

# Anthropology

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<http://www.anth.umd.edu/landing/Undergraduate>

College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

## Key Features of a Major in Anthropology

- Understand the evolution of the change in human species both biologically and behaviorally
- Critically examine different societies and provide a context for values and the values of others
- Critically examine one's own cultural and social identities and understand how those identities shape one's beliefs and attitudes
- Ability to design and carry out an anthropology research project, describe the role of data analysis, and answer social, bio-cultural, and historical questions
- Show how patterns of thought and knowledge are directly influenced by political, economic, and/or social structures

*There are four subfields within the discipline of anthropology:*

**Archaeology** – the examination and recovery of material evidence (buildings, tools, pottery, etc.) from past human cultures to determine the history, customs, and living habits of earlier civilizations

**Biological Anthropology** – the research and analysis of the human body to explore the earliest evidences of human life and the ways in which culture and biology influence one another

**Cultural Anthropology** – the study of human cultures, customs, and social patterns in settings that range from unindustrialized societies to modern urban centers

**Linguistic Anthropology** – investigating the role of language in various cultures, and the changes made to language over time

## Career Options with an Anthropology major

There are a wide range of careers for which an anthropology major can prepare you, ranging from working with museums and archives, nonprofit work and higher education, to business and consulting. Depending on your goals, you can tailor your anthropology education and experience to a variety of career paths. Many anthropologists go to work for federal, state, and local government agencies as museum curators, researchers, administrators, and educators. In the nonprofit sector, anthropologists find work as grant writers, fund raisers, and policy analysts. Employment opportunities also exist in documentary film production, journalism, publishing, and tourism. Finally, as with most social scientists, the field of education provides many opportunities for anthropology majors. Teaching at the college or university level generally requires earning a Ph.D.

## Potential Salaries

In May 2015, the median salary for anthropologists and archeologists (regardless of specialty) was \$61,220. (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>).

## Advising

If you are considering a major in Anthropology, you can easily meet with the undergraduate advisor in the Department of Anthropology to answer any questions you may have:

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## Declaring an Anthropology Major

***Anthropology is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!***

When you declare your major in Anthropology, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS), which houses the Anthropology Department. There are two levels in your process of declaring and later in advising: the department (Anthropology) and the College (Behavioral and Social Sciences). The Department will advise you regarding your major requirements and the College will advise you regarding your GEN ED requirements.

1. Review the Department of Anthropology website, focusing on the information for undergraduate students: (<http://anth.umd.edu/landing/Undergraduate>).
2. It is recommended that you take a few anthropology foundation courses like ANTH222, 240, or 260 to give you grounding in the theories and practices of the field, as well as help you decide if Anthropology is the right major for you! Talk with your Anthropology professors – they are a terrific source of inside information and can share their own experiences and insights with you about the field.
3. Make an appointment with the undergraduate advisor in the Department of Anthropology to talk about your interests in the major or to declare if you are certain (see contact information above). The advisor will review the requirements for the major and familiarize you to the department.
4. If anthropology is a good fit, the advisor will give you a Faculty Advisor Declaration form so that you may find a faculty advisor. Once you have selected a faculty advisor, get them to sign the form and return it to the undergraduate advisor.
5. You can fill out the Change of Major form together with the undergraduate advisor and then sign up for an Academic Planning Workshop ([www.bsosworkshops.umd.edu](http://www.bsosworkshops.umd.edu)) with the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS). You will also complete a 4-Year Academic Plan. Both documents will be submitted to the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Advising Office, 2148 Tydings.

## Bachelor of Arts Four-Year Plan (GEN ED)

### First Year:

English 101	3
Math (MA)	3
HU	3
HS	3
ANTH 260 (UP)	3
<u>UNIV 100</u>	<u>1</u>
	16 credits

ANTH 222 (NL)	4
OC	3
HU	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	16 credits

### Second Year:

ANTH Quantitative Req.	3
NS	3
ANTH 240 (HS,UP)	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

ANTH 322, 340, or 360	3
Supporting Course 1	3
Supporting Course 2	3
Elective or AR	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

### Third Year:

ANTH 322, 340, or 360	3
ANTH Course 1	3
ANTH Course 2	3
Supporting Course 3	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

Professional Writing	3
SP (non-major)	3
Elective	3
Supporting Course 4	3
<u>Supporting Course 5</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

### Fourth Year:

ANTH 3/4xx	3
Supporting Course 6	3
SP	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

ANTH Applied Field Mech.	3
ANTH 3/4xx	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>1</u>
	13 credits

**TOTAL = 120 Credits**

## Bachelor of Science Four-Year Plan (GEN ED)

### First Year:

English 101	3
Math (MA)	3
HU	3
HS	3
ANTH 260 (UP)	3
<u>UNIV 100</u>	<u>1</u>
	16 credits

ANTH 222 (NL)	4
OC	3
HU	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	16 credits

### Second Year:

ANTH Quantitative 1	3
NS	3
ANTH 240 (HS,UP)	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

ANTH 322, 340, or 360	3
Specialization Science Elec	3
Elective	3
Elective or AR	3
<u>ANTH Quantitative 2</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

### Third Year:

ANTH 322, 340, or 360	3
ANTH Course 1	3
ANTH Course 2	3
Specialization Science Elec	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

Professional Writing	3
SP	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

### Fourth Year:

ANTH 3/4xx	3
Specialization Science Elec	3
SP	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>3</u>
	15 credits

ANTH Applied Field Mech.	3
ANTH 3/4xx	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
<u>Elective</u>	<u>1</u>
	13 credits

**TOTAL = 120 Credits**

## Four-Year Plan (CORE)

### First Year:

English 101	3
Math 110	3
HA	3
ANTH 222	4
UNIV 100	1
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	14 credits

ANTH 240	3
Math 111	3
Elective	3
HL	3
SH	3
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	15 credits

### Second Year:

ANTH 260	3
HO/IE	3
PS/LS	3
D	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

ANTH 322, 340, or 360	3
ANTH 322, 340, or 360	3
PL/LL	4
Supporting Course 1	3
Elective	3
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	16 credits

### Third Year:

ANTH Course of Choice 1	3
ANTH Course of Choice 2	3
Supporting Course 2	3
Professional Writing	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

Elective	3
Elective	3
ANTH 3/4xx	3
Supporting Course 3	3
Supporting Course 4	3
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	15 credits

### Fourth Year:

ANTH 3/4xx	3
Supporting Course 5	3
Advanced Studies 1	3
Elective UL	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

Supporting Course 6	3
ANTH 3/4xx	3
Advanced Studies 2	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

**TOTAL = 120 Credits**

## Q & A

### ***What courses do I need to take before becoming an Anthropology major?***

The Anthropology Department doesn't ask that you take courses in advance of declaring the major. If you want to be an Anthropology major, don't prepare, go declare! If you are interested in exploring the major through one or two introductory courses, you may wish to check out ANTH222, ANTH240, or ANTH260. These are CORE courses and the Foundation courses for the major.

### ***Can I double major? How so?***

Yes, you can double major with Anthropology. In fact, many students double major. In addition to focusing on two majors, the main difference between a single and double major is the number of credits you must earn in order to complete your undergraduate degree. Completing your degree with a single major requires you to earn 120 credits, but a double major requires you to earn 150 credit hours. If you want to double major, you can meet with an advisor in BSOS or Anthropology for further explanation (see contact info in next question).

### ***Can I speak with an advisor before declaring?***

Yes, both the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) and Anthropology have advisors who will speak with you about the major before you declare. You can contact BSOS at (301) 405-1697 or online at <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/webform/contact-us>. To speak with an advisor in Anthropology, you can contact Erik Hanson at [ehanson@umd.edu](mailto:ehanson@umd.edu).

### ***Is there is a minor in Anthropology?***

At this time, there is no minor in Anthropology. However students may be interested in one of the summer field schools offered in Archaeology and Social Anthropology, <https://anth.umd.edu/graduate/field-schools>.