

Department of Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Anthropology and minors in Anthropology and American Indian Studies. Honors may also be earned in Anthropology.

Department Honors

The Department of Anthropology awards Department Honors to certain of its outstanding students and provides the opportunity for advanced study under close faculty supervision.

Selection of students for honors designation is based on the student's academic performance and recommendation by the faculty in the student's major discipline. To be eligible for the program, students must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 at UTSA and a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in their major at UTSA. The minimum grade point averages must be maintained for students to receive the approval of the Department Honors Committee and the discipline faculty. Students applying for Department Honors are expected to enroll in the appropriate honors thesis courses during their final two semesters. The completed thesis must be approved by the supervising faculty sponsor and another departmental faculty member.

Students interested in this program should contact their faculty advisors for additional information.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology

The minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree, including Core Curriculum requirements, is 120. Thirty-nine of the total semester credit hours required for the degree must be at the upper-division level.

All candidates for this degree must fulfill the Core Curriculum requirements and the degree requirements, which are listed below.

As part of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts Signature Experience, which seeks to offer students opportunities to apply ideas and knowledge in real-world settings, the Department of Anthropology encourages students to take advantage of internships, independent studies, study abroad, research opportunities, and service learning as part of their undergraduate program of study. Internships are arranged through the Undergraduate Advisor of Record and are designed to provide students with experiences at a wide variety of institutions in the region, including the Department's Center for Archaeological Research and the UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures. Independent studies are arranged in consultation with Anthropology faculty and may include research on areas not normally covered by organized coursework, work associated with a professor's research, or a student's independent research project. Faculty-led and other study abroad opportunities are organized by the Education Abroad Services office. Service learning is offered through the UTSA Student Activities Office and focuses on activities designed around civic engagements that address or meet community needs.

Core Curriculum Requirements (42 semester credit hours)

Students seeking the B.A. degree in Anthropology must fulfill University Core Curriculum requirements in the same manner as other students. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and Core

Curriculum requirements; however, if these courses are taken to satisfy both requirements, then students may need to take additional courses in order to meet the minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree.

The following four courses satisfy both degree requirements of the major as well as component requirements of the Core Curriculum:

ANT 2033 may be used to help satisfy the Life and Physical Sciences component requirement. ANT 2043 or ANT 2053 will satisfy the Social and Behavioral Sciences component requirement. ANT 2063 may be used to satisfy the Language, Philosophy, and Culture component requirement. ANT 1013 is not a requirement of the major in anthropology; however, it will satisfy the Social and Behavioral Sciences component requirement of the Core Curriculum.

Core Curriculum Component Area Requirements (<http://catalog.utsa.edu/undergraduate/bachelorsdegreeregulations/degreerequirements/corecurriculumcomponentarearequirements>)

First Year Experience Requirement	3
Communication	6
Mathematics	3
Life and Physical Sciences	6
Language, Philosophy and Culture	3
Creative Arts	3
American History	6
Government-Political Science	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Component Area Option	3
Total Credit Hours	42

Degree Requirements

A. 39 semester credit hours in the major, 24 of which must be at the upper-division level

1. Required courses:		
ANT 2033	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	3
ANT 2043	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANT 2053	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT 2063	Language, Thought, and Culture	3

2. Upper-division semester credit hours distributed across these sub-disciplines:

Archaeology	3
Cultural Anthropology	3
Biological Anthropology	3

3. Additional semester credit hours of anthropology electives chosen in consultation with the student's advisor, at least 15 semester credit hours of which must be upper division.

B. Electives	
39 semester credit hours of electives. In fulfillment of this requirement, students are encouraged to take at least 9 semester credit hours of upper-division coursework in disciplines that support the study of anthropology.	39

Total Credit Hours	78
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Course Sequence Guide for B.A. Degree in Anthropology

This course sequence guide is designed to assist students in completing their UTSA undergraduate Anthropology degree requirements. *This is merely a guide and students must satisfy other requirements of this catalog and meet with their academic advisor for individualized degree plans.* Progress toward the degree depends upon such factors as course availability, individual student academic preparation, student time management, work obligations, and individual financial considerations. Students may choose to take courses during Summer terms to reduce course loads during long semesters.

B.A. in Anthropology – Four-Year Academic Plan

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
AIS 1203	Academic Inquiry and Scholarship (core)	3
ANT 2043	Introduction to Archaeology (core and major)	3
HIS 1043, 1053, or 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era, or United States History: Civil War Era to Present, or Texas History (core)	3
WRC 1013	Freshman Composition I (Q) (core)	3
	Life and Physical Sciences core	3

Spring

ANT 2033	Introduction to Biological Anthropology (core and major)	3
HIS 1043, 1053, or 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era, or United States History: Civil War Era to Present, or Texas History (core)	3
WRC 1023	Freshman Composition II (Q) (core)	3
	Creative Arts core	3
	Mathematics core	3

Second Year

Fall		
ANT 2053	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
POL 1013	Introduction to American Politics (core)	3
	Free elective	3
	Component Area Option core	3
	Upper-division Archaeology course	3

Spring

ANT 2063	Language, Thought, and Culture (core and major)	3
POL 1133 or 1213	Texas Politics and Society (core)	3
	Free elective	3
	Free elective	3
	Upper-division Cultural Anthropology course	3

Third Year

Fall		
	Free elective	3
	Upper-division ANT elective	3

Upper-division Biological Anthropology course	3
Upper-division free elective	3
Upper-division support work	3

Spring

Upper-division ANT elective	3
Upper-division ANT elective	3
Free elective	3
Free elective	3
Upper-division support work	3

Fourth Year

Fall

Free elective	3
Free elective	3
Upper-division ANT elective	3
Upper-division ANT elective	3
Upper-division support work	3

Spring

Free elective	3
Free elective	3
Upper-division ANT elective	3
Free elective (to meet 120 hour minimum)	3
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Total Credit Hours: 120.0

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Minor in Anthropology

All students pursuing a Minor in Anthropology must complete 18 semester credit hours.

A. Select three of the following courses:	9
ANT 2033	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
ANT 2043	Introduction to Archaeology
ANT 2053	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANT 2063	Language, Thought, and Culture

B. 9 additional upper-division semester credit hours distributed across these sub-disciplines:	
Archaeology upper-division course	3
Cultural Anthropology upper-division course	3
Biological Anthropology upper-division course	3
Total Credit Hours	18

To declare a Minor in Anthropology, obtain advice, obtain lists of relevant courses, or seek approval of substitutions for course requirements, students should consult their academic advisor.

Minor in American Indian Studies

All students pursuing a Minor in American Indian Studies must complete 18 semester credit hours, at least 9 semester credit hours of which must be drawn from outside the student's major. Hours are selected from the following:

AHC 3423	Arts of Ancient Mesoamerica	3
ANT 3153	Indians of the Great Plains	3

ANT 3203	Native North Americans	3
ANT 3253	Archaeology of South America	3
ANT 3263	Archaeology of North America	3
ANT 3273	Civilizations of Mexico	3
ANT 3303	Nature and Culture in Greater Amazonia	3
ANT 3363	Indians of Mesoamerica	3
ANT 3833	Indians of Texas	3
ANT 4113	Archaeology of Texas	3
ANT 4123	Archaeology of the American Southwest	3
HIS 3083	History of the American West	3
HIS 3113	North American Indian Histories	3
HIS 3403	Pre-Hispanic and Colonial Latin America	3

To declare a Minor in American Indian Studies, obtain advice, obtain lists of relevant courses, or seek approval of substitutions for course requirements, students should consult their academic advisor.