

Anthropology

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Anthropology examines the full scope of human diversity from the remote past to contemporary times. Drawing on humanistic and scientific knowledge, anthropologists explore humans as biological and cultural beings. At Lyon College, students gain a holistic understanding of humans as a biocultural species and immerse themselves in the critical themes, theories, concepts, and methods of contemporary anthropology. Through personalized attention and academic rigor, the Anthropology Program strives to produce students who are informed and engaged global citizens.

NOTE: To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Lyon College, students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours comprised of our required Core curriculum, the requirements of at least one major (credit hours vary per major), and a selection of our Liberal Arts electives. They must also earn at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average for all work taken at Lyon College and a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in their major, minor, and concentration.

Anthropology Degrees

Anthropology Major (BA)

Summary of Requirements for a Major in Anthropology

Item #	Title	Credits
ANT 100	Biological Anthropology	4
ANT 101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (OC)	3
ANT 120	Inequality in the Ancient World (OC)	3
ANT 140	Language and Culture (OC)	3

Anthropology Electives (18 hours)

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ANT 182	Special Topics in Anthropology	1-4
ANT 201	Borders & Boundaries (OC)	3
ANT 202	Anthropology and Social Justice (OC)	3
ANT 205	Human Origins	3
ANT 210	Recipe for Humanity: How Food, Alcohol, and Drugs Make Society (HL)	3
ANT 240	Archaeological Method and Theory	3
ANT 282	Special Topics in Anthropology	1-4
ANT 305	Indigenous Knowledge in the Americas	3
ANT 320	Human Variation and Adaptation	3
ANT 323	Globalization	3
ANT 331	Gender and Culture	3
ANT 300	Global Health: Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
ANT 311	Cultural Resource Management: Law and Practice	3
ANT 315	Villages to Empire: Archaeology of Mesopotamia	3
ANT 382	Special Topics in Anthropology	1-4

Anthropology Research and Capstone (6 hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
ANT 307	Ethnographic Methods	3
ANT 310	Forensic Anthropology	4
ANT 400	Archaeological Artifact Analysis	4
ANT 405	Archaeology Field School	3-6
ANT 450	Senior Seminar	3
ANT 480	Field Study in Anthropology	1-3

CORE CURRICULUM

Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements (In addition to Major hours)	46-48
	Total Credits	83-85

Core Curriculum Requirements (In addition to Major hours)

Developmental requirements (up to 6 credits):

Taken in the first semester, if placed into it:

- ENG 001 College English

Taken in the first year, if placed into it:

- MTH 001 Intermediate Algebra

Proficiency requirements (15 credits):

Taken in the first two years, if not placed out of it:

- MTH 101 College Algebra or
- MTH 103 College Algebra w/Lab or
- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts

Taken in the first year (depending on placement):

- ENG 101 English Composition I (taken immediately if placed into it or immediately following completion of ENG 001 with a grade of "C" or better)
- ENG 102 English Composition II (taken immediately following successful completion of ENG 101 with a grade of "C" or better)

Recommended but not required in the first year:

- First year of a foreign language

Conversations common core requirements (10-11 credits):

Taken in the first year (or within one year of completing any pre-requisite coursework):

- COR 100 Year One
- COR 101 Strategies for College Success (if placed into it)

Beginning in the first semester, students take at least one Conversations course per term until completion of the common core:

- COR 120: Conversations: The American Experience
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Fields of Inquiry requirements (21-22 credits)

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Faith, Philosophy, and Self (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ANT 202 - Anthropology & Social Justice
- COR 110 - Searching
- RPH 130 - Intro to Christian Theology
- RPH 140 - World Philosophy
- RPH 205 - Intro to Ethics

Historical Literacy (3 credits)

Select from the following:

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- ANT 201 - Borders & Boundaries
- ECO 430 - History of Economic Thought
- HIS 101 - United States I
- HIS 102 - United States II
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- HIS 280 - Historiography & Historical Method

Human Diversity and Society (3 credits)

Select from the following:

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- ECO 101 - Principles of Economics
- POL 201 - Comparative Politics
- POL 205 - World Politics
- PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology

Human Expression (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ART 201 - World Art I
- ART 202 - World Art II
- ENG 160 - Introduction to Creative Writing
- MUS 105 - Language of Music
- MUS 110 - Music Theory
- THE 101 - Introduction to Theatre

Physical Activity (2 credits)

Select from the following:

- OLP 120 - Biking
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- OLP126 - Backpacking
- OLP 128 - Rock Climbing
- PED 101 - Physical Fitness
- PED 103 - Volleyball & Table Tennis
- PED 108 - Archery/Bowling
- PED 109 - Beginner Tennis
- PED 110 - Tennis & Badminton

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- PED 113 – Body Shaping
- PED 114 – Yoga
- PED 119 – Basic Golf
- PED 120 – Tai Chi Chih
- PED 122 – Fundamentals of Dance
- PED 126 – Backpacking
- PED 130 – Varsity Sports

Quantitative Reasoning (3-4 credits)

Select from the following:

- BUS 323 – Statistical Applications to Business Decision Making
- ECO 208 – Quantitative Methods in Business, Economics, and Decision Making
- MTH 105 – Math for Liberal Arts
- MTH 110 – Elementary Functions
- MTH 115 – Discrete Mathematics
- MTH 210 – Calculus I
- POL 220 – Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science
- PSY 235 – Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

Scientific Reasoning (4 credits)

Select from the following:

- ANT 100 – Biological Anthropology
- BIO 100 – Biology in Context
- BIO 110 – Principles of Biology I & lab
- BIO 240 – Human Microbiology
- CHM 105 – Introduction to Chemistry
- CHM 110 – General Chemistry I
- PHY 210/241 – General Physics I, Fundamentals of Physics Lab I
- PHY 211 – General Physics I lab
- PHY 240/241 – Fundamentals of Physics I, Fundamentals of Physics Lab I
- SCI 100 – Physical Science

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Healthy Lifestyle

Select one from the following:

- ANT 210 - Recipe for Humanity
- COR 110 - Searching
- MTH 105 - Math for Liberal Arts
- PED 101 - Physical Fitness
- PSY 290 - Human Development

Oral Communication

Select one from the following:

- ANT 101 - Intro to Anthropology
- ANT 120 - Inequality in the Ancient World
- ANT 140 - Language & Culture
- ANT 201 - Borders & Boundaries
- ANT 202 - Anthropology & Social Justice
- ART 334 - Three-Dimensional Studio II
- ART 440 - Advanced Studio Concepts
- BIO 308 - Parasitology
- BIO 350 - Microbiology
- BIO 360 - Comparative Biology
- BIO 366 - Histology
- BUS 206 - Principles of Marketing
- CHM 220 - Organic Chemistry II
- DSC 105 - Introduction to Data Science
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- HUM 375 - Medical Humanities Capstone
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Problem-Solving

Select one from the following:

- ART 110 - Drawing Studio I
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	ANT 480 or BIO 480	1-4

Laboratory Required Courses (8 credits)

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BIO 282	Special Topics	1-4
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BIO 350	Microbiology (OC)	4
BIO 352	Molecular Biology	4
BIO 356	Biochemistry	4
BIO 364	Developmental Biology	4
BIO 370	Evolution	4
BIO 382	Special Topics in Biology	3-4
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PSY 318	Biological Psychology	3
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BIO 480	Directed Research	1-4

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Anthropology Minor

The anthropology minor is a group of courses designed as a second field for students interested in exploring humans and human culture. There are four subfields in anthropology: biological anthropology, archaeology, linguistic anthropology, and cultural anthropology.

NOTES

* Students may use ANT 101 to satisfy core requirements.

Summary of Requirements for a Minor in Anthropology

Item #	Title	Credits
ANT 101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (OC)	3
	Anthropology Electives (6 credits) - Group A	6
	Anthropology Electives (9 credits) Group B	9
	Total Credits	18

Anthropology Electives (6 credits) - Group A

Select two of the following:

Group A (6 credits)

Item #	Title	Credits
ANT 100	Biological Anthropology	4
ANT 120	Inequality in the Ancient World (OC)	3
ANT 140	Language and Culture (OC)	3

Anthropology Electives (9 credits) Group B

Group B (9 credits)

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ANT 202	Anthropology and Social Justice (OC)	3
ANT 205	Human Origins	3
ANT 210	Recipe for Humanity: How Food, Alcohol, and Drugs Make Society (HL)	3
ANT 282	Special Topics in Anthropology	1-4
ANT 305	Indigenous Knowledge in the Americas	3
ANT 307	Ethnographic Methods	3
ANT 320	Human Variation and Adaptation	3
ANT 323	Globalization	3
ANT 331	Gender and Culture	3
ANT 300	Global Health: Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
ANT 310	Forensic Anthropology	4
ANT 311	Cultural Resource Management: Law and Practice	3
ANT 315	Villages to Empire: Archaeology of Mesopotamia	3
ANT 382	Special Topics in Anthropology	1-4
ANT 400	Archaeological Artifact Analysis	4
ANT 405	Archaeology Field School	3-6
ANT 450	Senior Seminar	3
ANT 480	Field Study in Anthropology	1-3

Anthropology (ANT) Courses

ANT 100: Biological Anthropology

Human evolution has been driven by the complex interplay of environmental factors, cultural technologies, and biological adaptations. In this class and its associated laboratory section, we will provide a brief introduction to the diverse methods that researchers have developed to study these interactions, with an emphasis on the relationship between culture and biology. Students will learn basic evolutionary theory, examine humans and our relationship to living and extinct primates, explore the concept of race and human biological variation, and introduce modern applications of biological anthropology including forensics, epidemiology, and medical anthropology.

Credits 4

ANT 101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (OC)

An introduction to cultural anthropology with emphasis on human behavior within a cultural context. Topics include religion, gender, social organization, and subsistence.

Credits 3

ANT 120: Inequality in the Ancient World (OC)

Introduction to archaeological method and theory with a focus on the emergence of political institutions and social inequality in early states and empires.

Credits 3

ANT 140: Language and Culture (OC)

An introductory to anthropological linguistics that looks at language from several perspectives, ranging from phonology (the study of the smallest units of sound) to the ways people use language in varying cultural contexts.

Credits 3

ANT 182: Special Topics in Anthropology

Provides an introduction to a topic of particular anthropological concern.

Credits 1

-4

ANT 201: Borders & Boundaries (OC)

What is a border? How do lines, real or imaginary, bring us together or divide us? What happens to those who don't fit comfortably on one side or the other, but rather inhabit the space of the border itself? This class will examine how boundaries—racial, ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic, scientific, sexual, and otherwise—are constructed, maintained, crossed, challenged, and lived within. Not repeatable for credit.

Credits 3

ANT 202: Anthropology and Social Justice (OC)

For over a century, anthropology in the United States has been founded on the twin principles of scientific objectivity and humanitarian equality. Anthropology has championed the fundamental equality and unity of all humans, even when politicians, the law, and mainstream society maintained segregation and inequality. Nonetheless, the role of anthropology as a discipline that “speaks for” marginalized groups is ambiguous. In this course, students will explore, reflect on, and debate the potential for anthropological research (and social science research broadly) to promote greater social justice. Not repeatable for credit.

Credits 3

ANT 205: Human Origins

Examination of several aspects of physical anthropology, including the history of scientific thought, fossil records, human adaptation, and micro- and macroevolution.

Credits 3

ANT 210: Recipe for Humanity: How Food, Alcohol, and Drugs Make Society (HL)

Consuming food is at once a biological necessity and a deeply socially charged event. Every calorie we consume is the result of our or someone else's labor. This fact means that what we choose to eat, whom we eat it with, how we eat it and the social contexts where we eat carry economic, political, social, or even religious significance. In this class we take an anthropological perspective on the consumption of food, alcohol and psychoactive substances to

explore the ways that humanity has constituted itself through patterns of food consumption. We will explore the role of food in our biological evolution, in our historical trajectory and in our current lived experiences in a globally interconnected world.

Credits 3

ANT 240: Archaeological Method and Theory

Examination of the historical background of the discipline of archaeology and the methods used in the recovery of data and the interpretation of archaeological finds.

Credits 3

ANT 282: Special Topics in Anthropology

Focuses on an in-depth, intermediary topic of particular anthropological concern.

Credits 1

-4

ANT 300: Global Health: Introduction to Medical Anthropology

Medical anthropology is the study of how health and illness are perceived and experienced by individuals and groups based on their cultural, historical and political trajectories. It has profound relevance for health professionals and researchers of disease and illness in diagnosing and treating patients across the world. This course provides an overview of the intersection of health, culture, and socio-economic power and the ways that health and illness are constructed cross-culturally.

Credits 3

ANT 305: Indigenous Knowledge in the Americas

This course provides a cross-cultural introduction to diverse forms of knowledge and ways of knowing, focusing on indigenous peoples of America. Our inquiry is guided by three sets of questions: What are indigenous knowledge frameworks and how can we understand them on their own terms? Why are some forms of knowledge viewed as legitimate or even universal, while others are marginalized? How are individuals and groups negotiating and translating indigenous and western forms of knowledge? Not repeatable for credit.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

ANT 101

Or permission of the instructor.

ANT 307: Ethnographic Methods

This course examines ethnography, the primary research methodology used by cultural and other anthropologists. Each semester, the course will focus on a particular world region in order to highlight the diversity of ethnographic techniques and studies emanating from that region while providing a detailed knowledge of regional culture and history. In the process, students will learn about and practice ethnographic methods including sampling techniques, participant observation, interviews, surveys and various kinds of data analysis. We will examine traditional and less traditional forms of ethnography including autoethnography, visual ethnography and testimonio or life-history, and students will select one form to carry out and write-up for their own final grade in the course.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

ANT 101

ANT 310: Forensic Anthropology

In this laboratory course, students will learn the basics of forensic identification and interpretations of human skeletal materials within a medico-legal framework. Students will learn basic skeletal and dental analysis, the estimation of age, sex, stature, and ancestry from recovered materials, the identification of trauma and pathology, and forensic recovery techniques. Finally, this course will examine the legal responsibilities of forensic anthropology and its contributions to criminal investigations.

Credits 4

ANT 311: Cultural Resource Management: Law and Practice

This course introduces the laws and practice of Cultural Resource Management (CRM) within an archaeological framework. Students will learn federal legislation governing archaeology in the United States and how to conduct CRM archaeological investigations, including submitting project proposals, community engagement, and the evaluation of ethical concerns in the field.

Credits 3

ANT 315: Villages to Empire: Archaeology of Mesopotamia

This course offers a brief overview of the social and cultural history of the prehistoric and proto-historic periods of the Middle East. We will examine the principal research questions that have guided archaeological work in the region and how archaeologists and other scholars have attempted to answer them. In addition to the archaeological evidence, we will consider the relationship between the study of the past and the implications that it carries in the present.

Credits 3

ANT 320: Human Variation and Adaptation

Exploration of the origins and processes of human biological variation and adaptation with emphasis on complex human behavior (culture) and how humans respond and adapt to the environment. These responses are viewed within a biocultural perspective; that is, with the knowledge that human biology must always be explored within behavioral and cultural contexts. Sources of variation are developmental, phenotypic, hereditary, gender, individual, population, evolutionary, ecological, sociocultural, and random (in probabilistic terms).

Credits 3

ANT 323: Globalization

This course examines historical and contemporary studies of 'globalization,' a term that has become commonplace in popular and academic discourse. We consider globalization in terms of an apparently increasing velocity in the spread of ideas, commodities, laborers and capital around the world, but we take an anthropological approach to understanding this, meaning that we couple top-down or macro-level theory with deep attention to local experience through ethnographic research. The first part of the course focuses on what is meant by social scientists when we use terms like globalization, the second is devoted to 20th century histories, particularly development ideology, and the last third examines commodification and the global and local natures of consumption.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

ANT 101

ANT 331: Gender and Culture

In this course we examine the social construction of gendered identities in different times and places. We study culturally specific gendered experiences, 'roles,' rights and rebellions around the world, discussing the concepts of gender acquisition, individual and social consequences of gender, and the interrelationships between gender and other categories for identity including race, class, age, ethnicity, occupation and sexuality. We also examine gender 'at home,' and take a critical approach to understanding gender inequality and gender-based violence, as well as the role of Western expectations about gender in science, in discourses about politics, economics and global exchange, and in the arts and media.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

ANT 101

ANT 382: Special Topics in Anthropology

Focuses on an in-depth, upper-level topic of particular anthropological concern.

Credits 1

-4

Prerequisites

ANT 101

Or permission of instructor.

ANT 399: Anthropology International Studies Course: Variable Topics

Study of varying topics in anthropology. Includes a two-week Nichols trip. Prerequisites will vary.

Credits 1

ANT 400: Archaeological Artifact Analysis

In this course, students will learn the basics of artifact analysis across key classes of archaeological materials. This includes the provenience of raw materials, production techniques, intended function, and patterns of use and reuse. Key artifact classes examined include chipped stone tools, ceramics, ground stone tools, metal artifacts, and organic materials.

Credits 4

Prerequisites

ANT 240

Or permission of the instructor.

ANT 405: Archaeology Field School

This course is a practicum in archaeological survey and excavation methods designed to prepare students for a career in archaeology. Students will learn how to establish a survey grid and conduct surface and subsurface surveys to determine archaeological site locations. They will also learn basic excavation methods and site documentation following both Arkansas and federal standards. Additionally, students will learn basic processing techniques and Geographic Information Sciences skills for site analysis and presentation.

Credits 3

-6

Prerequisites

ANT 240

Archaeological Method and Theory or petition for instructor approval.

ANT 450: Senior Seminar

Focused research project on a selected topic.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

Anthropology Major or Permission of Instructor

ANT 480: Field Study in Anthropology

Anthropological research outside the classroom. Students will learn first hand which methods to utilize when conducting research and the potential problems they may encounter. Students must prepare a report regarding the complexities of applying anthropological concepts in research situations. Repeatable for credit.

Credits 1

-3

Prerequisites

ANT 101 and permission of instructor.

ANT 485: Independent Study

Concentrated study in a selected topic.

Credits 1

-3

Prerequisites

Instructor approval