

ANTHROPOLOGY - BACHELOR OF ARTS

The field of anthropology provides a broadly based education in the social and biological sciences. Undergraduate anthropology majors develop an understanding of human diversity that will benefit them in a wide variety of careers. They have particular advantage in positions that require contact with different cultures and ethnic groups or with large organizations that provide human services.

Students intending to become professional anthropologists pursue careers in teaching, archaeological research, museums, public and private cultural resource management, international development and business, human services and health care, forensic sciences, urban planning, agricultural development, and administration. While anthropology is a traditional academic discipline, it also has become an applied profession.

Today, many anthropologists hold important positions in government, business, public policy organizations, and health professions. Anthropology's broad perspective on human diversity and intercultural relations provides students with valuable professional skills. NMSU anthropologists are committed to teaching practical knowledge and useful skills that will contribute to students' career goals and to their intellectual development.

Requirements

The BA in Anthropology requires 36 credits, 15 in upper division core courses (ANTH 301 Cultural Anthropology, ANTH 315 Introduction to Archaeology, ANTH 355 Biological Anthropology, ANTH 350 Anthropological Theory, and ANTH 399 Professionalism & Practice in Anthropology). Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G or ENGL 1110H	Composition I Composition I Honors	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
Select one English course from the following list ¹		3
ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	
ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	
ENGL 2215G	Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i> ²		3
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
Any Mathematics course found in Area II will meet the requirement, excluding MATH 2134G ²		3-4
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics (recommended)	

<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> ^{3,4}		10-11
Area III: Laboratory Sciences (4 credits)		
ANTH 1135G & ANTH 1135L	Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab (recommended, not required)	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)		
The following are recommended but not required.		
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
ANTH 2140G	Indigenous Peoples of North America	
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits)		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ²		3
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ²		3
<i>General Education Elective</i> ²		3-4
Viewing A Wider World ⁵		6
Departmental/College Requirements		
ANTH 301	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 315	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANTH 350	Anthropological Theory	3
ANTH 355	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 399	Professionalism & Practice in Anthropology	3
ANTH 301, ANTH 315, and ANTH 355 may be taken in any order that best suits the student's interests.		
<i>Departmental Electives</i>		
Select additional electives in anthropology to bring total credits in major to 36, including 27 upper-division.		15
Second Language Requirement: (required- see below)		
Electives, to bring the total credits to 120		49-52
Students must graduate with 48 upper-division.		
Total Credits		120

- ¹ A grade of C- or better must be earned.
- ² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses
- ³ Students taking nine or more credits in a specific subject area, even though the courses are not designated as General Education courses, will have met the general education requirements for that subject area.
- ⁴ All students must take one Area III: Laboratory Science (4 credits), one Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science Course (3 credits) and one additional course in either area (3-4 credits) in order to complete the requirement.
- ⁵ Students must complete two Viewing the Wider World Courses (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) (VWW) for a total of 6 credits. One VWW must be from outside of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the second must be from outside of Anthropology. A student may substitute three credits taken as study abroad for one of the VWW course requirements.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, all majors must reach a one year proficiency in a foreign language (through 1120 level, completed with a C- or better) or equivalent/placement. Student who choose to earn the Concentration in Culture and Language must reach a two year proficiency in a foreign language (through 2120 level with a C- or better) or equivalent/placement. The options to complete these requirements are

listed below. The number of credits that a student needs to take may vary depending on what level of language proficiency they already possess. Please speak with an advisor for more information as to which courses you will need to take to fulfill the second language requirement for this degree. Please note that language immersion courses are available through the Office of Experiential Learning and Education Abroad.

Option 1:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following sequences:		
FREN 1110 & FREN 1120 & FREN 2110 & FREN 2120	French I and French II and French III and French IV	3-14
GRMN 1110 & GRMN 1120 & GRMN 2110 & GRMN 2120	German I and German II and German III and German IV	3-14
JAPN 1110 & JAPN 1120 & JAPN 2110 & JAPN 2120	Japanese I and Japanese II and Japanese III and Japanese IV	3-14
SPAN 1110 & SPAN 1120 & SPAN 2110 & SPAN 2120	Spanish I and Spanish II and Spanish III and Spanish IV	3-14
PORT 1110 & PORT 1120	Portuguese I and Portuguese II	3-6
<i>For Heritage Speakers:</i>		
SPAN 1210 & SPAN 1220 & SPAN 2210	Elementary Spanish for Heritage Learners I and Spanish for Heritage Learners II and Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3-9

Option 2:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete the following sequence for American Sign Language (with a C- or better):		
SIGN 1110	American Sign Language I	3
SIGN 1120	American Sign Language II	3
SIGN 2110	American Sign Language III	3

Option 3:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Challenge the 1120 or 2120 level for the following courses:		
FREN 2120 or GRMN 2120 or JAPN 2120 or SPAN 2120	French IV German IV Japanese IV Spanish IV	3
<i>OR</i>		
Challenge the 1120/2210 level for the following courses:		
PORT 1120 or SPAN 2210	Portuguese II Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3

Option 4:

Pass a three-credit, upper-division course (numbered 300 or above) taught in a second language by the department of Languages and Linguistics.

Option 5:

Obtain college certification of completion of two years of a second language at the high school level with a grade of C- or higher in the second-year level.

Option 6:

By obtaining certification of a working knowledge of a Native American language from the American Indian program director.

Option 7:

By obtaining, from the head of the Department of Languages and Linguistics, certification of a working knowledge of a second language if such language is not taught at NMSU.

Option 8:

In the case of a foreign student who is required to take the TOEFL exam admission, the dean will automatically waive the second language requirement.

A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1220G College Algebra and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

Freshman		Credits
ENGL 1110G or ENGL 1110H	Composition I or Composition I Honors	4
Any Mathematics course found in Area II will meet the requirement, excluding MATH 2134G		3
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics (recommended)	
Area III/IV: Laboratory and Social/Behavioral Science: Select two of the Anthropology Gen Ed courses ¹		6-8
The following will count for the major:		
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1135G & ANTH 1135L	Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab	
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
ANTH 2140G	Indigenous Peoples of North America	
HNRS 2161G	Window of Humanity	
HNRS 2172G	Archaeology: Search for the Past	
Area V: Humanities or Area IV: Creative and Fine Arts ^{2,3}		3
Second Language 1110 or Placement ⁴		4
Area I: Communications, select one of the following:		3
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors	
Area V: Humanities or Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts ^{2,3}		3
Second Language 1120 ⁴		4
Credits		30-32

Sophomore

ANTH 301	Cultural Anthropology ⁵	3
Area I: Communications, select one of the following		3
ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	
ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	

ENGL 2215G	Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
Second Language 2110 ⁴		3
Anthropology Elective Course or Core Course		3
General Education Elective Course ³		3-4
ANTH 315	Introduction to Archaeology ⁵	3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course ¹		4
Second Language 2120 ⁴		3
Anthropology and Archaeology Field Schools are typically offered in Summer		
ANTH 388	Archaeological Field School	
ANTH 488	Advanced Archaeological Field School	
Elective Course(s)		5
Credits		30-31
Junior		
ANTH 350	Anthropological Theory (offered Fall only)	3
Viewing a Wider World Course ⁸		3
Anthropology Elective (Upper Division) ¹¹		3
Minor Course or Elective Course ⁹		3
ANTH 355	Biological Anthropology (offered Spring only) ⁵	3
ANTH 399	Professionalism & Practice in Anthropology (offered Spring only) ¹⁰	3
Viewing a Wider World Course ⁸		3
Minor Course or Elective Course ⁹		3
Minor Course or Elective Course ⁹		3
Summer Field Opportunities:		
Archaeological Field School ¹⁰		
Ethnographic Field School ¹⁰		
Elective Course		3
Study Abroad		
Credits		30
Senior		
Anthropology Elective Course (Upper Division) ¹¹		3
Anthropology Elective Course (Upper Division) ¹¹		3
Minor Course of Elective Course (Upper Division) ⁹		3
Minor Course of Elective Course (Upper Division) ⁹		3
Elective Course (Upper Division)		3
Elective Course (Upper Division)		3
Anthropology Elective Course (Upper Division) ¹¹		3
Minor Course or Elective Course (Upper Division) ⁹		3
Elective Course(s)		6
Credits		30
Total Credits		120-123

for the basic foreign language requirement for the BA in Anthropology. Language courses numbered 2110 and 2120 are required for students pursuing the Concentration in Language and Culture.

⁵ Core courses ANTH 301 Cultural Anthropology, ANTH 315 Introduction to Archaeology, and ANTH 355 Biological Anthropology may be taken in any order that best suits the student's academic development.

⁶ Summer Course offerings commonly include ANTH 388 Archaeological Field School, ANTH 488 Advanced Archaeological Field School, which follows logically from the ANTH 315 Introduction to Archaeology core class.

⁷ Students are encouraged to Study Abroad or begin a minor in a related field, and a VWW course can often be an entry to a minor. Three credits of Study Abroad may substitute for one VWW requirement. Students completing the Concentration in Culture and Language may take LING 302V as one VWW requirement.

⁸ Anthropology students often complete minors in related fields. It is recommended but not required. See faculty for advice about how to enhance your educational development with a minor.

⁹ Please note that ANTH 399 Professionalism & Practice in Anthropology is a capstone course for the degree and ideally should be taken in the Spring of the junior year, after completion or in conjunction with the Anthropology core courses. ANTH 399 is only offered in the Spring semester.

¹⁰ For summer field opportunities, consult a faculty advisor. Applications for summer field courses are usually due by mid March. Honors students in Anthropology are encouraged to seek out National Science Foundation - Research Experiences for Undergraduates Sites Programs in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The NMSU Honors College also offers the Honors College Scholarship for a self-designed international travel and research experience. Sophomore and Junior Crimson Scholars are eligible to apply.

¹¹ A minimum of 27 upper division credits in Anthropology is required overall. A minimum of 36 total credits in Anthropology is required for the B.A. degree.

¹ Students must take one Area III: Laboratory Sciences course, one Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science Course and an additional course in either area in order to fulfill the General Education requirements.

² Students must take one Area V: Humanities course and one Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts Course in order to fulfill their General Education requirements. Students completing the Concentration in Culture and Language may take LING 2110G for their Area V requirement.

³ See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

⁴ Please note that immersion courses abroad are available through Study Abroad and may substitute for courses in the second language sequence. Language courses numbered 1110 and 1120 are needed