

# ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

## ANTH 120 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3 Hours

Introduction to the cross-cultural study of human behavior and society. Topics normally include environment and food, economics, social and political organization, marriage and family, culture and personality, religion, social movements, and social change. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code E-SB | SB**

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; fall 2022; spring 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024*

## ANTH 125 Introduction to Biological Anthropology 3 Hours

Introduction to primatology, human origins and evolution, modern human biological variation, and other topics of biological anthropology, emphasizing biological adaptations within the framework of evolutionary theory.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2023; fall 2024*

## ANTH 130 Introduction to Archaeology 3 Hours

Introduction to the scientific study of the archaeological record, emphasizing location methods, recovery methods, dating methods, archaeological classification, and interpretative models. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code E-SB | SB**

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; fall 2022; spring 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024*

## ANTH 135 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology 3 Hours

Introduction to the study of the relations among language, culture, and society. Topics include language origins and history, language and gender, multilingualism, verbal art, and applied linguistic anthropology.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; spring 2023; spring 2024*

## ANTH 300 Forensic Anthropology 3 Hours

Analysis of human skeletal remains and other evidence in a medicolegal context, emphasizing bone identification, race and sex determination, age and stature estimation, trauma and pathology assessment, and taphonomy evaluation.

**Prerequisite(s):** (ANTH 125 or BIOL 131)

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023*

## ANTH 305 Paleoanthropology: Human Origins and Evolution 3 Hours

Scientific examination of the origins and biocultural evolution of humans, emphasizing evolutionary theory, evidence for human evolution, long-term trends, important fossil finds and sites, taxonomic classifications, and phylogenetic relationships. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SY**

**Prerequisite(s):** (ANTH 130 or BIOL 113 or BIOL 131 or GEOL 112) and 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

*Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2022; fall 2024*

## ANTH 316 The Archaeology of Environmental Change 3 Hours

The archaeological study of the impact of the environment on humans and of humans on the environment. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-LG**

**Prerequisite(s):** 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; fall 2022; spring 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024*

## ANTH 318 The Archaeologist Looks at Death 3 Hours

Theories, concepts, and methodologies of the anthropological and archaeological study of death and burial.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; spring 2024*

## ANTH 333 The Archaeology of Ancient China 3 Hours

Culture-historical overview of Ancient China from the Paleolithic to the Qin Empire focusing on major anthropological themes in Chinese archaeology and world prehistory.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023*

## ANTH 335 Old World Prehistory 3 Hours

A survey of prehistoric indigenous developments in the Old World, focusing on regional adaptations, representative sites and artifacts, food production and complex society, and chronologies.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

## ANTH 336 New World Prehistory 3 Hours

Survey of prehistoric indigenous developments in North, Central and South America, focusing on peopling the New World, regional adaptations, representative sites and artifacts, food production and complex society, and chronologies.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

## ANTH 340 Peoples and Cultures of Latin America 3 Hours

Study of the history and development of present cultures in Latin America with emphasis on economics, politics, religion, folklore and world view of indigenous, peasant and urban peoples.

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 340

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

## ANTH 341 Peoples and Cultures of Asia 3 Hours

Study of the cultures of South, East, and Southeast Asia with emphasis on origins, prehistoric and historic migrations, ecology, and subsistence patterns, and the origins and evolution of the major civilizations of India, China, Japan, and Vietnam. Topics include kinship and the family, religion, social organization, gender, economy, colonialism and independence, globalization and development, and maintenance of traditions in modern contexts.

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 341

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

## ANTH 342 Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean 3 Hours

Examination of the variety of cultural practices found in modern-day Caribbean societies with attention to historical roots. Topics include, but are not limited to, definition of the region, religious practices, festivals, musical traditions, migration and everyday social life and conditions.

**Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SY**

**Prerequisite(s):** 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 342

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; summer 2022; summer 2023; spring 2024; summer 2024*

## ANTH 343 Anthropology of Gender 3 Hours

A comparative study of the role gender plays in various aspects of culture. Topics include distribution of labor, environmental impact, and ideological constraints on gender constructs in a cross-cultural concept.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2022; fall 2023*

**ANTH 345 Peoples and Cultures of Native North America 3 Hours**

Survey of the cultures of the original peoples of North America, with emphasis on the ethnographic present.

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 345

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 350 Peoples and Cultures of Africa 3 Hours**

Survey of the cultures of Africa, with emphasis on historical development and contemporary cultural diversity.

**Equivalent(s):** AFAM 350, FLK 350

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023*

**ANTH 360 Applied Anthropology – Understanding and Addressing Contemporary Human Problems 3 Hours**

History and development of applied anthropology emphasizing identification of and solutions to social, economic, ecological, and technological problems. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SC**

**Prerequisite(s):** 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

*Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2022; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024*

**ANTH 366 Special Topics in Anthropology 3 Hours (repeatable max of 9 hrs)**

Opportunity for in-depth examination of anthropological topics of current disciplinary and student interest.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: summer 2022*

**ANTH 378 Southern Appalachian Folklife 3 Hours**

Folklife of southern Appalachia, as reflected in the material folk culture, in traditional folk customs and practices, legends, anecdotes, songs, language, and literature.

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 378

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 382 Medical Anthropology 3 Hours**

Cross-cultural examination of definitions of health and wellness, attitudes towards and cultural construction of illness, treatments for disease, and aging. Particular emphasis on examples from non-Western societies.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; fall 2024*

**ANTH 388 Foodways 3 Hours**

Exploration of the relationship between food and culture. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-LG**

**Prerequisite(s):** 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 388

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; summer 2022; fall 2022; spring 2023; summer 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; summer 2024; fall 2024*

**ANTH 395 Laboratory Practicum in Archaeology or Biological Anthropology 3 Hours (repeatable max of 9 hrs)**

Practical experience in artifact accession, inventory, curation and documentation or in preparation of educational displays using archaeological and biological collections at the WKU Anthropology Lab. Graded pass-fail. Repeatable for 9 hours, 3 hours of which may count in the first 30 hours in the major or 21 hours of the minor. Note: ANTH 125 required for biological anthropology practicum, ANTH 130 required for archaeology practicum, ANTH 470/FLK 470 required for educational displays practicum, or consent of instructor. Course pass required.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; fall 2022; spring 2023; spring 2024*

**ANTH 399 Field Methods in Ethnography 3 Hours**

An examination of the history, theory, techniques, and ethics of ethnographic fieldwork, including practical fieldwork experience.

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 399

*Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2022; fall 2023; fall 2024*

**ANTH 400 Ethnomusicology 3 Hours**

Survey of the concepts and methods of ethnomusicology. Topics include history of ethnomusicology, transcription and analysis, musicians, musical instruments, music acculturation, and the function of music in society.

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 400

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 410 African-American Music 3 Hours**

A survey of selected musical styles created and developed by African-Americans from the 17th to the 20th century: spirituals, blues, popular music forms (e.g. soul, reggae, rap music). Emphasis will be placed on the historical factors and sociocultural trends that influenced the development of African-American music.

**Equivalent(s):** AFAM 410, FLK 410

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 432 Field Course in Archaeology 1-9 Hours (repeatable max of 9 hrs)**

Includes archaeological survey, site mapping, artifact recovery, recording, and cataloging. Work is usually conducted on prehistoric Indian sites. The number of credit hours will be determined in consultation with instructor. Note: Permission of instructor may be required.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANTH 130

*Recent Term(s) Offered: summer 2022; summer 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; summer 2024*

**ANTH 434 Graveyard Archaeology 3 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)**

Application of archaeological methods in the documentation of historic graveyards, emphasizing legal mandates, formation processes, subsurface prospecting, remote sensing, mapping and headstone recording. Students must arrange own travel to field site(s).

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 436 Applied Archaeology 3 Hours**

Examines contract archaeology and public archaeology within the context of cultural resource management, emphasizing legal mandates, field methods, public education programs, and ethical considerations.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANTH 130

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 438 Archaeological Lab Methods 3 Hours (repeatable max of 3 hrs)**

Provides practical experience in the methods and techniques for classifying and analyzing archaeological materials and interpreting the resulting data.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANTH 130

*Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2022; fall 2024*

**ANTH 442 Ecological and Economic Anthropology 3 Hours**

Analysis of economic systems and cultural adaptations to the environment of Western and non-Western societies, with particular attention paid to the Caribbean and/or Latin America.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 446 Anthropology of Religion 3 Hours**

A cross-cultural examination of religious beliefs and practices. Topics include myth, ritual, shamanism and healing, and the role of religion in social control and social change.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 448 Visual Anthropology 3 Hours**

This course examines photography and film as tools and products of cross-cultural research with special emphasis on cultural and political biases presented through visual means.

**Restriction(s):** Students with a semester level of Freshman or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023*

**ANTH 449 Ethnographic Video Production 3 Hours**

Video production as a research methodology in anthropology. Practical exercises and collaborative student projects. Students will produce their own short ethnographic videos. Explores practices of representing cultures through video.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANTH 448

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 450 Modern Human Biological Variation 3 Hours**

Uses evolutionary theory to study biological similarities and differences among living human populations on morphological, skeletal, and molecular levels, emphasizing anthropometry, racial classification, inheritance, population genetics, adaptation, disease, and intelligence.

**Prerequisite(s):** (MATH 109 or MATH 116) and (ANTH 125 or BIOL 327 or BIOL 430)

*Recent Term(s) Offered: None*

**ANTH 452 Bioarchaeology 3 Hours**

The scientific study of human remains from archaeological sites and the application of biological anthropology methods and theories in archaeological research in order to reconstruct past human lifeways such as health, diet and nutrition, physical activities, mortuary practices, and social organization.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANTH 125 or BIOL 131

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; spring 2024*

**ANTH 470 Museum Procedures and Preservation Techniques 3 Hours**

Essential aspects of museums and preservation, i.e. collecting, preserving, researching, exhibiting, and interpreting material culture.

**Equivalent(s):** FLK 470

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; spring 2024*

**ANTH 493 Archaeology Stewardship 3 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)**

Field monitoring, assessment, and documentation of the integrity of local archaeological sites threatened by cultural and natural formation processes. Students must arrange own travel to field sites. Note: A course pass and at least six additional hours in anthropology required.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANTH 130

*Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2022*

**ANTH 495 Directed Study 1-4 Hours (repeatable max of 8 hrs)**

Available to superior students who wish to conduct individual, intensive reading and research in a specific area of anthropology in close cooperation with supervising faculty. Submission of such projects to student sections of regional professional meetings is encouraged.

Number of credit hours will be determined in consultation with instructor. Note: Consent of department head and course pass required.

**Restriction(s):** Students with a semester level of Freshman or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; summer 2022; fall 2022; spring 2023; summer 2023; spring 2024; summer 2024; fall 2024*

**ANTH 499 Senior Seminar 1 Hour**

Anthropological concepts and theories, current topics and developments in the discipline, anthropology careers and graduate programs, and professional ethics. To be taken in the last year of the student's program of study in anthropology. Note: 15 hours of Anthropology courses required prior to enrollment.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANTH 120 and ANTH 125 and ANTH 130 and ANTH 135

**Restriction(s):** Students with a semester level of Academy Junior, Academy Senior, Freshman or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students in Anthropology (608)

*Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2022; fall 2022; spring 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024*