



ANTHROPOLOGY

B.A. IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The study of anthropology provides a unique perspective on human behavior, culture, language, institutions and biology. It also provides qualitative and quantitative analytical skills that are excellent preparation for careers in a wide range of settings including health care, international affairs, public service, education, law, management and industry. In addition, the undergraduate major offers preparation for graduate studies in academic programs and in professional schools such as medicine and law.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The department teaches a broad range of courses on cultural diversity, including courses on peoples and cultures of China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, North American Indians and the contemporary United States.
- The department faculty have particular strengths in psychological and psychiatric anthropology, international health, urban health, cross-cultural gerontology, nutrition, child development, cultural studies of science and biomedical ethics, the relation between language and culture and the study of human evolution.
- The department participates in or leads a number of interdisciplinary programs including those in childhood studies, religion and culture, Asian studies, ethnic studies and evolutionary biology.
- The Center for Research on Tibet was founded in the Department of Anthropology in 1987 with the goal of understanding how traditional Tibet has changed. The center conceptualizes and conducts research on Tibetan history, society, language, ecology/physiology and culture.
- In addition to the undergraduate degree, the department offers the M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology, and the following joint degrees: M.A./Ph.D./M.P.H. with the Case School of Medicine; M.S.N./ M.A. with the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing; M.D./Ph.D. with the Case School of Medicine.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE OFFERINGS

There are four concentrations to consider when pursuing a major—or minor—in anthropology:

General anthropology stresses a broad and integrated perspective on human behavior, socio-cultural diversity and human evolution.

Health science examines health issues cross-culturally and trains students to investigate, analyze and communicate information about how socio-cultural, biological, cognitive, economic and techno-environmental factors determine patterns of disease and the organization of and access to health care services.

Archaeology reconstructs the customs and daily life of people who lived in the past by excavating and analyzing the material remains of the sites of human occupation. This program engages the resources of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, providing students a unique opportunity to study archaeology and participate in original research and museum curation.

Physical anthropology explores the interaction between biology, behavior and environment in past and present human populations.

The undergraduate major requires a minimum of 30 semester hours in anthropology courses, including the following: ANTH 102 (Being Human: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology), ANTH 103 (Introduction to Human Evolution), ANTH 319 (Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences) and one course dealing with a geographic area.

Depending on the concentration, undergraduate students will select from courses including:

- ANTH 220 Language, Culture and Communication
- ANTH 295 Comparative Primate Behavior
- ANTH 302 Darwinian Medicine
- ANTH 309 Family Violence and Child Abuse
- ANTH 323 AIDS: Epidemiology, Biology and Cultures
- ANTH 324 Field Methods in Archaeology
- ANTH 337 Comparative Medical Systems
- ANTH 343 Psychoanalytic Anthropology
- ANTH 363 Anthropology and Bioethics
- ANTH 372 Anthropological Approaches to Religion
- ANTH 375 Human Evolution: The Fossil Evidence
- ANTH 389 Crossroads: Transformation of Rural Blues into Urban Rock
- ANTH 393 Human Ecology: Biology of Human Adaptability

Please see the General Bulletin (www.case.edu/bulletin) for a complete roster of courses offered by the Department of Anthropology and detailed course descriptions.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Departmental honors

This program is open to qualified majors who have completed 15 hours of anthropology with a 3.25 GPA and who have a 3.0 overall GPA. Students should apply for the program in the fall semester of their junior year and, if approved, register for ANTH 391 and 392 (Honors Tutorial) in the spring of their junior year and fall of their senior year. Honors students are required to undertake a research project supervised by one or more faculty members and to present an acceptable research paper in the fall semester of their senior year.

Integrated Graduate Studies (IGS)

This program is intended for highly motivated candidates for the B.A. whose objective is a degree at the master's or doctoral level. By closely integrating undergraduate and graduate studies, qualified students begin a program of graduate study their senior year leading to the simultaneous completion of requirements for both the master's and bachelor's degrees, each within its specified framework. Students interested in pursuing the IGS program should apply for admission at the end of the sophomore year. Please see the General Bulletin for full details.

STUDY COLLECTIONS

The Department of Anthropology has an outstanding collection of materials for the study of the human and non-human primate fossil record. There are over 250 casts of the major fossil finds documenting the past 30 million years of primate evolution. The department is joint curator with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History of the world-famous Hamann-Todd osteological collection of 3,000 primate skeletons.

The archaeological collections include over 200 casts of Old World stone tools that exemplify human cultural evolution from 2.5 million years ago until 1000 B.C. The archaeology laboratory houses collections from more than 300 archaeological sites in Ohio, New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. The vast majority of these collections are related to the late prehistoric peoples that occupied the southern shores of Lake Erie. It also houses osteological comparative collections consisting of the remains of North American mammals and chert/flint from the Eastern Woodlands area.

RECENT GRADUATES

A recent survey of post graduation plans among graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences found that 55 percent went on to graduate or professional school and the remainder pursued other plans.

Students graduating with a B.A. in anthropology are prepared for any career requiring a general education. Specific courses taken, knowledge of statistical analysis and/or operation of scientific equipment, research project(s) undertaken, scientific papers published or presented, and applicable experience in foreign languages and cultures will broaden the potential for a range of careers and advanced degrees.

The number of anthropology majors graduating with a B.A. has consistently increased in recent years. Among recent graduates, several have entered careers or training in health-related fields; four have entered or plan to enter medical school and one plans to begin dental school; two have entered graduate studies in human genetics and epidemiology; one has begun a career in social work with HIV/AIDS clients; and one is working as a research assistant in infectious diseases.

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