Anthropology, Minor
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Are you intrigued by human behavior, history and biology? An anthropology minor gives you the tools to explore the lessons of human nature, preparing you for success in many different careers through a deep understanding of who we are and where we came from.

Description

Coursework in anthropology complements many majors and provides critical thinking skills for any career field that requires understanding human behavior and its motivations, including medicine, marketing, business, consulting and human resources.

A minor in anthropology completes the academic experience by focusing on the lessons and people that make human societies so interesting and challenging to understand, both in the past and in modern times.

A focus in evolutionary anthropology is perfect for a premedical track where a broad evolutionary perspective is important for understanding disease processes. A focus in sociocultural anthropology provides understanding of human interaction and how social groups function.

Anthropological training provides a competitive advantage in the workforce as students learn how to problem-solve creatively and better understand themselves and others.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus or online

Program Requirements
Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map

The anthropology minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours, at least 12 of which must be upper-division. Only courses completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) can be used to fulfill minor requirements.

The minor in anthropology is also available in an online format to complement the studies of ASU Online students.

**Required Introductory Courses (choose two) -- 6 credit hours**

- **ASB 102: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (SB & G)** (3)
- **ASB 222: Buried Cities and Lost Tribes ((HU or SB) & G & H) or ASB 223: Aztecs, Incas and Mayas (HU or SB) & G & H** (3)
- **ASM 104: Bones, Stones, and Human Evolution (SB or SG)** (4)

**Upper-Division Subfield Courses -- 12 credit hours**

Students choose 12 upper-division credit hours from the subfields of archaeology, evolutionary anthropology and sociocultural anthropology (including linguistics). The particular required introductory courses selected may limit the courses available for use as subfield courses. At least two of the three subfields must be represented. (12)

**Archaeology Subfield**

- **ASB 301 / HST 301: Global History of Health (SB & G & H)** (3)
- **ASB 326: Human Impacts on Ancient Environments (SB & H)** (3)
- **ASB 330: Understanding Archaeology (SB)** (3)
- **ASB 333: Frauds, Myths and Mysteries ((HU or SB) & G)** (3)
- **ASB 335: Ancient Ruins of the Southwest (SB & H & C)** (3)
- **ASB 337: Pyramids and Hieroglyphs: Life in Ancient Mesoamerica ((HU or SB) & G & H)** (3)
- **ASB 361: Human Cultural Beginnings (H)** (3)
- **ASB 362: People and Plants** (3)
- **ASB 366 / AFR 366: African Archaeology: Precolonial Urban Culture (SB & H)** (3)
- **ASB 368: Hunter-Gatherers (SB)** (3)
- **ASB 490: Earliest Cities (SB & H)** (3)
- **ASM 338: Bioarchaeology and the Human Skeleton** (9)
- **ASM 338: Field Archaeology & Geophysical Testing** (9)
- **ASM 350: Geoarchaeology** (3)
- **ASM 365: Doing Archaeology** (3)
- **ASM 450: Bioarchaeology (SB & G)** (3)
- **ASM 494: Archaeoinformatic Methods for Fieldwork** (3)

**Physical Subfield**

- **ASB 301 / HST 301: Global History of Health (SB & G & H)** (3)
- **ASB 368: Hunter-Gatherers (SB)** (3)
- **ASB 394: Modeling Simulation Neglected Tropical Diseases** (3)
ASB 408: Advanced Evolutionary Medicine (3)
ASB 494: Applied Epidemiology (3)
ASB 494: Maternal and Child Health (3)
ASB 494: Reproductive Ecology (3)
ASM 301: Peopling of the World (SB) (3)
ASM 313: Great Adaptations (3)
ASM 332: Life and Death in Ancient Egypt (3)
ASM 338: Bioarchaeology and the Human Skeleton (9)
ASM 341: Human Osteology (4)
ASM 342 / BIO 327: Evolution of Human Behavior (3)
ASM 344: Fossil Hominids (4)
ASM 345: Disease and Human Evolution (3)
ASM 394: Evolution and Medicine Visiting Speaker Recitation (1)
ASM 401: Health and Human Biology (3)
ASM 403: Evolutionary Medicine and Global Health (3)
ASM 443: Primatology (3)
ASM 446 / BIO 446: Principles of Human Genetics (L) (3)
ASM 450: Bioarchaeology (SB & G) (3)
ASM 452: Dental Anthropology (SG) (4)
ASM 456: Infectious Disease and Human Evolution (3)
ASM 459: Forensic Anthropology (3)
ASM 460: Human Growth and Development: An Evolutionary Perspective (3)
ASM 465: Quantification and Analysis for Anthropologists (CS) (3)
ASM 494: Bayesian Statistics in Theory and Practice (3)
ASM 494: Evolution and Mental Disorders (3)
ASM 494: Evolution of Technology (3)
ASM 494: Models in Social Evolution (3)
ASM 494: Social Complexity (3)

**Sociocultural Subfield**

ASB 300: Food and Culture ((L or SB) & C) (3)
ASB 302: Ethnographic Field Study ((L or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 305: Poverty and Global Health ((L or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 310 / AFR 300: Precolonial Africa (SB & G & H) (3)
ASB 311: Principles of Social Anthropology (SB & G & H) (3)
ASB 316: Money and Culture (L or SB) (3)
ASB 319: The North American Indian (3)
ASB 322: Peoples of Latin America ((L or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 325: Peoples of Southeast Asia (G) (3)
ASB 327: Disaster! ((L or SB) & C) (3)
ASB 336 / AFR 336: African Art (HU & G) (3)
ASB 339 / POS 339 / SBS 339 / SOC.339: Grassroots Social Movements (SB) (3)
ASB 340 / SOC 328: Migration and Culture (SB & G) (3)
ASB 342 / SBS 342 / SOC 342: Mexico-U.S. Borderlands (SB & C) (3)
ASB 343 / PUP 343 / SOS 343 / TCL 343: Latinas/os and the Environment (3)
ASB 344 / SOC 334: Technology and Society (L or SB) (3)
ASB 345: Culture and Society Transformation (3)
ASB 346: Marriage and Family Diversity (SB & C) (3)
ASB 348: The Borders of Language (L) (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 355: Traditional Medicine and Healing (HU or SB) (3)
ASB 356 / GCU 356 / POS 354 / SBS 356 / SOC 356: Central American Studies (SB & G) (3)
ASB 357: Society, Drugs and Health (SB & G) (3)
ASB 358 / AFR 358: The Yoruba and the Atlantic World (3)
ASB 370 / SOS 370: Ethics of Eating (L or SB) (3)
ASB 371 / HST 371 / SLC 371 / SPA 371 / TCL 371: Language Hegemony and Culture (3)
ASB 374 / POS 374 / SBS 374 / SOC 374: Cultures and Politics of the Internet (SB) (3)
ASB 375 / SOS 375: Humans and the Environment: What's the Connection? ((L or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 376: Global Health Policy (3)
ASB 378 / TCL 378: Globalization: Migration, Mass Media, McDonald's ((L or SB) & C) (3)
ASB 380: Language, Culture and Gender (SB) (3)
ASB 389 / SBS 389 / SOC 389: Ethnographic Field Lab (1)
ASB 394: Statistics for Social Scientists (3)
ASB 412: History of Anthropology (L or SB) (3)
ASB 421: Education and Society (SB) (3)
ASB 442 / SBS 460: Global Cities (SB & G) (3)
ASB 443 / SSH 403: Cross-Cultural Studies in Global Health ((L or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 447 / POS 447 / SBS 447: Citizenship, Nationalism and Identity (SB & C & G) (3)
ASB 452: Community Partnerships for Global Health (SB) (3)
ASB 455: Practicum for Social Sciences (SB) (3)
ASB 457: Global Mental Health ((L or SB) & G) (3)
ASB 462: Medical Anthropology: Culture and Health (SB & C) (3)
ASB 463 / SOS 463 / TCL 443: Political Ecology of the Border (SB & G) (3)
ASB 464 / TCL 444: The Ethnography of Mexico and the Borderlands (SB & G) (3)
ASB 466 / AFR 466: Peoples and Cultures of Africa (SB & G) (3)
ASB 494: Ethnography of Schooling in the Borderlands (3)
ASB 494: Facing Immigration (3)
ASB 494: Facing Immigration II (3)
ASM 414: Environmental Health (SB) (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

Incompatible Majors: BA in anthropology; BS in anthropology

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

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.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Career Opportunities

The demand in the job market for people with an anthropology background is stimulated by a growing need for researchers and analysts with keen thinking skills who can manage, evaluate and interpret large amounts of data. As the many spheres of human interaction expand globally, people trained in anthropology are increasingly sought for their broad, holistic knowledge and perspectives, which are the hallmarks of anthropology.

Some career opportunities include:

- acting as legal advocates in international cases
- analyzing and proposing policies
- conducting postgraduate academic research
- consulting for private and public organizations
- curating cultural resources
- directing nonprofit organizations
- directing programs in the private or public sector
- managing culture or heritage resources in private or public sectors
- modeling infectious diseases
- planning communities
- teaching

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