

Anthropology

Degree: A.S. - Anthropology

Area: Behavioral & Social Sciences

Dean: Whitney Yamamura

Phone: (916) 484-8283

Counseling: (916) 484-8572

American River College offers the basic lower division courses in anthropology. Anthropology serves as an excellent background to many other behavioral sciences. It also helps students better understand people and the world around them.

Career Options

Anthropology is a basic component for careers as an anthropologist, anthropology instructor, museum curator, population analyst, urban planner, transcultural nurse, health researcher, and environmental impact analyst.

Some career options may require more than two years of college study.

Anthropology

Requirements for Degree Major 18 Units

Courses Required	Units
ANTH 300 or 480	3
ANTH 301	1
ANTH 310	3
ANTH 320	3
and 8 units selected from the following:	8
ANTH 311, 312, 330, 333, 335, 370, 372	

Recommended Electives

Suggested courses correlated with Physical Anthropology include Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, and Psychology. Suggested courses correlated with Cultural Anthropology include Biology, English Literature, Geography, History, Humanities, Music, Nutrition, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Social Science. Also suggested: Foreign Language and/or Sign Language.

General Education Graduation Requirements: In addition to completing the degree requirements, students must also complete the general education graduation requirements for an A.A./A.S. degree. See ARC graduation requirements.

ANTH 300 Physical Anthropology 3 Units

Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers the concepts, methods and theory of biological evolution and its application to the human species. There is a specific focus on molecular, Mendelian and population genetics mechanisms of evolution, primatology, paleoanthropology, biocultural adaptations, human variation, and current bioethical issues. The philosophy of science and the scientific method serve as foundations to the course. AA/AS area 3A; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B.

ANTH 301 Physical Anthropology Laboratory 1 Unit

Formerly: ANTH 11
Prerequisite: None
Corequisite: ANTH 300.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LAB

This course is an introductory laboratory course designed to provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the methods of the science of biological anthropology while investigating topics in laboratory and field situations. Topics covered in the course are: the scientific method; sources of biological variation and forces of evolution; human osteology; human variation; taxonomy and comparative osteology of the primates, and fossil evidence for human evolution. AA/AS area 3A; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B.

ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology 3 Units

Formerly: ANTH 2
Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ENGWR 102, or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the varieties of customs, traditions and forms of social organizations in both western and non-western societies. The main focus of the course is to examine non-western cultures and the social experiences of development. This course provides valuable background to students interested in multicultural perspectives and/or anticipating involvement in global business opportunities or travel. (CAN ANTH 4) AA/AS area 3C & 3F; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

ANTH 311 Cultural Anthropology Discussion 1 Unit

Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ANTH 310.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course provides opportunities to discuss issues relevant to cultural anthropology and explore non-western cultures using the anthropological literature. The applicability of terms such as "ethnocentrism" and "cultural relativity" is examined.

ANTH 312 The Anthropology of Gender 1 Unit

Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ANTH 310.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course examines the contributions of anthropologists to the field of gender studies. The course deals with topics relevant to gender issues from a cross-cultural perspective. Gender issues are studied as they relate to family, social groups, and the concept of "self".

ANTH 315 Cultures in Focus**3 Units***Formerly: ANTH 13**Prerequisite: None**Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.**Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

An examination of the cultures of the "Third World" with emphasis on development problems. The course examines the historical and cultural context of development. Technological changes are examined as they impact ideological aspects of culture. Problems of overpopulation, underemployment, famine, etc., are discussed in their cultural context. AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

ANTH 320 Introduction to Archeology and World Prehistory**3 Units***Formerly: ANTH 3**Prerequisite: None**Advisory: ENGWR 102, or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.**Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

The course introduces students to the theories, concepts, and methods employed by the archaeologist in the study of human pre-history. The course emphasizes the development and diverse evolution of social and cultural systems. It explores the problems and achievements of non-literate and traditional cultures, diverse communities, and social classes over time based on a comparison of a wide range of archaeological examples from all over the world. (CAN ANTH 6) AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

ANTH 330 Magic, Witchcraft and Religion**3 Units***Formerly: ANTH 12**Prerequisite: None**Advisory: ENGWR 102, or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.**Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

A cross-cultural study of the forms and functions of supernatural beliefs and associated rituals in various societies of Africa, Asia, aboriginal Australia, Oceania, South America, native North America and elsewhere. Emphasis is on understanding beliefs and rituals within their given social contexts, but also on broad comparison to derive insight into the general functions of beliefs and rituals in human life. AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3

ANTH 333 American Indians of California**3 Units***Formerly: ANTH 14**Prerequisite: None**Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116, or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.**Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course surveys the sociocultural systems of California Indians from the prehistoric period to present. In addition to offering an overview of the diversity and complexity of aboriginal California, it includes environmental adaptations, material culture, social structure, ideology, and response to change. AA/AS area 3C & 3F; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

ANTH 335 Research Methods in Anthropology**3 Units***Prerequisite: ANTH 300 or 310 with a grade of "C" or better.**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course introduces research methods for the field of anthropology. Familiarization with specific observational research methods and the practical application of these methods in a contemporary setting is emphasized. Field trips will be required.

ANTH 370 Primatology**3 Units***Prerequisite: None**Advisory: ANTH 300.**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course provides an analysis of non-human primate comparative morphology, behavior, and ecology. Areas of study include general primate morphology from teeth to toes, diet and ecology, social behavior including reproduction and social systems, cognition and intelligence, and primate conservation issues. Primates in both captive and free-ranging settings will be examined. Field trips for primate observations will be required.

ANTH 372 Primatology Field Studies**2 Units***Prerequisite: None**Advisory: ANTH 300.**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 36 hours LEC*

This course provides practical experience in non-human primate observational studies. The Sacramento Zoo serves as the "field site" where observations on non-human primates are conducted. Focus is on training in research methodology and observational techniques. Field studies may focus on the Chimpanzee Program under the Jane Goodall Institute. Field trips will be required.

ANTH 480 Honors Physical Anthropology**3 Units***Formerly: ANTH 1H**Prerequisite: 3.0 or better cumulative GPA, ENGWR 300 or 480 with a grade of "C" or better.**Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is an in depth introduction to the science of physical anthropology. This seminar style honors course approaches the topical material through class discussion which encourages problem solving techniques focusing on current anthropological issues. Weekly topical issues will be presented in a case study format. Critical thinking skills are emphasized in responding to these issues. The following topics are included in the course: evolutionary theory, heredity, human variation, taxonomy and behavior of the living primates and the fossil evidence of human evolution. AA/AS area 3A; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B.

ANTH 494 Topics in Anthropology**1-3 Units***Formerly: ANTH 40**Prerequisite: None**Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320.**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 18-54 hours LEC*

Concentrated study of current anthropological issues. Topics will reflect contemporary issues and problems in the areas of cultural and physical anthropology, as well as in archaeology. Issues in the area of physical anthropology will be approached from a biological and ecological perspective; issues in cultural anthropology and archaeology will be approached from a multi-cultural and international platform. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 units.