

## ABOUT THE ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM:

Anthropology studies human biological and cultural diversity through time and space. It encompasses all of humanity as well as our closest primate relatives, from the earliest prehistoric ancestors to the varied societies inhabiting the world today. The Anthropology Program at MSU Denver is committed to enhancing student knowledge and appreciation of human beings as both a biological and a cultural species. Emphasizing a holistic approach, the Anthropology Program offers courses in each of the four traditional subfields of anthropology (cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistic anthropology) and provides students with effective conceptual and methodological tools for observing and studying both ancient and modern humans.

The MSU Denver Anthropology Program has the following student outcomes:

1. **Understand fundamental concepts** – Describe fundamental concepts and approaches in anthropology.
2. **Analyze human diversity** – Examine human diversity through time and space using anthropological theories, methods, and data.
3. **Engage critically** – Implement anthropological skills, tools, and approaches toward professional, academic, and community engagement.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR:

The anthropology major requires a total of **36 credit hours** (12 hours of introductory courses, 9 hours of practical courses including one anthropology senior experience course, and 15 additional hours of elective courses). At least 12 upper-division hours in anthropology must be completed in residence at MSU Denver. A total of 120 semester hours are required for graduation. Anthropology majors must receive a grade of C- or better in every class that counts toward the major. Students should note that academic programs differ in the minimum grade required. Anthropology majors must also complete a minor to be awarded the B.A. in Anthropology degree. All majors are required to see an anthropology advisor within two semesters of declaring anthropology as a major.

## REQUIRED ANTHROPOLOGY CORE COURSES:

*Majors are required to take introductory courses in all four subfields. These courses are prerequisites for most upper-division anthropology courses, so students should take them early in their academic careers.*

### Take all of the following courses:

- ANT 1010 – Introduction to Biological Anthropology (GS Natural & Physical Sciences, Global Diversity)
- ANT 1310 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (GS Social & Behavioral Sciences, Global Diversity)
- ANT 1650 – Ancient Civilizations (GS Historical, Global Diversity)
- ANT 2500 – Anthropology of Language

### Introductory Courses Subtotal: 12 credit hours

## ANTHROPOLOGY PRACTICAL COURSES:

*Majors are required to take three lab-based or field-based practical courses in anthropology, including at least one anthropology senior experience course.*

### Take at least three courses from the following list (at least one must be a senior experience):

- ANT 2710 – Archaeological Field Research
- ANT 3000 – Quantitative Methods in Anthropology
- ANT 3330 – Japan: Culture, Communication, and Identity (Study Abroad)
- ANT 3420 – Applied Anthropology
- ANT 3520 – Analyzing Talk and Interaction
- ANT 3790 – Human Osteology
- ANT 3800 – Forensic Anthropology
- ANT 3820 – Forensic Archaeology
- ANT 3860 – Paleopathology
- ANT 4100 – Biological Anthropology Research Design (Senior Experience)
- ANT 4251 – Advanced Ethnographic Field Experience (Senior Experience)
- ANT 4710 – Advanced Archaeology Research (Senior Experience)

### Practical Courses Subtotal: 9 credit hours

In addition to the courses listed above, other courses that are appropriate for the practical requirement may be offered under the variable topics, omnibus, or internship headings. Please see an advisor for more information.

**ANTHROPOLOGY ELECTIVE COURSES:**

*In addition to the introductory and practical course requirements, majors are required to take five elective courses in anthropology. If more than three practical courses are taken, these courses will count as electives. Courses with an asterisk (\*) are cross-listed courses that are taught by faculty in other programs.*

**Take at least five courses from the following list:**

ANT 1300 – Asia in Global Perspective\*  
 ANT 1400 – Introduction to Folklore\*  
 ANT 2330 – Cross-Cultural Communication (GS Social & Behavioral Sci, Ethnic Studies & Social Justice)  
 ANT 2350 – African Peoples and Cultures\*  
 ANT 2360 – Living Culture and Language of the Mexican and Chicano\*  
 ANT 2400 – Women's Folklore and Folklife\* (GS Arts & Humanities)  
 ANT 2640 – Archaeology  
 ANT 2700 – Museum Studies (GS Social & Behavioral Sciences)  
 ANT 3100 – Human Evolution  
 ANT 3110 – Race and Human Variation  
 ANT 3122 – The Neanderthal Enigma  
 ANT 3170 – Primate Adaptation and Evolution  
 ANT 3190 – Mammalian Paleontology  
 ANT 3310 – Ethnography of North American Indians (Ethnic Studies & Social Justice)  
 ANT 3320 – Anthropology of Japan  
 ANT 3335 – Asian American Experiences (Ethnic Studies & Social Justice)  
 ANT 3340 – Native Americans in Historical Perspective (Ethnic Studies & Social Justice)  
 ANT 3361 – Gender and Disaster\*  
 ANT 3365 – Structural Violence, Poverty, and Human Rights\*  
 ANT 3375 – Food and Culture (GS Social & Behavioral Sciences, Global Diversity)  
 ANT 3379 – Middle Eastern Cultures (GS Social & Behavioral Sciences, Global Diversity)  
 ANT 3380 – Exploring Folklore  
 ANT 3386 – Religious Narratives and Culture (GS Arts & Humanities)  
 ANT 3391 – Approaching Culture: Past and Present  
 ANT 3395 – Transnational Genders and Sexualities\*  
 ANT 3397 – Culture and Economy  
 ANT 3480 – Cultural Diversity in Health and Illness (Ethnic Studies & Social Justice)  
 ANT 3490 – Globalization and Culture  
 ANT 3530 – Writing Systems and Scribal Traditions (GS Arts & Humanities, Global Diversity)  
 ANT 3540 – Women in the Developing World\*  
 ANT 3600 – Archaeology of Eurasia and Africa  
 ANT 3610 – Colorado Archaeology  
 ANT 3630 – Archaeology of Ancient Egypt  
 ANT 3640 – Holy Land Archaeology (GS Social & Behavioral Sciences, Global Diversity)  
 ANT 3650 – 100,000 Years of War (GS Social & Behavioral Sciences, Global Diversity)  
 ANT 3660 – Archaeology of the Americas  
 ANT 3840 – Introduction to Bioarchaeology

Anthropology courses under the omnibus, variable topics, recent issues, and internship headings also count as electives for the major. These courses will have one or two letters in the course number.

ANT 19-/29-/39-	Omnibus Courses (specialty courses in various areas of anthropology)
ANT 33-	Exploring World Cultures: Variable Topics
ANT 44-	Current Issues in Anthropology: Variable Topics
ANT 398-/498-	Internship, Co-op Education, and Independent Study Courses

**Elective Courses Subtotal: 15 credit hours**

**ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR TOTAL: 36 CREDIT HOURS**

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0, including at least 40 semester hours in upper-division courses (3000- and 4000-level). Students must also complete the MSU Denver General Studies Requirements, which can be found here: <https://www.msudenver.edu/general-studies/>.