Description

The minor in sociocultural anthropology, offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, is designed to provide students with a substantive understanding of the theoretical assumptions and methodological techniques underlying the field of sociocultural anthropology. Courses provide students with knowledge about and theoretical approaches to cross-cultural studies and transnational research, emphasizing culture and political economy in historical context. Specifically, students minoring in sociocultural anthropology are expected to demonstrate knowledge and skill in the following areas:

- anthropological approaches to and explanatory frameworks for the study of social issues in culture and political economy
- application of theoretical knowledge to understanding sociocultural practices across local and global contexts
- awareness of cultural, ethnic, gender, sexual, class and age differences and commonalities across world social formations
- critical thinking and analytical reasoning
- development of their own anthropological perspective for use in their everyday lives and future studies or employment
- effective oral presentation and written communication
- interpretation of cultural practices, social theory and social texts
- qualitative research methods in anthropology and other social sciences and interpretive humanities including ethnographic field research and library research

At a Glance

- **College/School**: New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location**: West campus

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Major Map (Archives)
Program Requirements

The minor in Sociocultural Anthropology requires 18 semester hours, at least 12 hours of which must be in upper division courses taken in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Two core courses are required, ASB 311 and SBS 302. The remaining 12 credit hours may be drawn from ASB courses and select SBS courses. Up to six hours of lower division ASB credit, three hours of ASB 499 Individualized Instruction, and three hours of ASB 484 Internship may be applied toward the minor. Up to six hours of ASB courses offered by other ASU campuses may be applied toward electives in the minor. Up to three credit hours of any study abroad course, in any prefix, may apply to this minor. All coursework within the minor must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" (2.00) or better.

Required Courses -- 6 credit hours

ASB 311: Principles of Social Anthropology (SB & G & H) (3)
SBS 302: Qualitative Methods (3)

Electives (minimum 6 upper-division) -- 12 credit hours

ASB 102: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (SB & G) (3)
ASB 211: Women in Other Cultures ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 319: The North American Indian (3)
ASB 339 / POS 339 / SBS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements (SB) (3)
ASB 340: Migration and Culture (SB & G) or SBS 450: Migration & Culture (SB & G) or SOC 328: Migration and Culture (SB & G) (3)
ASB 342 / SBS 342 / SOC 342: Mexico-U.S. Borderlands (SB & C) (3)
ASB 346: Marriage and Family Diversity (SB & C) (3)
ASB 350: Anthropology and Art (HU) (3)
ASB 353 / SOC 353: Death and Dying in Cross-Cultural Perspective ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 356 / GCU 356 / POS 354 / SBS 356 / SOC 356: Central American Studies (SB & G) (3)
ASB 374 / POS 374 / SBS 374: Cultures and Politics of the Internet (SB) (3)
ASB 389 / SBS 389 / SOC 389: Ethnographic Field Lab (3)
ASB 394: Special Topics (3)
ASB 440: Women in the Global Factory (SB & G) (3)
ASB 442 / SBS 460: Global Cities (SB & G) (3)
ASB 447 / POS 447 / SBS 447: Citizenship, Nationalism, and Identity (SB & C) (3)
ASB 484: Internship (3)
ASB 494: Special Topics (3)
ASB 499: Individualized Instruction (3)
JHR 305: Theory and Practice of Social Justice and Human Rights (SB & G) (3)
SBS 301: Cultural Diversity ((L or SB) & C) (3)
SBS 450: Topics in Local/Global (SB & G) (3)
SBS 480 / POS 480: Global Justice (G) (3)
Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

**Enrollment Requirements**

**GPA Requirement:** None

**Majors Ineligible to Add This Minor:** None

**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

The minor in sociocultural anthropology is open to all ASU undergraduate majors.

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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