

# ANTHROPOLOGY

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Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human. It has been called the most scientific of the humanities and the most humanistic of the sciences as it takes a broad approach to the study of humanity, integrating biological, archaeological, cultural, and linguistic perspectives.

Coursework in anthropology develops skills of critical thinking and enriches understanding of human diversity. Anthropologists often aim for their work to aid in understanding and solving real-world issues faced by humans today. Anthropology majors may find careers in teaching, cultural resource management, advocacy, marketing, or conflict resolution although anthropological insights can be useful in a vast range of occupations. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in anthropology should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower division requirements.

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### ANTHRO 100 3 Units

#### Introduction to Archaeology

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course introduces archaeology, its methods and contributions, in an anthropological context. Topics in this course include cultural resource management, seriation, interpretation of finds, and selected case studies.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** ANTH 150

### ANTHRO 102 3 Units

#### Cultural Anthropology

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is an introduction to the anthropological study of human diversity and culture. Cultural anthropologists study human organization, expression, subsistence, communication, belief, and identity, in relation to social inequalities and culture change.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** ANTH 120

### ANTHRO 102H 3 Units

#### Cultural Anthropology - Honors

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Prerequisite:** ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H

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**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** ANTH 120

### ANTHRO 103 3 Units

#### Anthropology of Food

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course studies food from a holistic anthropological perspective. It examines production and consumption of food around the world and across time, and it investigates the variability of the cultural meanings and ecological roles of particular food resources and practices.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

### ANTHRO 106 3 Units

#### Biological Anthropology

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course introduces concepts and methods used to study the human species in a scientific, evolutionary framework. Topics covered include evolutionary theory, genetics, the fossil record of human ancestors, comparative primatology, human variation, and interactions between biology and culture.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** ANTH 110

**ANTHRO 106H 3 Units****Biological Anthropology - Honors****Lecture:** 54 contact hours**Prerequisite:** ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H

This course introduces concepts and methods used to study the human species in a scientific, evolutionary framework. Topics covered include evolutionary theory, genetics, the fossil record of human ancestors, comparative primatology, human variation, and interactions between biology and culture. This course is intended for students in the Honors Program but is open to all students who desire more challenging course work.

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to both UC/CSU****C-ID:** ANTH 110**ANTHRO 106L 1 Unit****Biological Anthropology Laboratory****Lab:** 54 contact hours**Prerequisite/Corequisite:** ANTHRO 106 or ANTHRO 106H

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This laboratory course is offered as a supplement to Biological Anthropology (ANTHRO 106 or ANTHRO 106H) either taken concurrently or in a subsequent term. Laboratory exercises are designed to introduce students to the scientific method and explore genetics, human variation, human and non-human primate anatomy and behavior, the primate and hominin fossil record, and other resources to investigate processes that affect human evolution.

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to both UC/CSU****C-ID:** ANTH 115L**ANTHRO 108 3 Units****Introduction to Native American Studies****Lecture:** 54 contact hours

This course provides an introduction to the field of Native American Studies. It emphasizes the agency, struggles, and social justice efforts of Native Americans in the United States. Topics covered include Native cultural and intellectual traditions; racialization and intersectionality; antiracism and decolonization; and the relationship between Western scientific practices and Native American experiences. (This course is also offered as ETHS 108)

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to both UC/CSU****ANTHRO 109 3 Units****Visual Culture and Art****Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course explores approaches to visual culture and art in the discipline of anthropology. Included in the course is a survey of diverse visual and artistic practices, study of the relations between power and sight, and introduction to the methods of visual anthropology.

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to both UC/CSU****ANTHRO 111 3 Units****The Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion****Lecture:** 54 contact hours**Advisory:** READ 100

This course introduces the study of beliefs and practices, past and present, associated with magic, witchcraft, and religion. Topics examined include ritual, symbolism, altered states of consciousness, and healing, as well as syncretism, change, and the social roles of these beliefs and practices. (Formerly ANTHRO 110)

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to both UC/CSU****ANTHRO 111H 3 Units****The Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion - Honors****Lecture:** 54 contact hours**Advisory:** READ 100

This course introduces the study of beliefs and practices, past and present, associated with magic, witchcraft, and religion. Topics examined include ritual, symbolism, altered states of consciousness, and healing, as well as syncretism, change, and the social roles of these beliefs and practices. This course is intended for students in the Honors Program but is open to all students who desire more challenging course work.

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to both UC/CSU****ANTHRO 125 3 Units****Language and Culture****Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course provides a foundation for the study of language from an anthropological perspective. Topics studied fall into two main categories: the structure of language and the use of language in cultural contexts. Topics include language ideologies, speech communities, and the relation between culture and language.

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to both UC/CSU****C-ID:** ANTH 130**ANTHRO 222 1-3 Units****Independent Study in Anthropology****DIR:** 162 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

Students with previous coursework in anthropology may do assigned projects involving research and analysis of selected topics. This independent study is for students who are interested in furthering their knowledge of anthropology. Prior to registration, a written contract must be prepared jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to CSU only****ANTHRO 223 1-3 Units****Independent Study in Anthropology - Guided Research****DIR:** 162 contact hours**Prerequisite:** ANTHRO 222

Students with previous coursework in anthropology may do assigned projects involving research and analysis of selected topics. This independent study is for students who are interested in furthering their knowledge of anthropological research and analysis. Prior to registration, a written contract must be prepared jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Associate Degree Applicable****Transfers to CSU only**