

ANTHROPOLOGY

Program Description

Literally meaning "the study of humankind," anthropology sits on the boundaries between the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities, and ponders basic questions about what it means to be human. Anthropology focuses on the diverse ways people around the world and through time have interacted with their environments, communicated with each other, organized their social lives, made sense of their world, and responded to emerging conflicts and challenges. In this program we introduce students to the importance of cultural awareness in our globally-interconnected lives, and we challenge colonial frameworks in academia and beyond. Our program prioritizes experiential learning and research both locally and internationally, through archaeological and ethnographic field programs run by our faculty. Our broad course offerings give students the opportunity to study in all fields of anthropology, including archaeology, biological and medical anthropology, forensics, cultural anthropology, linguistics, religion and belief systems, social constructs of race and ethnicity; and the capacity to build narratives of understanding and connection among people.

Learn more about the program on the [Anthropology website](#).

Associate Degree for Transfer

This program also offers an Associate Degree for Transfer. Learn more and review the degree requirements on the [Anthropology AA-T listing](#).

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to understand and apply cultural relativism; they will be able to convey an understanding of multiple cultural perspectives.
- Students will demonstrate a core knowledge base in anthropology, appreciating and reflecting on human diversity in the past and present.
- Students will integrate their knowledge and understanding of anthropological concepts and methods to creatively and ethically solve real-world human problems at the local, regional, and global scales.
- Students will be able to articulate key concepts and events in the process of human evolution and demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities toward that end.
- Students will be able to critically assess the important role that the past plays on the present, and, conversely, the important role that the present has on the past from both local, regional, national, and worldwide perspectives.

Career Opportunities

Anthropology serves as a basic springboard for understanding and working within the global arena. Anthropology graduates find opportunities in colleges, universities, and museums as teachers and researchers, and in federal and state governments as community planners, social science and public health analysts, archaeologists, and education officers. There are also employment possibilities with the United Nations, UNESCO, and World Health organizations. International corporations with offices and plants overseas need anthropologists, as do consulting firms that deal with both private corporations and governments. With the basic anthropology courses, the student can transfer to most of the universities in the country. The

student may want to add statistics and business principles to enhance employment possibilities. Please visit the [Anthropology website](#) for further information.

Award Type(s)

- AA = Associate in Arts Degree
- CA = Certificate of Achievement
- CP = Certificate of Proficiency [Non-Transcriptable]

Units Required

- Major: 36
- Certificate(s): 4-17

Additional Information

Note: Students having difficulty attaining an associate degree because of timing or availability of classes should consult with a counselor to submit a petition for course substitution.

Associate Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
English Proficiency		
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 1A	COMPOSITION & READING	5
ENGL 1AH	HONORS COMPOSITION & READING	5
ESLL 26	ADVANCED COMPOSITION & READING	5
or equivalent		
Ethnic Studies		
Any course in the ETHN (Ethnic Studies) subject code, currently approved for Area F of CSU GE and Area 7 of IGETC		
Mathematics Proficiency		
College-level math course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra		

A minimum of 90 units is required¹ to include:

- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: Foothill General Education, CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)
- Core courses (12 units)
- Support courses (24 units)

¹ Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.

Note: All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade. In addition, a grade of "C" or better is required for all core and support courses used for the degree or certificate.

Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
ANTH 1	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
or ANTH 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	

ANTH 2A	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
or ANTH 2AH	HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 8	INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY	4
or ANTH 8H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY	
Support Courses		
Select 12 units from the following:		12
ANTH 1L	PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	
or ANTH 1HL	HONORS PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	
ANTH 2B	PATTERNS OF CULTURE	
ANTH 3	WORLD PREHISTORY: THE RISE & FALL OF EARLY CIVILIZATIONS	
ANTH 4	FIRST PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA	
ANTH 5	MAGIC, SCIENCE & RELIGION	
or ANTH 5H	HONORS MAGIC, SCIENCE & RELIGION	
ANTH 6	PERSPECTIVES FROM AFRICA	
ANTH 12	APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 13	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 13L	FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	
ANTH 14	LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 15	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: METHODS & PRACTICE	
ANTH 16L	BASIC ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY	
or ANTH 17L	INTERMEDIATE ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY	
ANTH 20	NATIVE PEOPLES OF CALIFORNIA	
ANTH 22	THE AZTEC, MAYA, INCA & THEIR PREDECESSORS: CIVILIZATIONS OF THE AMERICAS	
GEOG 1	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	
or GEOG 2	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	
GLST 1	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES	
or GLST 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES	
GLST 2	GLOBAL ISSUES	
PSYC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	
or SOC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	
PSYC 10	RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
or SOC 10	SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	
And 12 units from the following: ¹		12
ANTH 51	ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY	
ANTH 52	ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 55	APPLIED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 56	APPLIED PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 57	APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 67A	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: ECUADOR	
ANTH 67B	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: BELIZE	
ANTH 67C	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: BRITISH ISLES	
ANTH 70R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 71R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 72R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 73R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ANTHROPOLOGY	
BIOL 1C	EVOLUTION, SYSTEMATICS & ECOLOGY	
BIOL 10	GENERAL BIOLOGY: BASIC PRINCIPLES	

ETHN 1	INTRODUCTION TO ETHNIC STUDIES	
ETHN 2	INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	
ETHN 3	INTRODUCTION TO LATINX STUDIES	
ETHN 4	INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES	
ETHN 5	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES	
GIST 11	INTRODUCTION TO MAPPING & SPATIAL REASONING	
or GEOG 11	INTRODUCTION TO MAPPING & SPATIAL REASONING	
GIST 12	INTRODUCTION TO GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY	
or GEOG 12	INTRODUCTION TO GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY	
HIST 4A	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 800 CE	
HIST 8	HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA	
HIST 18	INTRODUCTION TO MIDDLE EASTERN CIVILIZATION	
HUMN 1	CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD	
or HUMN 1H	HONORS CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD	
SOC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
or PSYC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
SOC 40	ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY	
WMN 5	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES	

Total Units **36**

¹ Students may also use courses listed in the first section of support courses to fulfill the requirement for the second section of support courses.

Certificate Requirements

Certificate of Achievement in Archaeological Field Work

• Units: 14

Code	Title	Units
ANTH 8	INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY	4
or ANTH 8H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY	
ANTH 52	ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS	4
And two or more units from the following:		2
ANTH 16L	BASIC ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY	
ANTH 17L	INTERMEDIATE ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY	
ANTH 51	ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY	
ANTH 57	APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
And four or more units from the following (or any course(s) not used above):		4
ANTH 3	WORLD PREHISTORY: THE RISE & FALL OF EARLY CIVILIZATIONS	
ANTH 4	FIRST PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA	
ANTH 12	APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 20	NATIVE PEOPLES OF CALIFORNIA	
ANTH 22	THE AZTEC, MAYA, INCA & THEIR PREDECESSORS: CIVILIZATIONS OF THE AMERICAS	
ANTH 67A	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: ECUADOR	
ANTH 67B	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: BELIZE	

ANTH 67C	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: BRITISH ISLES	
Total Units		14

Medical Anthropology Certificate of Proficiency

- Units: 16-17 [Non-Transcriptable]

There are no English or mathematics proficiency requirements for this certificate.

Code	Title	Units
ANTH 1 or ANTH 1H	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
ANTH 2A or ANTH 2AH	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
ANTH 15	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: METHODS & PRACTICE	4
And one course from the following:		4-5
ANTH 5 or ANTH 5H	MAGIC, SCIENCE & RELIGION HONORS MAGIC, SCIENCE & RELIGION	
ANTH 12	APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 14	LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
COMM 12	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	
Total Units		16-17

Applied Anthropology Certificate of Proficiency

- Units: 17 [Non-Transcriptable]

There are no English or mathematics proficiency requirements for this certificate.

Code	Title	Units
ANTH 1 or ANTH 1H	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
ANTH 2A or ANTH 2AH	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
ANTH 12	APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY	4
And one course from the following:		1
ANTH 55	APPLIED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 56	APPLIED PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 57	APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
And four units from the following:		4
ANTH 13	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 14	LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 15	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: METHODS & PRACTICE	
Total Units		17

Cultural Anthropology Certificate of Proficiency

- Units: 16 [Non-Transcriptable]

Code	Title	Units
Select 12 units from the following:		12
ANTH 2A or ANTH 2AH	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 2B	PATTERNS OF CULTURE	
ANTH 4	FIRST PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA	
ANTH 5 or ANTH 5H	MAGIC, SCIENCE & RELIGION HONORS MAGIC, SCIENCE & RELIGION	
ANTH 6	PERSPECTIVES FROM AFRICA	
ANTH 12	APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 14	LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
And four units from the following:		4
Any course not used above		
COMM 12	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	
GEOG 2	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 12 or GIST 12	INTRODUCTION TO GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCTION TO GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY	
GLST 1 or GLST 1H	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES HONORS INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES	
GLST 2	GLOBAL ISSUES	
HUMN 1 or HUMN 1H	CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD HONORS CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD	
HUMN 2	CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: OF EMPIRES & CONFLICT	
MUS 8 or MUS 8H	MUSIC OF AMERICAN CULTURES HONORS MUSIC OF AMERICAN CULTURES	
SOSC 20	CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES FOR A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY	
Total Units		16

Forensic Anthropology Certificate of Proficiency

- Units: 14 [Non-Transcriptable]

There are no English or mathematics proficiency requirements for this certificate.

Code	Title	Units
ANTH 1 or ANTH 1H	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
ANTH 1L or ANTH 1HL	PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY HONORS PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	1
ANTH 13	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY	4
ANTH 13L	FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	1
ANTH 15	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: METHODS & PRACTICE	4
Total Units		14

Physical Anthropology Certificate of Proficiency

- Units: 13 [Non-Transcriptable]

Code	Title	Units
ANTH 1	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	4
or ANTH 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 1L	PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	1
or ANTH 1HL	HONORS PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	
And eight units from the following:		8
ANTH 13	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 13L	FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY LABORATORY	
ANTH 15	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: METHODS & PRACTICE	
ANTH 55	APPLIED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 56	APPLIED PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 57	APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
BIOL 1C	EVOLUTION, SYSTEMATICS & ECOLOGY	
BIOL 10	GENERAL BIOLOGY: BASIC PRINCIPLES	
BIOL 12	HUMAN GENETICS	
SOC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
or PSYC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
SOC 40	ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY	
WMN 5	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES	
Total Units		13

Archaeological Field School Certificate of Proficiency

• Units: 4-12 [Non-Transcriptable]

Code	Title	Units
ANTH 51	ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY	2-4
or ANTH 52	ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS	
And select 2-8 units from any combination of the following courses:		2-8
ANTH 12	APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 16L	BASIC ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY	
or ANTH 17L	INTERMEDIATE ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY	
ANTH 55	APPLIED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 56	APPLIED PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 57	APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD METHODS	
ANTH 67B	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: BELIZE	
ANTH 67C	CULTURES OF THE WORLD: BRITISH ISLES	
Total Units		4-12