTH 321  Language in Culture and Society, Honors

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or the Varieties of Human Experience (3)

Satisfied by one of the following:

ANTH 108  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 109  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Honors
ANTH 308  Fundamentals of Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 160  The Varieties of Human Experience
ANTH 162  The Varieties of Human Experience, Honors
ANTH 360  The Varieties of Human Experience

Introduction to Archaeology (3)

Satisfied by one of the following:

ANTH 110  Introduction to Archaeology
ANTH 111  Introduction to Archaeology, Honors
ANTH 115  World Prehistory
ANTH 310  Fundamentals of Archaeology

Anthropology Subdiscipline Required Electives

Majors must complete a course in the following areas. Majors should consult with their academic advisor to select courses that best meet their interests.

- Archaeology. Satisfied by completing at least 1 course in archaeology from ANTH 313-319, ANTH 406-419, ANTH 500, ANTH 504-526, ANTH 604-619.
  ANTH 313  New Discoveries in Archaeology 3
  ANTH 315  The Prehistory of Art 3
  ANTH 317  Prehistory of Europe 3
  ANTH 318  Peoples of the Great Plains 3
  ANTH 397  Museum Anthropology 3
  ANTH 406  Archaeological Research Methods 3
  ANTH 410  Archaeological Myths and Realities 3
  ANTH 415  The Rise of Civilization 3
  ANTH 418  Summer Archaeological Field Work 1-8
  ANTH 419  Training in Archaeological Field Work 1-6
  ANTH 500  Topics in Archaeology: ______ 3
  ANTH 504  North American Archaeology 3
  ANTH 505  Prehistory of Eastern North America 3
  ANTH 506  Ancient American Civilizations: Mesoamerica 3
  ANTH 507  The Ancient Maya 3
  ANTH 508  Ancient American Civilizations: The Central Andes 3
  ANTH 509  Ancient Central America 3
  ANTH 512  Ethnography: ______ 3
  ANTH 514  The Near East in Prehistory 3
  ANTH 515  Topics in Old World Prehistory: ______ 3
  ANTH 516  Hunters and Gatherers 3
  ANTH 517  Geoarchaeology 3
  ANTH 518  Environment and Archaeology 3
  ANTH 519  Lithic Technology 3
  ANTH 520  Archaeological Ceramics 3
  ANTH 521  Zoarchaeology 3
  ANTH 522  Paleoethnobotany 3
  ANTH 523  Great Plains Archaeology 3
  ANTH 605  Mortuary Practices in the Archaeological Record 3
  ANTH 619  Field Concepts and Methods in Geoarchaeology 3
  ANTH 705  Technological Change: ______ 3
  ANTH 710  History of American Archaeology 3
  ANTH 715  Seminar in North American Archaeology 2-4
  ANTH 718  Seminar in Latin American Archaeology: ______ 3
  ANTH 720  Seminar in Old World Prehistory: ______ 2-4
  ANTH 799  Anthropology Museum Apprenticeship 1-6

- Biological Anthropology. Satisfied by completing at least 1 course in biological anthropology: ANTH 340-359, ANTH 440-459, ANTH 503, ANTH 540-559, ANTH 640-659.
  ANTH 340  Human Variation and Evolution 3
  ANTH 341  Human Evolution 3
  ANTH 345  Introduction to Human Evolutionary Biology 4
  ANTH 350  Human Adaptation 3
  ANTH 352  Controversies on the Living and the Dead 3
  ANTH 359  Anthropology of Sex 3
  ANTH 459  Anthropology of Sex, Honors 3
  ANTH 442  Anthropological Genetics 3
  ANTH 445  Topics in Biological Anthropology: ______ 3
Sociocultural Anthropology.

ANTH 447 Human Behavioral Genetics 3
ANTH 449 Laboratory/Field Work in Human Biology 1-3
ANTH 503 Topics in Biological Anthropology: _____ 3
ANTH 555 Evolution of Human Diseases 3
ANTH 540 Demographic Anthropology 3
ANTH 542 Biology of Human Nutrition 4
ANTH 543 Nutrition Through the Life Cycle 3
ANTH 544 Origins of Native Americans 3
ANTH 545 Contemporary Health Issues in Africa 3
ANTH 549 Human Paleontology: Fossil Apes to Australopithecus 3

ANTH 550 Human Paleontology: Homo Erectus to Homo Sapiens 3
ANTH 648 Human Osteology 4
ANTH 650 Human Reproduction: Biology and Behavior 3
ANTH 652 Population Dynamics 3
ANTH 754 Biological Bases of Human Behavior 3
ANTH 756 Genetics of Isolates 3
ANTH 762 Human Growth and Development 3
ANTH 766 Topics in Biological Anthropology: _____ 3
ANTH 770 Research Methods in Physical Anthropology 3

• Sociocultural Anthropology. Satisfied by completing at least 1 course in sociocultural or linguistic anthropology that does not have a specific geographical focus from: ANTH 301, ANTH 322-339, ANTH 361-395, ANTH420-439, ANTH 460-495, ANTH 501-ANTH 502, ANTH 527-539, ANTH 560-ANTH 595, ANTH 620-639, ANTH 660-ANTH 695.

ANTH 301 Anthropology Through Films 3
ANTH 320 Language in Culture and Society 3
ANTH 321 Language in Culture and Society, Honors 3
ANTH 361 The Third World: Anthropological Approaches 3
ANTH 367 Introduction to Economic Anthropology 3
ANTH 389 The Anthropology of Gender: Female, Male, and Beyond 3
ANTH 430 Linguistics in Anthropology 3
ANTH 460 Theory in Anthropology 3
ANTH 461 Introduction to Medical Anthropology 3
ANTH 465 Genocide and Ethnocide 3
ANTH 474 Applied Cultural Anthropology 3
ANTH 480 Technology and Society in the Contemporary World 3
ANTH 484 Magic, Science, and Religion 3
ANTH 498 Seminar in Technology: _____ 3
ANTH 501 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology: _____ 3
ANTH 502 Topics in Anthropological Linguistics: _____ 3
ANTH 545 Contemporary Health Issues in Africa 3
ANTH 570 Anthropology of Violence 3
ANTH 571 Violence, Aggression, and Terrorism in the Modern World 3
ANTH 580 Feminism and Anthropology 3
ANTH 582 Ethnobotany 3
ANTH 583 Love, Sex, and Globalization 3
ANTH 586 Visual Anthropology 3

ANTH 595 The Colonial Experience 3
ANTH 603 Shamanism Past and Present 3
ANTH 660 Human Reproduction: Culture, Power, and Politics 3
ANTH 661 Cultural Dynamics 3
ANTH 663 The Anthropology of Islam 3
ANTH 664 Women, Health, and Healing in Africa 3
ANTH 665 Women, Health, and Healing in Latin America 3
ANTH 666 Anthropology of Religion 3
ANTH 667 Primitive Mythology 3
ANTH 673 Neoliberalism and Globalization 3
ANTH 674 Political Anthropology 3
ANTH 675 Anthropology of Law 3
ANTH 676 Culture Wars 3
ANTH 680 Culture and Human Biology 3
ANTH 684 Anthropology and the Health Sciences 3
ANTH 690 The Social Construction of the Self 3
ANTH 695 Cultural Ecology 3
ANTH 696 Language, Culture and Ethnicity in Prehistoric Eastern Europe 3

• Geographic Area. Satisfied by completing at least 1 course in any sub-discipline of anthropology that focuses on a specific geographic area.

ANTH 303 Peoples and Cultures of North Africa and the Middle East 3
ANTH 317 Prehistory of Europe 3
ANTH 318 Peoples of the Great Plains 3
ANTH 362 Peoples of Southeast Asia 3
ANTH 363 Gendered Modernity in East Asia 3
ANTH 365 Japanese People through Film 3
ANTH 368 The Peoples of China 3
ANTH 370 Peoples and Cultures of the Pacific 3
ANTH 372 Religion, Power, and Sexuality in Arab Societies 3
ANTH 376 North American Indians 3
ANTH 379 Indigenous Traditions of Latin America 3
ANTH 380 Peoples of South America 3
ANTH 382 People and the Rain Forest 3
ANTH 504 North American Archaeology 3
ANTH 505 Prehistory of Eastern North America 3
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ANTH 507 The Ancient Maya 3
ANTH 508 Ancient American Civilizations: The Central Andes (NW / S / W) 3
ANTH 512 Ethnohistory: _____ 3
ANTH 514 The Near East in Prehistory 3
ANTH 544 Origins of Native Americans 3
ANTH 545 Contemporary Health Issues in Africa 3
ANTH 562 Mexamerica 3
ANTH 563 Cultural Diversity in the United States 3
ANTH 564 The Peoples of Africa 3
ANTH 565 Popular Images in Japanese Culture, Literatures, and Films 3

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**Capstone Experience**

ANTH 401 Integrating Anthropology 3

Students considering graduate school should take at least 2 courses beyond major requirements. These should be selected in consultation with a faculty advisor.

### Anthropology Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade point average minimum standards:

**Major Hours**
Satisfied by 31-34 hours of major courses.

**Major Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior (300+) Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

A sample 4-year plan for the BA degree in Anthropology can be found here: Anthropology (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/anthropology/ba-bgs/BA-in-Anthropology), or by using the left-side navigation.

A sample 4-year plan for the BGS degree in Anthropology can be found here: Anthropology (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/anthropology/ba-bgs/BGS-in-Anthropology), or by using the left-side navigation.

### Departmental Honors

To qualify for honors, an undergraduate must achieve an in-residence and combined minimum grade-point average of 3.25 overall and 3.5 in anthropology. Students must file a declaration of intent form with the instructor with whom they choose to work. In addition to the required hours, the student must enroll in 3 to 6 hours of ANTH 499 Senior Honors Research and complete a senior thesis based on this work. It is recommended that all candidates make an oral presentation of their research results. One copy of the thesis must be bound and placed in the departmental thesis library.