

Anthropology ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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The Anthropology Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.) is designed to meet the needs of students who want to complete a college degree but who have no immediate plans to transfer to university. A local A.A. degree in Anthropology is a useful entry to a variety of jobs in human resources, travel industries and/or marketing opportunities.

The A.A. degree in Anthropology will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements listed below and the General Education requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree listed in the Degrees and Programs section of this Catalog.

Career Opportunities

An Associate's Degree in Anthropology will open the doors to many career opportunities and advancement in existing jobs. Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human, with practical applications in every field of employment. A Bachelor's degree (BA) in Anthropology is a gateway for people who want to work in international business, multinational corporations, non-profit corporations, social and community service, criminal justice, museum studies, urban planning, travel industries and health care professions. With additional degrees (graduate work), rewarding careers in higher education, research, cultural resource management and government are available.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Explain core concepts of Anthropology, including biological, socio-cultural and archaeological aspects of the discipline.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific methods (skills) used by contemporary anthropologists.
- Apply holistic perspective to discuss appreciation for the genetic and cultural diversity of humans in the past and present, around the world.

Degree Major Requirements

DEPT/NO.	TITLE	UNITS
Required Courses:		
ANTHR 1	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	3
ANTHR 1L	Physical Anthropology Laboratory	1
ANTHR 2	Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory	3
ANTHR 3	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3

List A: Complete three of the following courses (9-10 units):

ANTHR 7	Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft	3
ANTHR 19	Anthropology of Sex and Gender	3
ANTHR 21	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	3
BIOL 24	Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
GEOG 1	Physical Geography	3
GEOG 2	Cultural Geography	3
SOC 120	Introduction to Research Methods	3

Total Units Required for Major: 19-20

Complete Peralta GE-breadth education elective courses: 40-41

Total Units Required for A.A. Degree: 60

The **Anthropology Associate of Arts for Transfer Degree (AA-T)** is designed to meet the lower division requirements for Anthropology majors at CSU, UC and other four-year baccalaureate degree programs. Students in the Anthropology AA-T program at College of Alameda are expected to complete a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a grade of "C" or higher, while maintaining an overall GPA average of at least 2.0 in all CSU/UC transferable coursework. Students are required to complete a total of 60 semester CSU/UC transferable units (including Anthropology major units) using the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSU-GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in order to transfer to university with junior status. Students are strongly advised to consult with a College of Alameda counselor and the Anthropology Department chair early and often for additional information and to verify transfer requirements.

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List A: Select 3-4 units (1-2 courses) from the following:

ANTHR 1L	Introduction to Physical Anthropology Laboratory (1)	3-4
MATH 13	Introduction to Statistics (4)	
SOC 125	Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)	

List B: Select 1-2 courses (3-5 units) from the following: (including any courses not selected previously from List A)

SOC 120	Introduction to Research Methods (3)	3-5
GEOG 14	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (4)	

List C: Select at least 1 course (3-4 units) from the following elective courses: (including any courses not selected previously from List A or B)

ANTHR 7	Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft (3)	3-5
ANTHR 19	Anthropology of Sex and Gender (3)	
ANTHR 21	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)	
COMM 6	Intercultural Communication (3)	
GEOG 2	Cultural Geography (3)	
KIN 33	Aerobics (1)	

Minimum Required Units: 19-20

Recommended Course Sequence

	COURSE	UNITS	REQUIREMENT	CSU GE AREA
FALL 1	ANTHR 3 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3	Major	D
	ENGL 1A/1AS Composition and Reading (w/ support)	4 or 5	GE	A2
	MATH 13 Introduction to Statistics (+213 Support Course)	4 or 6	Major, List A	B4
	COMM 6 Intercultural Communication	3	Major, List C	D
	KIN 54A Cross Fitness I - Fundamentals or KIN 60A Circuit Training for Strength I - Fundamentals	1	Elective	
Total Number of Units:		15 - 18		
SPRING 1	ANTHR 1 Introduction to Physical Anthropology	3	Major	B2
	ANTHR 1L Physical Anthropology Lab	1	GE	B3
	COMM 1A Introduction to Speech	3	GE	A1
	ENGL 5 Critical Thinking in Reading & Writing or COMM 5 Persuasion & Critical Thinking	3	GE	A3
	GEOG 1 Introduction to Physical Geography	3	GE	B1
	COUN 24 College Success or LIS 74 Information Seeking Behavior	3	GE	E
Total Number of Units:		16		
FALL 2	ANTHR 2 Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory	3	Major	D
	SOC 120 Introduction to Research Methods or GEOG 14 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3-4	Major, List B	D or B1 & B3
	ART 1 Introduction to Art History or MUSIC 10 Music Appreciation	3	GE	C1
	HIST 7A History of the US to 1877 or HIST 7B History of the US since 1865	3	US History	D
	POSCI 1 Government and Politics in the United States or POSCI 26 U.S. and California Constitution	3	US/CA Politics	D
	Total Number of Units:		15 - 16	
SPRING 2	ANTHR 7 Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft or ANTHR 19 Anthropology of Sex and Gender or ANTHR 21 Introduction for Forensic Anthropology	3	Major, List C	D or B2
	HUMAN 1 Introduction to Humanities or HUMAN 2 Human Values	3	GE	C2
	ENGL 10A Creative Writing or ENGL 10B Creative Writing	3	GE	C2
	GEOG 2 Cultural Geography	3	Elective	D
	SOC 5 Minority Groups or PSYCH 24 Abnormal Psychology	3	Elective	D
	Total Number of Units:		15	

ANTHROPOLOGY

Please meet with a counselor to develop a personalized education plan to help you meet your specific goals.

Anthropology (ANTHR)

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Anthropology is a vibrant component of a well-rounded education plan for any major because of the unique characteristics of the discipline. Diversity, flexibility, understanding and empowerment are at the heart of the holistic perspective of Anthropology courses.

What can you do with a degree in Anthropology? A Bachelor of Arts degree or Master’s degree in Anthropology can open the door to employment in a number of fields, including education, human resources, corporate personnel integration, marketing, museum/gallery curation, public relations work, international development, non-profit management, travel and leisure fields, forensic science, cultural resource management, park services and public health, to name just a few.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

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ANTHR 1

Introduction to Physical Anthropology

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Study of human beings and their ancestors: Emphasis on relationships to other mammals, physical record of evolution, and processes responsible for evolution. 2202.00

AA/AS area 1; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B
C-ID ANTH 110

ANTHR 1L

Physical Anthropology Laboratory

- 1 unit, 4 hours laboratory (GR or P/NP)
- Prerequisite or corequisite: Anthr 1
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Adjunct laboratory to ANTHR 1: Emphasis on working with replicas of bones and visits to museums and zoos to study primate behavior and hominid evolution. 2202.00

CSU area B3; IGETC area 5C
C-ID ANTH 115L

ANTHR 2

Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

World prehistory as reconstructed from the archaeological and physical evidence of cultural beginnings through the early agricultural civilizations of Africa, America and Euro-Asia: Archaeological methods, techniques and problems. 2202.20

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4
C-ID ANTH 150

ANTHR 3

Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Cross-cultural analysis of social and cultural factors of human behavior in the recent past and present. 2202.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4
C-ID ANTH 120

ANTHR 4

Ancient Civilizations: Aztec, Inca, Maya

- 3 units, 3 hour lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Study of Mesoamerican and South American pre-European contact peoples and cultures: Evidence and interpretations through methods and theories of anthropological archeology. 2202.00

AA/AS area 2; IGETC area 4; CSU area D

ANTHR 7**Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft**

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Comparative study of religion, magic, and supernatural beliefs and practices: Dynamics and function of religion and magic in human societies. 2202.00

AA/AS area 2, 3; IGETC area 4; CSU area D

ANTHR 19**Anthropology of Sex and Gender**

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Formation of sexual and gender identities from a cross-cultural, cross-societal perspective: Biological and historical understandings of male/female difference. Female body, alternative sexualities, female power in the public sphere, mother-child relations and gender-related violence. Consideration of contemporary, globalized societies and gendered behavior in smaller-scale societies. 2202.00

AA/AS Area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

ANTHR 21**Introduction to Forensic Anthropology**

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Introduction to recovery, analysis and identification of human physical remains in medico-legal context. 2202.00

AA/AS area 1; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B

ANTHR 48AA-FZ**Selected Topics in Anthropology**

- .5-5 units, 0-5 hours lecture, 0-15 hours lab (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU

See section on Selected Topics. 2202.00

ANTHR 48AF**Anthropology Field Studies Abroad**

- .5-3 units, .5-3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Field Studies Abroad: Analysis of how behavior in different cultural groups is adaptive to local environment and social conditions; first-hand observation and interaction in short-term study abroad experiences; description of the advantages and disadvantages of cultural relativism; assessment of the impact of modernization and globalization on human cultures; application of the scientific method to understand observable and historic human behaviors in cultural context. 2202.00

ANTHR 49**Independent Study in Anthropology**

- .5-5 units, .5-5 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU

See section on Independent Study. 2202.00

ANTHR 55**Native American Cultures**

- 3 units, 3 hour lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Survey the ways of life of Native American peoples and cultures within different geographical, political, and social contexts from prehistoric, historic and current time frames. 2202.00

IGETC area 4; CSU area D

ANTHR 248AA-FZ**Selected Topics in Anthropology**

- .5-5 units, 0-5 hours lecture, 0-15 hours lab (GR or P/NP)

See section on Selected Topics. 2202.00