Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of human beings from all times and all places, offering holistic, comparative, international, and humanistic perspective. In studying and interpreting the vast range of similarities and differences in human societies and cultures, anthropologists also seek to understand how people themselves make sense of the world in which they live. The Department of Anthropology at Brown is a vibrant, award-winning group of scholars working primarily in the subfields of cultural anthropology, archaeology, and anthropological linguistics. The concentration provides students with a broad introduction to the discipline and includes the major subdisciplines of the field: sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, anthropological linguistics, and biological anthropology. The department also allows students to pursue the Engaged Scholars Program (https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/special-programs/public-service/engaged-scholars-program). ESP is for students with an interest in making deeper connections between their concentration curriculum and long-term engaged activities such as internships, public service, humanitarian and development work, archaeological excavations, and many other possible forms of community involvement.

Students who declared a concentration prior to fall 2019 can refer to concentration requirements here: (https://bulletin.brown.edu/archive/2018-19/the-college/concentrations/anth/)

General Anthropology Track

Choose one foundational course in sociocultural, linguistic anthropology, or medical anthropology:

ANTH 0100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 0300 Culture and Health
ANTH 0800 Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology

Choose one foundational course in archaeology or biological anthropology:

ANTH 0310 Human Evolution
ANTH 0500 Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology

Choose one of the following courses in anthropological methodology, to prepare students for further research:

ANTH 1201 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis
ANTH 1621 Material Culture Practicum
ANTH 1720 The Human Skeleton
ARCH 1900 The Archaeology of College Hill
ANTH 1940 Ethnographic Research Methods

Five additional courses in anthropology of the student’s choosing. At least three of these electives will need to be at the 1000-level to meet the requirements of the concentration.

ANTH 1990 Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology

Total Credits

Medical Anthropology Track

ANTH 0300 Culture and Health

Two courses in at least two of the four major subfields of anthropology:

Choose one:

ANTH 0310 Human Evolution
ANTH 0500 Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology

Choose any one 0000 or 1000-level course in sociocultural anthropology or linguistic anthropology such as:

ANTH 0100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 0110 Anthropology and Global Social Problems: Environment, Development, and Governance
ANTH 0800 Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology
ANTH 0805 Language and Migration
ANTH 1111 Anthropology of China
ANTH 1150 Middle East in Anthropological Perspective
ANTH 1240 Religion and Culture
ANTH 1255 Anthropology of Disasters
ANTH 1320 Anthropology and International Development: Ethnographic Perspectives on Poverty and Progress
ANTH 1848 Ethnography + Social Critique

Total Credits

Socio-Cultural Anthropology Track

ANTH 0100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

One course in archaeology or biological anthropology:

ANTH 0310 Human Evolution
ANTH 0500 Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology
ANTH 1940 Ethnographic Research Methods

At least two 1000-level courses that focus on specific aspects of sociocultural methods or theories, or in a particular region:

ANTH 1111 Anthropology of China
ANTH 1150 Middle East in Anthropological Perspective
ANTH 1240 Religion and Culture
ANTH 1242 Bioethics and Culture
ANTH 1255 Anthropology of Disasters
ANTH 1300 Anthropology of Addictions and Recovery
ANTH 1301 Anthropology of Homelessness
ANTH 1310 International Health: Anthropological Perspectives
ANTH 1320 Anthropology and International Development: Ethnographic Perspectives on Poverty and Progress
ANTH 1848 Ethnography + Social Critique
An additional three anthropology courses of the student’s choosing. At least one of the electives must be at the 1000-level to meet the general requirements of the concentration.

**ANTH 1990** Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology 1

Total Credits 9

### Linguistic Anthropology Track

**ANTH 0800** Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology 1

One additional course in linguistic anthropology from the following:

- **ANTH 0805** Language and Migration 1
- **ANTH 1810** Language and Power 1

Two other foundational courses in anthropology:

Choose one:

- **ANTH 0100** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- **ANTH 0300** Culture and Health

Choose one:

- **ANTH 0310** Human Evolution
- **ANTH 0500** Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology

**ANTH 1940** Ethnographic Research Methods 1

**ANTH 1990** Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology 1

An additional three anthropology courses of the student’s choosing. At least two of the electives must be at the 1000-level to meet the requirements of the concentration.

At least one general course focusing on aspects of linguistic structure. 1

At least one language course (one semester) in any language other than English. 1

Total Credits 11

1 This course is in addition to the nine courses required in ANTH. Given the teaching commitments of departmental faculty, eligible courses will generally be offered only in departments other than Anthropology. Recommended courses include Introduction to Linguistics (CLPS 0300) or Sociolinguistics (SLAV 1300). Students may also choose another appropriate course to fulfill this requirement with DUS approval.

2 This course is in addition to the nine courses required in ANTH. Students interested in studying a language not offered at Brown should consult with Linguistic Anthropology faculty and the DUS.

### Anthropological Archaeology Track

**ANTH 0500** Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology 1

**ANTH 0100** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 1

Choose one course in anthropological archaeology methodology: 1

- **ANTH 1201** Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis
- **ANTH 1621** Material Culture Practicum
- **ARCH 1900** The Archaeology of College Hill

Choose one course that involves detailed archaeological investigation of a geographic region: 2

- **ANTH 1031** Classic Maya Civilization
- **ANTH 1126** Ethnographies of Heritage: Community and Landscape of the Mediterranean and Beyond
- **ANTH 1505** Vertical Civilization: South American Archaeology from Monte Verde to the Inkas
- **ANTH 1624** Indians, Colonists, and Africans in New England

**ANTH 1640** Maize Gods and Feathered Serpents: Mexico and Central America in Antiquity

**ANTH 1650** Ancient Maya Writing

**ANTH 1692** Southwestern Archaeology

One 1000-level course in anthropological archaeology with significant archaeological, material culture, and/or museum studies component. A second geographic area course from the list above may be used to meet this requirement. Other regularly offered courses that meet this requirement include:

- **ANTH 1125** Indigenous Archaeologies
- **ANTH 1620** Global Historical Archaeology
- **ANTH 1623** Archaeology of Death
- **ANTH 1750** Bioarchaeology and Forensic Anthropology
- **ANTH 1820** Lost Languages: The Decipherment and Study of Ancient Writing Systems

Three anthropology courses of the student’s choosing. At least one of the electives must be at the 1000-level to meet the general requirements of the concentration.

**ANTH 1990** Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology 1

Total Credits 9

1 This requirement will be waived for students who have completed an archaeological field school. The field school must be approved in advance of its completion for the requirement to be waived. Per the broader requirements of the concentration, students must still complete nine anthropology credits at Brown or via transfer credits. Note that many field schools do not carry credit.

2 Other anthropological archaeology courses with significant geographic focus may be used to fulfill this requirement with DUS approval.

3 Other anthropology courses with significant archaeological, material culture, or museum studies focus may be used to fulfill this requirement with DUS approval.

### Biological Anthropology Track

**ANTH 0310** Human Evolution 1

Choose one foundational course in cultural anthropology, medical anthropology, or linguistic anthropology:

- **ANTH 0100** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- **ANTH 0300** Culture and Health
- **ANTH 0800** Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology

**ANTH 1720** The Human Skeleton 1

Five anthropology courses of the student’s choosing. At least three of the electives must be at the 1000-level to meet the requirements of the concentration.

At least one non-anthropology course with a biological focus. Any course with a BIOL subject code can be used to fulfill this requirement. Students are especially encouraged to consider a course with a significant content devoted to genetics and/or evolutionary theory. This course is in addition to the nine courses required in ANTH.

Choose at least one course in statistics. This course is in addition to the nine courses required in ANTH. Possible courses include: 1

- **APMA 0650** Essential Statistics
- **BIOL 0495** Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- **CLPS 0900** Statistical Methods
- **EDUC 1100** Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
- **SOC 1100** Introductory Statistics for Social Research
- **PHP 1501** Essentials of Data Analysis

**ANTH 1990** Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology 1

Total Credits 11
Other courses may be substituted to meet this requirement with the permission of the DUS.

**Engaged Scholars Program**

The Engaged Scholars Program in Anthropology is geared for anthropology concentrators who are especially interested in making deeper connections between their concentration curriculum and long-term engagement with local communities in Providence and beyond. Engaged scholars combine hands-on experiences such as internships, public service, humanitarian and development work with their academic learning in order to develop a deeper understanding of, and appreciation for, social engagement. While most anthropology courses have some sort of 'engaged' element, being an Engaged Scholar in Anthropology means making a commitment to engaging more actively and intensively with the communities in which a student is living.

**Requirements for Engaged Scholars in Anthropology**

Requirement information can be found at the Anthropology website: https://www.brown.edu/academics/anthropology/undergraduate-program/engaged-scholars-program

**Honors**

Candidates for honors should apply to the concentration advisor by the end of his or her 6th semester, but no later than the 4th week of the 7th semester. An application consists of a brief statement addressing the focus of a proposed thesis and the names and signatures of two faculty members from the Department of Anthropology who have agreed to serve as the student's honors committee—one as honors thesis advisor, the other as a reader. Candidates for honors are required to:

1. Fulfill the standard concentration requirements.
2. Take two additional courses, usually , which may be used for thesis preparation.
3. Have a majority of A's in the concentration.
4. Submit an approved honors thesis.

**Field Work**

Concentrators interested in archaeology are urged to obtain training in field archaeology by participating in Brown-sponsored field research, or by participating in an archaeological field school elsewhere.
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