

ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR

This minor introduces the student to anthropology, the comparative and holistic study of people. It explores the biological, social, and cultural aspects of our species in the past, present, and future. Anthropology attempts to integrate knowledge of human beings and their activities at the highest and most inclusive level. Anthropologists study the patterning of human behaviors, as well as the conditions under which they arise, persist, or disappear, in the belief that the knowledge gained from this perspective may be applied to the solution of problems of everyday life in different cultures. It provides global information and thinking skills critical to succeeding in the 21st century in business, research, teaching, advocacy, and public service.

Code	Title	Credits	Completed
Minor Requirements (20 credits)			
ISANTH-110	Cultural Anthropology	4	_____
ISANTH-111	Archaeology & Biological Anth	4	_____
<i>Select three 300-level or above ANTH/ISANTH electives</i>		12	_____
Total Credits		20	_____

Upon completion of introductory anthropology courses, students will be able to:

- Define anthropology and distinguish it from other disciplines in the social sciences.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to apply an Anthropological perspective to social and cultural phenomena:

- demonstrate the ability to use anthropological concepts to understand important ways in which peoples and cultures in the world vary from each other and are similar.
- Recognize the value of anthropology.
- Demonstrate their understanding of the fundamental ways in which cultures are similar and different from each other.
- Demonstrate their awareness of basic theoretical explanations for cultural similarities and differences.
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of how to do cultural anthropological research.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the biological and cultural changes and adaptations that occurred in Homo sapiens sapiens and their primate precursors to form humankind as it now exists.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to examine one's own life and values using these perspectives:

- Demonstrate the ability to think reflexively about their particular worldview(s) from a variety of perspectives so they can better understand their orientation to the world.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to develop a basic understanding of ethnographic and archaeological methods:

- Demonstrate a rudimentary ability to collect and analyze ethnographic data.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of how archaeological data are collected and analyzed.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to view social and cultural phenomena with an informed global and cross-cultural perspective:

- Identify, interpret and compare diverse cultural beliefs and customs.
- Challenge ethnocentric notions and practices that lead to gross inequalities of opportunity and treatment in social life.
- Demonstrate an understanding of particular cultures, including non-Western cultures, as adaptive and meaningful systems.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to understand the centrality of gender, race, class, and culture in different societies:

- Demonstrate a recognition of the importance of global, multicultural, and gender-sensitive perspectives.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to understand the centrality of gender, race, class, and culture in different societies:

- Discuss the significance of race, class, gender, and culture as organizing concepts in anthropology.

Upon completion of the Anthropology minor, students will be able to understand and evaluate anthropological theory and research:

- Apply theory to explicate cultural phenomena.