ANT Courses

ANT 200. Special Problems for Undergraduates. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Consent of department head.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 8 units, with a maximum of 4 units per quarter.

ANT 201. Cultural Anthropology. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area D2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area D3
Contemporary human cultures throughout the world. General patterns sought within the diversity of individual cultures. Includes such topics as: family organization; gender roles; adaptation to the environment; systems of economic exchange; political organization and leadership; religious beliefs and values; ethnicity and cultural pluralism; impact of Western culture on the developing world. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area D2 (GE Area D3 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

ANT 202. World Prehistory. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area D2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area D3
Development of the diverse human cultures of both the Old and New Worlds from the emergence of the first human ancestors (hominins) to the dawn of history; biological evolution, global cultural development, and adaptation before the advent of writing. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area D2 (GE Area D3 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

ANT 250. Biological Anthropology. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2

ANT 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Open to undergraduate students and consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

ANT 309. Elements of Archaeology. 4 units
Prerequisite: ANT 202.

Archaeological method and theory covering the history and development of archaeological thought, approaches to data recovery, dating and analysis of artifacts and ecofacts, the construction of models of prehistoric human behavior through application of archaeological and anthropological theories. 4 lectures.

ANT 310. Archaeological Field Methods. 4 units
Prerequisite: ANT 202 or ANT 309.

Hands-on introduction to the methods and techniques of archaeology with an emphasis on excavation. Training in artifact and ecofact identification with a focus on lithic technology. Practical field experience with hand tools, and stratigraphic interpretation. Methodological approaches to both academic research questions and compliance with environmental planning mandates. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

ANT 311. Archaeological Laboratory Methods. 4 units
Prerequisite: ANT 309 or ANT 310.

Hands-on introduction to the methods employed in post-field processing, classification, analysis, and preservation of archaeological materials. Compilation of quantitative and qualitative information in data base format to assist in the classification and interpretation of faunal remains and artifacts. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

ANT 312. Introduction to Cultural Resources Management. 4 units
Prerequisite: ANT 201, ANT 202 or ANT 309.

Introduction to federal, state, and local legislation pertinent to the identification, evaluation, and treatment of cultural resources. A history of preservation legislation, culminating with detailed discussion of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. Practical experience in orienteering, map-reading, and simple cartography. 4 lectures.

ANT 320. California's Native Past. 4 units
Prerequisite: ANT 202.

Overview of the paleoenvironment, prehistory, archaeology, and ethnography of Native California. The last 12,000 years of California’s past from the arrival of the first human beings to the establishment of Spanish settlements in 1769, and the demise of native societies. 4 lectures.

ANT 325. Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area D
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area D5
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one course in GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and two lower-division courses in GE Area D.

Cultures of Mesoamerica (Mexico and Central America) from earliest times to the Spanish Conquest. Olmec, Teotihuacano, Zapotec, Maya and Aztec civilizations. Major topics include religion, politics, warfare, art, writing, calendrics, ecology and trade. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division D (GE Area D5 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

ANT 330. Indigenous South Americans. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area D
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area D5
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one course in GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and two lower-division courses in GE Area D.

Indigenous peoples of South America from the past to the present. Cross-cultural study of small band societies, tribes and large civilization states located from the Amazon basin to the Altiplano. Comparison of current state of indigenous rights and place in modern society. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division D (GE Area D5 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).
ANT 344. Sex, Death, and Human Nature. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area D
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area D5
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of GE Area B2; one course in GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and one lower-division course in GE Area D.

How Darwinian processes of differential reproduction and mortality influence human interests, passions and behaviors. Theories of inclusive fitness, parental investment and senescence. Sex differences, sexual attraction, life histories, violence and aggression, including rape, homicide and infanticide. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division D (GE Area D5 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

ANT 345. Human Behavioral Ecology. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area D
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area D5
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of GE Area B2; one course in GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and one lower-division course in GE Area D.

Biological and cultural influences of natural and sexual selection on individual behavior. Ecological effects on human behavior to reproduce and acquire resources. Scientific method for understanding foraging behavior, group living, social skills, kinship, parenting, religion, and mating. Cross-cultural, cross-sex, and cross-species comparisons. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division D (GE Area D5 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

ANT 360. Human Cultural Adaptations. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area D
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area D5
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one course in GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and two lower-division courses in GE Area D.

Social and cultural evolution from Paleolithic times to the present. Interactions of demographic, economic and ecological factors are emphasized. Main topics include human nature/culture, sex and gender, cooperation and conflict, the 'agricultural revolution', state formation, social inequality and globalization. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division D (GE Area D5 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

ANT 384. Professional Preparation for Anthropologists/Geographers. 1 unit
CR/NC
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; ANT 201 or GEOG 150.

Preparation for professional advancement in the fields of anthropology and geography. Supervised career planning emphasizing resume development, selection of an internship or international experience, exploration of career options and graduate programs. Lectures from outside, practicing professionals. Credit/No Credit grading only. 1 seminar. Formerly ANT 464.

ANT 393. Action-oriented Ethnography. 4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one course in GE Area D2 (or in GE Area D3 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and one of the following: ANT 201, ANT 202, ANT 250, ISLA 123, any Ethnic Studies (ES) course, any Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) course.

Development of knowledge and skills needed to conduct original action-oriented ethnographic research. Grounded in the reflexive 'turn' in anthropology and critical race, science, technology and society, queer and feminist studies, students will engage questions of authority, representation, critical consciousness and justice. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as ANT/ISLA 393.

ANT 400. Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Consent of department head.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 8 units, with a maximum of 4 units per quarter.

ANT 401. Culture and Health. 4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing, ANT 201, and one of the following: ANT 250, BIO 160, or BIO 263; or graduate standing.


ANT 402. Nutritional Anthropology. 4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; and ANT 201. Recommended: ANT 250.

Interrelationships of sociocultural and ecological factors and their influence on nutrition and human health in developing and developed country contexts. Topics include human adaptation, nutritional assessment, food production and allocation, the effect of development on diet and health. 4 lectures.

ANT 415. Native American Cultures. 4 units
USCP
Prerequisite: One upper division ANT course.

Survey of Native American cultures from earliest times to present, emphasizing regional diversity in traditional lifeways. Origins of New World peoples, domestication, war, social organization, trade and gender roles. 4 lectures. Fulfills USCP.
ANT 425. Meaning, Gender, and Identity in Anthropological Theory. 4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; and one course in GE Area D2 (or in GE Area D3 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs). Recommended: ANT 201.

Exploration of the intersection of anthropological theory with meaning, gender/sexuality, and identity formations within and between cultural contexts. Situate and analyze anthropological discourses regarding social meanings and cultural identities as defined by oppositions of us and other, male and female, normal and abnormal, natural and unnatural. Provide a potential source of comparative cultural reflection and critique. 4 lectures.

ANT 455. Anthropology-Geography Research Design and Methods. 4 units
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area B2; and two upper-division ANT or GEOG courses.

Development of knowledge and skills needed to conduct original scientific anthropology-geography research and prepares students for senior projects. Various empirical methodologies highlighted, with a focus on quantitative design and measurement of human culture, biology, behavior, environment and ecology. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Crosslisted as ANT/GEOG 455.

ANT 460. Queer Anthropology. 4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one course in GE Area D2 (or in GE Area D3 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and one of the following: ANT 201, ISLA 123, any Ethnic Studies (ES) course, any Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS) course.

Exploration of intersections of queer identities and politics of race, gender, kinship, the body, class, and desire. Evaluation of how anthropology has been transformed by queer critique and knowledge production. Investigation of the multi-scaled fields of power that articulate a cultural understanding of the body. 4 lectures.

ANT 461. Senior Project I. 2 units
Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Selection and completion of a project under faculty supervision. Projects typical of problems which graduates must solve in their fields of employment. Project results are presented in a formal report. Minimum 120 hours total time.

ANT 462. Senior Project II. 2 units
Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Selection and completion of a project under faculty supervision. Projects typical of problems which graduates must solve in their fields of employment. Project results are presented in a formal report. Minimum 120 hours total time.

ANT 465. Internship. 3-8 units
CR/NC
Prerequisite: ANT 384 or ANT 464; senior standing; and/or consent of instructor.

Supervised training, research, and work in public and private organizations. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit limited to 18 units.