

Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures

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Anthropology is the study of humans as biological and cultural beings. Its subfields include archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics. Students majoring in anthropology may undertake course work in all four subfields, with concentrations offered in archaeology and cultural and biological anthropology.

Anthropology is a particularly broad major, designed for students who are preparing for employment with research organizations or museums, cultural research management for administrative and research positions with state or federal governments (such as state highway departments, medical examiner's offices, and the National Park Service), and with human service agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO's), or organizations that involve work in both the U.S. and foreign countries. The undergraduate major in anthropology also prepares students for graduate training in professional fields such as environmental and sustainability studies, planning, law, medicine, public health, forensics, and public administration, as well as for graduate training in anthropology leading to college and university teaching and research positions.

A student wishing to pursue a program leading to a Bachelor of Arts with a major in anthropology is required to complete the program of study outlined on this page. Students are encouraged to take elective courses in related fields which will strengthen their academic training and job skills. These may include courses in history, human biology, disease, and anatomy, soils, geology, criminology, and geographic information systems (GIS).

Students are eligible for membership in the Alpha chapter of Lambda Alpha, the national anthropology honor society. In order to be considered, a student must have at least a 2.50 overall GPA, with a 3.00 GPA in anthropology courses, and have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours credit in anthropology. Part-time jobs are available for anthropology majors through the Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures and through the Cobb Institute of Archaeology.

The Anthropology faculty and staff are housed in the Cobb Institute of Archaeology. Facilities include archaeology, bioarchaeology, and forensics laboratories and a museum. The museum houses artifacts from Mississippi and the Middle East, including replicas of large-scale relief sculptures and statues from Assyria and Egypt.

Anthropology may be used as a minor field of study at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Fifteen hours (nine hours must be 3000 level or above), including AN 1103, constitute an undergraduate minor. Requirements for an anthropology minor at the graduate level will be established in consultation with the anthropology graduate advisor. Courses taken for an undergraduate or graduate minor must be taught by anthropology faculty.

BA in Anthropology (AN)

General Education Requirements

English Composition

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| EN 1103 | English Composition I | 3 |
| or EN 1104 | Expanded English Composition I | |
| EN 1113 | English Composition II | 3 |
| or EN 1173 | Accelerated Composition II | |

Creative Discovery

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| See A&S Core List | | 3 |
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Humanities

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| Literature | See A&S core list | 3 |
| History | See A&S core list | 3 |

Social Sciences

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| See A&S core list | | 6 |
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Quantitative Reasoning

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| MA/ST 2113 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 |
| or MA 1323 | Trigonometry | |
| or MA 1613 | Calculus for Business and Life Sciences I | |
| or MA 1713 | Calculus I | |

Natural Sciences

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| Physical Sciences w/lab - A&S core | | 3-4 |
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| Life Science w/ lab - A&S core | 3-4 |
| Natural Science Elective - A&S core | 3-4 |

College Requirements & Major Core

Additional College Requirements

Foreign Language

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| Foreign Language I | 3 |
| Foreign Language II | 3 |
| Foreign Language III | 3 |

Additional Humanities

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| Philosophy | See A&S core list | 3 |
| Humanities Elective ¹ | | 9 |

Additional Social Sciences

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| Social Sciences Electives ² | | 12 |
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Major Core

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| AN 1143 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| AN 1344 | Biological Anthropology: The Making of Us | 4 |
| AN 1543 | Discovering Archaeology: Past Meets Present | 3 |
| AN 3513 | Artifact Analysis | 3 |
| AN 3563 | Data Analytics for Anthropology | 3 |
| AN 4123 | Anthropological Theory | 3 |
| Anthropology Elective | | 3 |
| Anthropology Upper Division Electives | | 18 |

Oral Communication Requirement

Satisfied with AN 4123 in the major

Jr/Sr Writing

Satisfied with AN 4123 in the major

Free Electives

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| Consult advisor | | 14-17 |
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| Total Hours | | 123 |
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Note: Students must complete 31 upper division hours in A&S in residence at MSU.

¹ Humanities electives must be courses in A&S and must cover two disciplines.

² Social Science electives must be courses in A&S. The total 18 hours in Social Science must cover four disciplines; maximum of 6 hours per discipline; only one EC and one CO from A&S core list allowed.

Middle Eastern Studies Minor

The Middle Eastern Studies (MES) minor is offered to MSU students as formal acknowledgement of the completion of a specialized program of study over and above their normal degree requirements that leads to greater proficiency in areas related to Middle Eastern Studies. The MES minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours. Students must complete at least 9 hours (3 courses) from the Core Course List, and 9 hours (3 courses) from the Elective Course List. Only one Special Topics (2990, 4990) or Directed Individual Study (4000) in Middle Eastern Cultures, Religion, or Anthropology will be accepted for completion of this minor.

Students must choose three of the following:

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| AN 3553 | Near Eastern Archaeology | 9 |
| or MEC 3553 | Near Eastern Archaeology | |
| or REL 3553 | Near Eastern Archaeology | |
| HI 4403 | The Ancient Near East | 9 |
| or MEC 4403 | The Ancient Near East | |
| or REL 4403 | The Ancient Near East | |
| HI 4413 | Ancient Greece and Rome | 9 |
| MEC 3473 | Islam | |
| or REL 3473 | Islam | |

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| MEC 4000 | Directed Individual Study ¹ | |
| Students must select three of the following: | | 9 |
| AN 1143 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | |
| AN 3533 | Rise of Civilization | |
| AN 3553 | Near Eastern Archaeology | |
| or MEC 3553 | Near Eastern Archaeology | |
| or REL 3553 | Near Eastern Archaeology | |
| AN 3540 | Archaeological Travel and Participation Program | |
| FLH 1113 | Greek I | |
| FLH 1123 | Elementary Ancient Greek II | |
| FLL 1113 | Latin I | |
| FLL 1123 | Latin II | |
| GR 4283 | Geography of Islamic World | |
| HI 4403 | The Ancient Near East | |
| or MEC 4403 | The Ancient Near East | |
| or REL 4403 | The Ancient Near East | |
| HI 4413 | Ancient Greece and Rome | |
| MEC 3473 | Islam | |
| or REL 3473 | Islam | |
| REL 1213 | Introduction to the Old Testament | |
| REL 1223 | Introduction to the New Testament | |
| REL 2233 | Introduction to Old Testament Archaeology | |
| or MEC 2233 | Introduction to Old Testament Archaeology | |
| REL 3203 | The Prophets of Ancient Israel | |
| REL 4143 | Classical Mythology | |
| or FL 4143 | Classical Mythology | |
| Total Hours | | 18 |

¹ May use only one Directed Individual Study/Special Topic. This also includes AN/REL 2990, 4000, and 4990.