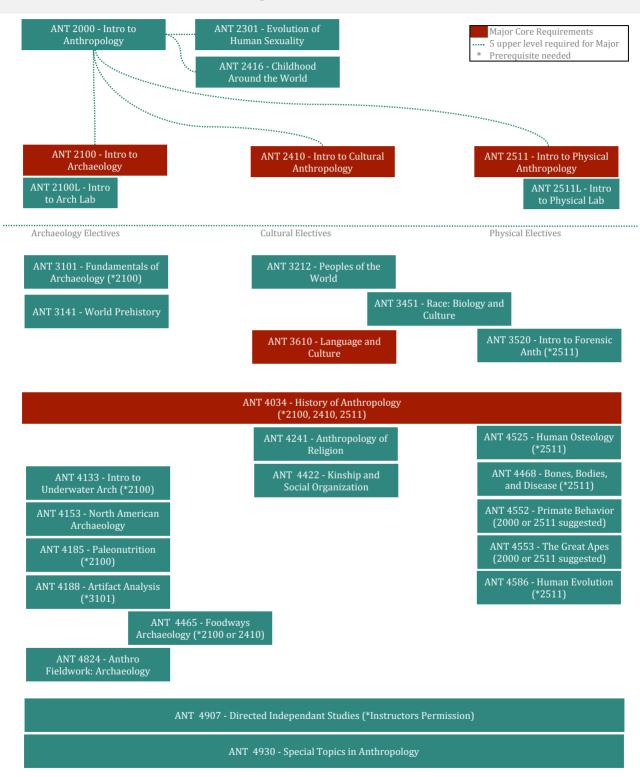
FSU Department of Anthropology

Course Progression Based on Subfield Interest



ANTHROPOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ANT 2000 - Introduction to Anthropology

This introductory course offers a holistic approach to understanding what it means to be human, studying humans and human behavior from the perspectives of evolution and genetics, the archaeological record, and language and culture.

ANT 2100 - Introduction to Archaeology

This course is an introduction to modern anthropological archaeology. The course introduces students to the interdisciplinary scientific approaches employed in contemporary archaeological research and provides them with an overview of the origins and evolution of human social and economic systems.

ANT 2301 - Evolution of Human Sexuality

This course is an examination of human sexuality from an evolutionary perspective. Some of the topics covered include sexual selection, mating systems, mate preferences, and sexual orientation.

ANT 2410 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

This course introduces the origin and development of human lifeways with emphasis on non-Western societies. A comparative perspective is used to examine language, social organization, religion, values, and technology. Attention is also given to contemporary world problems.

ANT 2416 - Childhood Around the World

This course examines the variety of ways childhood is experienced in other cultures, allowing students without a background in anthropology to develop an appreciation for the nature of childhood and the pivotal role this stage plays in maintaining cultural continuity and influencing cultural evolution

ANT 2511 - Introduction to Physical Anthropology & Prehistory

This course introduces theory and principles of genetically based evolution. It reviews fossil evidence for human evolution and competing ideas about the specific pathways to modern humans. It emphasizes the genetic unity of humankind and the universal features that underlie individual and cultural diversity.

ANT2511L - Introduction to Physical Anthropology & Prehistory Lab

This course provides students with hands-on exercises that are designed to enhance their grasp of fundamental techniques and principles that form the basis for studying physical anthropology and prehistory. Exercises focus on the nature and dating of the archaeological record, techniques for assessing and measuring skeletal material, heredity and evolutionary processes, comparative anatomy of primates, and criteria for recognizing and interpreting fossil australopithecines and Homo. This laboratory provides an opportunity for students to handle and measure artifacts, skeletal material, and fossil hominin casts which will enable them to gain insight into the scientific procedures that are used to interpret the nature and causes of human evolution.

ANT 3101 - Fundamentals of Archaeology (*ANT 2100)

This course provides an overview of objectives, field strategies, and basics of laboratory analysis, interpretative approaches to the record, and what the threats to archaeological/cultural resources are. This includes a brief overview of the history of archaeology and the changes in strategies used to examine the prehistoric and historic archaeological records. An emphasis is placed upon developing an understanding of the fundamental objectives and methodologies used in modern anthropological archaeology.

ANT 3141 - World Prehistory

This course outlines the major events in human cultural and social evolution and includes a brief presentation of general archaeological methods and objectives. The course focuses on the evolution of civilization in the Middle East, Europe, China, Africa, and the Americas.

ANT 3212 - Peoples of the World

This course is a survey of the world's cultures by major geographic regions. The purpose is to familiarize the student with the range and variety of the human condition and at the same time instill in the student a respect and admiration for humankind. Lectures, readings, and visual materials are utilized.

ANT 3451 - Race: Biology & Culture

This course examines the concept of race from the perspectives of biological and cultural anthropology, beginning with the study of modern human biological variation and its clinical distribution. This biological patterning is then contrasted with the social categories of race. The final section of the course covers the history of the concept of race, the ways humans culturally construct divisions in different societies, and the continued effects of racial concepts on science and modern cultures

ANT 3520 - Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (*ANT 2511)

This course is an introduction to forensic anthropology as a scientific discipline within the field of anthropology, examining what happens to a body immediately after death, the process of decomposition, and taphonomic changes. The course also examines what is required of a forensic investigation of such a body from search to documentation, collection, processing, and lab analysis.

ANT - 3610 Language and Culture

This course is an introduction to and examination of human language, its relation to perception and cognition, and its role in social interaction. This includes verbal as well as nonverbal communication modes, their variety and complexity, the evolution of language, and language change.

ANT 4034 - History of Anthropology (*ANT 2100, 2410 & 2511)

This course is a survey for majors that reviews the development of the central ideas that have shaped the emergence of anthropology as a science. The approach is critical and objective, the presentation is chronological, and the emphasis is to evaluate the scope and limitations of modern theories.

ANT 4133 - Introduction to Underwater Archaeology (*ANT 2100)

This course is a survey of the history, theory, methods, and problems of underwater archaeology, with attention given to the types of investigations and environments in which underwater archaeology is conducted and to the field's particular contributions to anthropology.

ANT 4185 - Paleonutrition (*ANT 2100)

This course covers methods in reconstruction of past economic behavior and diet. It includes lab work in identification and analysis of faunal remains.

ANT 4241 - Anthropology of Religion

This course covers the cultural conceptions of supernatural reality with emphasis on comparative understanding of myth and ritual, the religious experience, and religious evolution and revitalization movements.

ANT 4422 -Kinship and Social Organization

This course surveys anthropological thought and practice (theory and methods) with respect to kinship and related forms of social organization, including the classification and analysis of kinship systems and associated terminology, patterns of marriage and residence, descent theory and alliance theory, and the role of kinship in different social systems.

ANT 4468 - Bones, Bodies, and Disease (*ANT 2511)

This course introduces students to Paleopathology. The course shows how the latest scientific and archaeological techniques can be used to identify the common illnesses and injuries that humans suffered in antiquity. In order to give a vivid picture of ancient disease and trauma, results of the latest scientific research that incorporate information gathered from documents are presented. This comprehensive approach to the subject throws fresh light on the health of our ancestors and on the conditions in which they lived, and it gives students an intriguing insight into the ways in which they coped with the pain and discomfort of their existence.

ANT 4525 - Human Osteology (*ANT 2511 or instructor permission)

This course is designed to acquaint the student with each of the bones of the normal adult human skeleton. It is particularly appropriate for those students interested in archaeology and physical anthropology. Each bone is examined, followed by a review of abnormal ariations. The uses of anthropometric instruments are demonstrated as are the methods of estimating age, sex, and racial origin.

ANT 4552 - Primate Behavior (*ANT 2511 or instructor permission)

This course introduces the substantial scholarly literature on the behavior and ecology of free-ranging prosimians, monkeys, and apes. Anthropological applications of recent findings are emphasized.

ANT 4553 - The Great Apes (*ANT 2511 or instructor permission)

This course focuses on the behavior and ecology of the large-bodied, non-human hominoids: chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas, and orangutans. It also introduces the complexities involved in using this evidence to draw conclusions about human evolution.

ANT 4586 - Human Evolution (*ANT 2511 or instructor permission)

This course emphasizes a close examination of the fossil record for human evolution. It builds on basic principles and ideas presented in ANT 2511.

ANT 4824 - Anthropological Fieldwork (*ANT 2100 & 3101)

This course trains students in the principles and methods of archaeological fieldwork, including research strategy development, recovery, recording and controls, sampling strategy, mapping, surveying, laboratory analysis, quantification, and report preparation. This is an intern-type course, sometimes requiring the student to live off-campus.