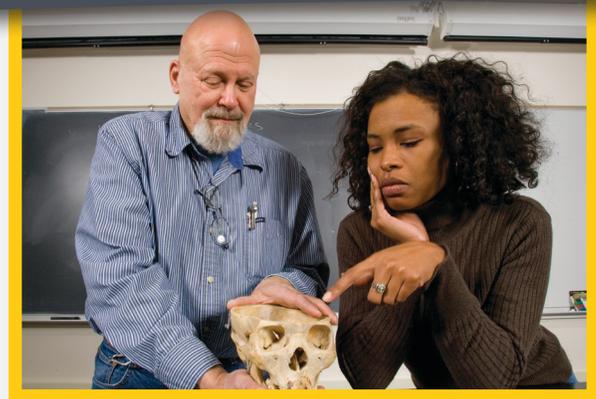


## Interested in This Major?

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## What is Anthropology?

Anthropology is the scientific study of human beings and their cultures across time and space. The discipline uses field studies of other primates and the fossil record to understand how humans evolved. It uses the physical remains and material culture of human groups to understand how cultures have developed over time. Anthropology also investigates how existing human groups come to exhibit different social and cultural life ways. In the broadest sense, anthropology is about how the human species came to be, how it developed myriad ways of living in the world, and how those ways may change in the future.

Anthropology as a discipline is as diverse as humans themselves. Some in the field focus on culture and societal structures. They tend to use a research method called ethnography where they immerse themselves in a group for extended periods of time, observing and recording social life. Social anthropologists may examine issues such as workplace behavior, religious rituals, art, family structures or gender relations. Linguistic anthropologists focus on the development of language and the interrelationship of language, thought and behavior. Archaeology is the study of human beings through the material culture, artifacts, and traces on the landscape they leave behind. Biological anthropologists study human physical evolution and biological variation, analyzing how our culture affects our biology and how our biology affects our culture.

## Careers in Anthropology

Anthropologists work at all types of public and

private sector organizations and in all types of settings. Overseas, locally, laboratories, schools, deserts and oceans are all places where you might find an anthropologist.

A major in anthropology provides a useful and relevant foundation for many kinds of jobs.

Because graduates understand many facets of human organization, communication, groupings and behavior, they are prepared to work with people of varied

**The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts 19% job growth in anthropology and archaeology professions through 2022**

- community development
- foreign diplomatic service
- forensic science
- museum work
- international business
- educational support
- public relations
- construction management
- urban planning
- environmental preservation
- cultural resource management

cultural backgrounds in roles such as:

Depending on the student's area of focus, other career tracks include forensic science, museum work, cultural resource management, urban planning or environmental preservation. Anthropology is one of the broad-based liberal arts degrees that provides limitless possibilities for students.

## Research Opportunities and Field Work

The Anthropology Department works closely with UWM's Office of Undergraduate Research to provide a unique opportunity for undergraduates to gain hands-on research experience. Recent students have participated in an experimental archaeology project involving the butchering of an elk and the inventorying and organization of a large collection of human remains.

Internships are another popular option for students. A faculty advisor and on-site supervisor guide the student to apply anthropological principles in practice. Sites can include businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions or political groups.

Students have done field work in Senegal, New Orleans, South Africa, Peru, Romania, and sites throughout the U.S.

Many anthropology students participate in service learning. As part of a designated class, students spend a portion of time each week working with a non-profit agency. The professor, the on-site supervisor and the student mutually agree to learning objectives that tie the topic of the class to the nature of that particular non-profit's work.

### Major Requirements

The anthropology major is designed for three kinds of students:

- those who want a broad understanding of human behavior
- those whose professional interests require insight into unfamiliar peoples and cultures
- those who seek to specialize in anthropology

The program offers flexibility for students to choose their courses and tailor their major around cultural anthropology, archaeology, physical/biological anthropology or linguistic anthropology. The major requires 36 credits including:

Course #	Course Title
Anthro 101	Intro to Anthropology: Human Origins
Anthro 102	Intro to Anthropology: Culture and Society
Anthro 103	Digging Up The Past: Approaches to Archaeology
Anthro 105	Intro to Linguistic Anthropology
Anthro 460	Anthropology Theory
One course from each area: physical anthropology, archaeology, ethnology and related sociocultural subjects, linguistic anthropology, and methods	
One of Anthro 401, 497, 525, 535, 560, or 566	

The remaining courses to get to 36 credits, including at least 15 at the 300-level or higher are electives within Anthropology.

### Minor Requirements

The anthropology minor requires 18 credits including

the following required courses. At least 9 credits must be at the 300-level or above.

Course #	Course Title
Anthro 101	Intro to Anthropology: Human Origins
Anthro 102	Intro to Anthropology: Culture and Society
One course from each area: physical anthropology, archaeology, ethnology and related sociocultural subjects, and linguistic anthropology	

### Related Certificates

A certificate is similar to a minor in terms of requirements but is open to all students regardless of major and even to non-degree seeking students. Many working professionals seek certification to enhance their qualifications in the workplace.

Certificates focus on a specific topic and often involve courses that span numerous departments. The following certificates are highly complementary to an anthropology major:

- Ancient Mediterranean Studies Certificate
- Asian Studies Certificate
- Celtic Studies Certificate
- Cultures and Communities Certificate
- Forensic Science Certificate
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificate
- Urban Studies Certificate

### Anthropology Student Union

The Anthropology Student Union (ASU) is a student-run, non-profit organization that serves the needs and interests of undergraduate and graduate students. The ASU organizes meetings, runs a computer lab, publishes a newsletter and hosts an annual party.

### Events

The department hosts colloquia featuring local, national, and international speakers. The Wisconsin Archaeological Society meets on campus, and the Archaeological Society of America is a frequent co-sponsor of programs. Recent topics include:

- The Evolution of Human Reproduction: Lessons for Darwinian Medicine, with Robert Martin from the Field Museum
- Stonehenge: New Discoveries with Dr. Mike Parker Pearson from the University College London
- Searching for Cyprus' Late Bronze Age Cities with Dr. Kevin Fisher from the University of British Columbia
- Warfare, Weapons, and Skeletal Trauma in Early Medieval Ireland with Dr. Rachel Scott from DePaul University
- The Archaeology of Ancient Greek Dress with Dr. Mireille M. Lee from Vanderbilt University



This sample four-year plan shows just one possible pathway to earning a degree with this major in four years. This plan **does not** replace the advice of your advisor, and students are cautioned to meet regularly with their advisor to create a personalized plan that matches their particular circumstances. This plan also follows the degree requirements for students who began their college education in Fall of 2013 or later. If you started college prior to Fall of 2013, your degree requirements may be different.

### Degree Requirements (brief summary):

1. English Proficiency and UWM Oral and Written Communication (OWC) GER - English 102 (fulfills Part A) and one OWC-Part B course.
2. Math Proficiency, UWM Quantitative Literacy (QL) GER, and Formal Reasoning – two courses can satisfy all three requirements. Some courses have prerequisites, however, so a student may end up taking more than two total classes depending on his/her placement test scores. Students will usually take Math 103 or 105 AND three credits in either a 200-level or above math course, Philosophy 211, or an approved Letters & Science statistics course.
3. Foreign Language – 4 semesters of a single Foreign Language (or 3 semesters of one language and 2 semesters of another language) (May be satisfied through 4 years of a single Foreign Language in high school.)
4. L&S Humanities (HU) – 12 credits
5. L&S Social Sciences (SS) – 12 credits
6. L&S Natural Science (NS) – 12 credits including one lab
7. L&S International (Int'l) – 9 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with Humanities and/or Social Science courses
8. UWM Arts GER – 3 credits
9. UWM Cultural Diversity GER (CD) – 3 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with a Humanities or Social Science course
10. 120 credits including 90 credits in L&S and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses
11. Complete the Anthropology major requirements
  - 36 credits with at least 15 at the 300-level or above completed at UWM
  - Anthro 101, 102, 103, 105, 460
  - One of Anthro 401, 497, 525, 535, 560, or 566 (research)
  - One of Anthro 301, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, or 651 (physical anthropology)
  - One of Anthro 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 420, 421, 424, 425, 465, 466, 501, 502, 525, 535, 565, or 636 (archaeology)
  - One of Anthro 302, 314, 315, 320, 322, 325, 326, 328, 335, 340, 349, 351, 354, 355, 400, 431, 440, 441, 442, 443, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 540, 543, or 544 (ethnology)
  - One of Anthro 361, 362, 366, or 570 (linguistics)

- One of Anthro 497, 525, 535, 560, 561, 562, 566, 567, or 568 (methods)
- Anthro Elective courses to add to 36 total

### Sample Four Year Plan:

There are hundreds of courses that satisfy various requirements and courses can count towards more than one requirement. For example, Anthro 101 counts towards the major and as a social science course. (This sample assumes no high school Foreign Language was taken and that the student placed into college-level math and English.)

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	English 102 (OWC-A)
	Math 103 or 105 (QL-A)	QL-B/formal reasoning course
	1st semester Foreign Language	2nd semester Foreign Language
	L&S Humanities	L&S Natural Science
	Anthro 101 (SS)	Anthro 102 (SS)
Year 2	L&S Humanities/Cultural Diversity	Arts GER
	3rd semester Foreign Language (Int'l)	4th semester Foreign Language (Int'l)
	Anthro 103 (SS)	Anthro 105 (SS)
	OWC-B course	L&S Natural Science with lab
	Elective	Elective
Year 3	L&S Humanities	L&S Humanities/International
	Anthro 301, 402, or 403 (NS) (physical anthro)	Anthro sociocultural elective
	Anthro archaeology elective	Anthro upper-level elective
	L&S Social Science, not anthro	L&S upper-level
	Elective	Elective
Year 4	Anthro methods elective	Anthro research course
	Anthro linguistics elective	Anthro 460
	L&S Natural Science	L&S upper-level
	L&S Social Science, not anthro	L&S upper-level
	L&S upper-level	L&S upper-level