ANT Courses

ANT 200. Special Problems for Undergraduates. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
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
GE Area D3
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
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 D3.

ANT 202. World Prehistory. 4 units
GE Area D3
Term Typically Offered: F
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 D3.

ANT 250. Biological Anthropology. 4 units
GE Area B2
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP

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

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

ANT 309. Elements of Archaeology. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
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
Term Typically Offered: SP
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
Term Typically Offered: F
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
Term Typically Offered: SP
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
Term Typically Offered: W
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
GE Area D5
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area A, one course in D2 and one course in D3.

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 D5 except for Anthropology/Geography and Social Sciences majors.
ANT 330. Indigenous South Americans. 4 units  
GE Area D5  
Term Typically Offered: TBD  
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area A and two lower-division Area D courses.  

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 D5 except for Anthropology/Geography and Social Sciences majors.

ANT 344. Sex, Death, and Human Nature. 4 units  
GE Area D5  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Areas A, D3, and B2.  

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 D5 except for Anthropology/Geography and Social Sciences majors.

ANT 345. Human Behavioral Ecology. 4 units  
GE Area D5  
Term Typically Offered: TBD  
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area A, one course in B2 and one lower-division Area D course.  

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 D5 except for Anthropology/Geography and Social Sciences majors.

ANT 360. Human Cultural Adaptations. 4 units  
GE Area D5  
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP  
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area A, one course in D2 and one course in D3.  

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 D5 except for Anthropology/Geography and Social Sciences majors.

ANT 393. Action-oriented Ethnography. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: Junior standing, completion of GE Areas A and D3; and one of the following: ANT 201, ANT 202, ANT 250, ISLA 123, any ES course, or any 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  
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP  
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  
Term Typically Offered: TBD  
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  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A 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  
Term Typically Offered: W  
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  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A, D3 and junior standing. 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
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: Completion of one GE B2 and two upper division ANT or GEOG classes.

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
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Areas A and D3; and one of the following: ANT 201, ISLA 123, any course in Ethnic Studies, or any course in Women’s and Gender Studies.

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
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
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
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
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 464. Professional Preparation for Anthropologists/Geographers. 1 unit
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Junior standing, ANT 201, 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.

ANT 465. Internship. 3-8 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: 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.

ANT 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.