Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of human beings from all times and all places, offering a 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. Anthropology is a varied discipline and the Concentration at Brown University reflects that diversity. Students concentrating in Anthropology must declare one of six concentrations: sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, anthropological linguistics, biological anthropology, medical anthropology, or general anthropology.

The department also supports students involved in Engaged Scholarship through the Swearer Center. (Until Summer 2020 students pursued the Engaged Scholars Program [https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/special-programs/public-service/engaged-scholars-program/], and all students already participating in ESP will be supported through to graduation. Beginning Spring 2021, students enrolled in an undergraduate certificate in engaged scholarship or ESC.) Study abroad is also supported and encouraged. Interested students may contact the director of undergraduate studies.

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.

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

**Total Credits**: 10

1 Other appropriate anthropology courses may be used to fulfill this requirement with DUS approval

2 Most qualifying courses will bear a BIOL, PHP, or CLPS designation but students can choose any appropriate course to fulfill this requirement with DUS approval.

### Socio-Cultural Anthropology Track

#### Foundation course

- **ANTH 0100** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

One course in archaeology or biological anthropology:

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

#### Research methods

- **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, such as:

- **ANTH 1111** Anthropology of China
- **ANTH 1150** Middle East in Anthropoligical 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

**Total Credits**: 9

### Medical Anthropology Track

#### Foundation course

- **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

**Total Credits**: 2

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

- **ANTH 0100** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- **ANTH 0800** Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology
- **ANTH 1111** Anthropology of China
- **ANTH 1150** Middle East in Anthropological Perspective
- **ANTH 1250** Anthropology of Disasters
- **ANTH 1320** Anthropology and International Development: Ethnographic Perspectives on Poverty and Progress
- **ANTH 1848** Ethnography + Social Critique
- **ANTH 1940** Ethnographic Research Methods
- **ANTH 1242** Bioethics and Culture
- **ANTH 1300** Anthropology of Addictions and Recovery
- **ANTH 1301** Anthropology of Homelessness
- **ANTH 1310** International Health: Anthropological Perspectives

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 general requirements of the concentration.

**Total Credits**: 3

**Other courses required in ANTH:**

- **Culture and Health**
- **Ethnographic Research Methods**
- **Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis**
- **Introduction to Cultural Anthropology**
- **Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology**
- **Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology**
- **Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology**

**Total Credits**: 1
### Anthropological Archaeology Track

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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.

**Senior Seminar**

ANTH 1990 Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology

**Total Credits** 9

### Linguistic Anthropology Track

**Foundation course**

ANTH 0800 Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology

One additional course in linguistic anthropology from the following:

ANTH 0805 Language and Migration

ANTH 1311 Language and Medicine in Practice

ANTH 1810 Language and Power

**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

**Research methods**

ANTH 1940 Ethnographic Research Methods

**Senior Seminar**

ANTH 1990 Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology

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.

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

**Total Credits** 11

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.

### Biological Anthropology Track

**Foundation course in biological anthropology**

ANTH 0310 Human Evolution

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

**Biological anthropology methodology**

ANTH 1720 The Human Skeleton

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.

**Total Credits** 5
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:

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Senior Seminar 1

ANTH 1990 Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology

Total Credits 11

1 Other courses may be substituted to meet this requirement with the permission of the DUS.

Engaged Scholarship

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 may choose to pursue an Engaged Scholarship designation through the Swearer Center. 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.

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Requirements for Engaged Scholars in Anthropology

Information can be found at the Anthropology website: https://www.brown.edu/academics/anthropology/undergraduate-program/engaged-scholars-program/ (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 thesis proposal of 2-3 pages, describing the major research questions and methods to be used. Candidates will prepare their proposals in close consultation with their primary advisor. Candidates for honors are required to:

1. Fulfill the standard concentration requirements.
2. Have completed at least two thirds of the concentration requirements by the end of the sixth semester.
3. Be in good standing
4. Have earned a majority of “A” grades in the concentration. Classes taken S/NC will count as qualifying towards that majority if they are marked “S* with distinction” indicating that had the student taken the course for a grade, the grade would have been an “A.”

Honors candidates will:

1. Take two additional independent study courses (1970), usually, which may be used for thesis preparation with the advisor.
2. In consultation with the primary thesis advisor, identify a second reader by the start of the seventh semester.

3. Submit an approved honors thesis by the deadline stipulated each year.
4. Present the thesis in the Honors Theses Symposium in the Anthropology department.

More information on honors is available here: https://www.brown.edu/academics/anthropology/honors (https://www.brown.edu/academics/anthropology/honors/)