



# Anthropology

# Colorado

University of Colorado at Boulder

## Overview of the Major

Anthropology is the study of human groups, both ancient and modern, in their cultural and biological context. The field takes a global look at human cultures from prehistoric times to the present, integrating findings from the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. Although anthropology is related to subjects like biology, classics, geography, history, psychology, and sociology, the discipline is unique in its attempt to synthesize knowledge about the human experience.

The anthropology program leads to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree. Through the study of anthropology, you will learn about the variety of cultures throughout human history, as well as in the present, and the meaning of human biological and cultural development. The various fields of anthropology – archaeology, cultural anthropology, and physical anthropology – can prepare you for advanced study or for a variety of careers that make use of knowledge of people and cultures.

Basic coursework for the major begins with three courses that introduce the principles of anthropology, including Introduction to Archaeology, Introduction to Physical Anthropology, and Frontiers of Cultural Anthropology.

After fulfilling these required courses and upper-division requirements for the major, you may choose courses according to your individual interests. Among the numerous upper-division offerings are courses on contemporary peoples and cultures from different regions of the world, religious and symbolic systems, historical analysis and ethnography, tourism and globalization, culture and power, human ecology and nutrition, comparative primate behavior, hominid evolution, archaeological methods, and the prehistory of human civilizations.

Laboratory work is an optional component of the program. In the physical

anthropology laboratory setting, you'll be exposed to accurate reproductions of physical specimens as a means of comparing primate morphology and adaptation. Archaeology laboratory courses and a summer field school offer opportunities to learn hands-on skills and methods in the study of prehistoric societies.

## Career Possibilities

Anthropology offers you perspectives and knowledge for a variety of careers. As a graduate in anthropology your academic background may be useful in positions that require an understanding of cultures and subcultures that exist in contemporary society. Career options include entry-level positions in fields such as education, city management, health care delivery, advertising, market research, foreign service, journalism, public relations, library work, government service, and personnel management. In the long run, an anthropology background will provide you with the breadth and flexibility required to respond positively to career changes that you may face in your professional life.

If you plan to pursue a graduate or professional degree, undergraduate work in anthropology is excellent preparation for advanced degrees in the social sciences, ecology, conservation, law, medicine, dentistry, and business.

Career Services offers a number of programs and services designed to help you plan your career, including workshops, internships, and placement services after graduation. For an appointment with a career counselor or for more information, call 303-492-6541, or stop by the Center for Community (C4C), N352. Find the home page at :

<http://www.colorado.edu/careerservices>

## Facilities, Programs and Opportunities

Departmental resources and facilities that support the educational process include well-equipped laboratories and access to the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History – a primary resource for teaching and research. The museum houses extensive collections from the American Southwest and other areas of the world.

Students have the opportunity to earn course credit while doing field work in the areas of archaeology, physical anthropology, and cultural anthropology. For instance, you may earn up to 6 credits for ANTH 4350 (Archaeological Field and Laboratory Research) during the summer. This field school uses sites throughout the southwestern U.S. and the Great Plains.

The department sponsors other opportunities for students at the undergraduate level such as a club, internships, credit for teaching anthropology and graduating with honors in the major.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) offers students a chance to work alongside a faculty sponsor on original research. Learn to write proposals, conduct research, pursue creative work, analyze data, and present the results. For more information, call UROP at 303-492-2596, or visit the website: <http://www.colorado.edu/UROP>. Ask the department about other research opportunities in addition to UROP.

The experience of studying abroad can prove invaluable for you as an anthropology major. Your first-hand experience abroad can provide you with insights into the culture, cultural history, and human biological diversity of another country or world region by allowing you to immerse yourself in another culture and learn about it from the perspective of your host country instructors. The university offers more than 300 programs throughout the world, all of which qualify for course

credit and in some cases also fulfill major requirements. Prior language study or other prerequisites are necessary for some programs, so early planning for study abroad is essential. Further information about study abroad is available from the Office of International Education. If you haven't already, your first step is to please attend Study Abroad 101: Your First Step! This 30-minutes session is offered multiple times each week and covers the basics of studying abroad as a CU-Boulder student. Times and locations may be found here: <http://studyabroad.colorado.edu/?go=studyabroad101>.

### Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS)

If you graduated from high school in 1988 or later, you are required to meet certain minimum academic preparation standards (MAPS). If you are admitted to CU-Boulder with MAPS deficiencies, you are required to complete at least one MAPS course each term.

The College of Arts and Sciences has adopted the entrance standards listed below. One unit equals one year of high school study or one semester of college coursework.

**English** – 4 units (including 2 in composition)

**Mathematics** – 4 units (including 2 in algebra, 1 in geometry, and 1 in college prep.)

**Natural science** – 3 units (including 2 in laboratory science, one of which must be in chemistry or physics)

**Social science** – 3 units (including one of U.S. or world history and one of geography. If you have U.S. history, you may use ½ year of world history and ½ year of geography in place of one year of geography.)

**Foreign language** – 3 units (all must be in the same language and the last year must be level III.)

### Core Curriculum Requirements

In addition to the requirements you must fulfill for your major, the College of Arts and Sciences requires you to complete approximately 46 semester hours of credit in the core curriculum. Credits in the major may also apply toward these core hours. The core curriculum is designed to provide you with a broad education. Courses in the core are distributed through three skills acquisition areas and seven content areas of study.



### Major Requirements

In addition to the college core curriculum, as an anthropology major you must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a total of 30 credit hours in anthropology, 18 of which must be at the upper-division level. **Note:** You are limited to 45 credits in the department. Twelve credits of upper-division work must be completed in residence or through a CU-Boulder-sponsored study abroad program.
2. Maintain an overall and an anthropology grade point average of at least a 2.00 (C) and complete all anthropology courses with a C- or better. Pass/fail is not permitted in the 30 hours.
3. Complete **ANTH 2010** (Introduction to Physical Anthropology 1 – 3 credits).
4. Complete **ANTH 2100** (Frontiers of Cultural Anthropology – 3 credits).
5. Complete **ANTH 2200** (Introduction to Archaeology – 3 credits).
6. Complete four 3-credit hour upper-division courses in the following areas: one topical course in cultural anthropology; an ethnographic course in cultural anthropology; a course in archaeology; and a course in physical anthropology.
7. Complete 9 credits of anthropology electives, 6 of which must be upper division.
8. If you are planning to pursue graduate work in anthropology, you are advised to complete the following course:  
**ANTH 4000** (Quantitative Methods in Anthropology – 3 credits).

(Note - Starting Fall 2017 the Anthropology major requires one upper division cultural class from the combined lists of ethnographic and topical and then requires nine upper division elective hours in the Anthropology department)

### For More Information

You may call or stop by the departmental office in Hale 350, 303-492-2547, or the office of the undergraduate academic advisor in Hale 357, 303-735-0107. Visit our website at:

<http://anthropology.colorado.edu/>.

For advising appointments or to change your major to anthropology, go to:

<http://www.colorado.edu/aac/pas.html>.

Be sure to check the *University of Colorado at Boulder Catalog*:

<http://www.colorado.edu/catalog/catalog11-12> for college policies, procedures, and course listings. You may also want to consult each semester's online schedule planner as well as the *Faculty Course Questionnaire*:

<http://www.colorado.edu/pba/fcq/> for further information about course offerings and faculty.

Although this publication was prepared on the basis of all available information, course requirements are subject to change. Check with your departmental primary advisor for final program approval.



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