

ANTHROPOLOGY (BA)

Anthropology is the comparative study of humanity, focusing on people in all places and throughout history and prehistory. Courses engage students in the analysis of beliefs, values, and practices from a perspective that understands societies on their own terms. This perspective includes comparing the similarities and differences among different groups and appreciating and valuing different ways of living. Students study other cultures in order to learn more about their own. This curriculum affords students the opportunity to see the interaction between “what we know” and “what we do” that lies at the heart of the study of humanity.

Our curriculum combines the best parts of a critical, creative, liberal arts education with practical, professional preparation. The major courses direct the student toward the subfields of cultural anthropology, biological anthropology and archaeology, with a focus on applied research in these sub-fields. As part of the major, students engage in several research projects, including those that expose them to the application of anthropological knowledge for non-academic audiences, and to archaeological field methods. Out-of-class research projects in the City of Chicago are integral components of several courses. Students graduate with an extensive knowledge of how anthropology is actually done. We bring students farther into this practical side of the discipline than any other BA program in the country.

Academic careers are attractive to some graduates, but more than half of all professional anthropologists work outside of academic institutions. Some of these careers include research for public and private organizations, administration and/or public policy on the local, regional, federal, or international level; research and work in museums; intercultural communication; advertising, marketing, and public relations; human resources, public health, health care, and law. They also contribute to non-governmental and international organizations. Within the context of administration or public policy, anthropologists are engaged in cultural resource management (CRM), monitoring the preservation of cultural resources for national parks, museums, and state or municipal cultural institutions (i.e., parks and historical societies). Anthropology enhances other career paths, such as modern languages, international studies, international relations, cultural studies, and international business. Students will have completed at least four ethnographic research projects and be qualified in archaeological research skills by the time they graduate.

The extensive ethnographic research experience qualifies students with BA degrees to work in both non-profit (social service agencies) and for-profit (marketing, design, user-based) research settings. The archaeological certification opens avenues for careers in cultural resource management (CRM), and monitoring the preservation of cultural resources for national parks, museums, and state or municipal cultural institutions.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Liberal Studies Requirements	84
Major Requirements	50
Open Electives	58
Total hours required	192

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Assess core anthropological concepts.
- Generate results of anthropological research.
- Disseminate anthropological research findings to multiple audiences.
- Demonstrate anthropological methods.
- Apply ethical principles of anthropology.

College Core Requirements Study in the Major Field

The student’s course of study in the College consists of three parts: Liberal Studies, the major field, and electives. Together these three parts contribute to the liberal education of the student which is the common purpose of all study in the College. By “liberal education” the College understands not only a deep and thorough knowledge of a particular area of study but a knowledge of the diverse areas of study represented by criticism, history, the arts, the behavioral and social sciences, philosophy, religious studies, the natural science, and mathematics.

The major field program generally is built upon a set of core courses and a specialized “concentration.” The number of courses required for a major varies by department. Most students go beyond the minimum requirements, electing additional courses which both broaden and deepen their understanding of their chosen discipline.

Because no academic major program is built in isolation, students are required to pursue a number of electives of the student’s choice. The inherent flexibility of this curriculum demands that the student consult an academic advisor at each stage in the total program and at least once prior to each registration.

Students will be prompted to visit the College Office for their official graduation check early in their senior year.

Declaration of Major, Minor and Concentration

All students in the College are required to declare a major field prior to beginning their junior year. The student will then be assigned a faculty advisor in the major field department or program and should make an appointment to see that advisor at his or her earliest convenience.

Students must declare or change majors, minors, and concentrations, via Campus Connection. However, for the purpose of exploring the possibility of changing a major field, the student should consult an academic advisor in the Office for Academic Advising Support.

The Modern Language Requirement (MLR)

All students will be required to demonstrate competence in a modern language (i.e., a language other than English) equivalent to the proficiency attained from one year of college-level language study. This Modern Language Requirement (MLR) may be demonstrated by:

- placing into 104 or above on the DePaul language placement exam
- completing the last course or earning AP/IB credit for the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language (e.g. 103 for DePaul language classes)
- completing a college course or earning AP/IB credit for a college course beyond the first-year level in any language (e.g. 104 or above for DePaul language classes)

- completing the final course of a four-year sequence of the same modern language in high school*
- completing a proctored exam by BYU and passing the exam (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)
- completing a proctored Written Proficiency Test (WPT) by Language Testing International (LTI) and achieving a score of Beginner High or above (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)

*Students are strongly encouraged to take the DePaul language placement exam even if they have met the MLR via study of a language in high school. This will ensure continuation of language study at the proper level.

Students who complete an Inter-College Transfer (ICT) to the College will abide by the MLR in place on the effective date of the ICT, regardless of when they first matriculated at DePaul.

Students who have met the MLR and wish to pursue further work in the language may elect the “Modern Language Option” (see below).

The Modern Language Option (MLO)

The Modern Language Option is available to all BA students who wish to study a modern language beyond the level required by their College, and to all other undergraduate students without a modern language requirement who wish to study a language at any level.

Students selecting the MLO may substitute a sequence of three courses in the same language for three domain courses.

The three MLO substitutions must be made in three different domains, and any substitutions must be consistent with the principle that students complete at least one course in each learning domain.

MLO substitutions may not be used to replace the Scientific Inquiry—Lab or Scientific Inquiry—Science as a Way of Knowing requirement.

Students majoring in one modern language may use the Modern Language Option for study of a second language at the Intermediate level or above.

NOTE: Please contact your college/school regarding additional information and restrictions about the Modern Language Option.

External Credit and Residency

A student who has been admitted to the College begins residency within the college as of the first day of classes of the term in which the student is registered. Students in residence, whether attending on a full-time or part-time basis, may not take courses away from DePaul University without the written permission of the college. Permission must be obtained in advance of registration to avoid loss of credit or residency in the college; see the LAS website for more information.

Liberal Studies Requirements

Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year Program		
Chicago Quarter		

LSP 110 or LSP 111	DISCOVER CHICAGO or EXPLORE CHICAGO	4
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Focal Point		
LSP 112	FOCAL POINT SEMINAR	4

Writing		
WRD 103	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I ¹	4
WRD 104	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II ¹	4

Quantitative Reasoning & Technological Literacy		
LSP 120	QUANTITATIVE REASONING & TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY I ²	4
LSP 121	QUANTITATIVE REASONING AND TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY II ²	4

Sophomore Year

Multiculturalism in the US		
LSP 200	SEMINAR ON MULTICULTURALISM IN THE UNITED STATES	4

Junior Year		
Experiential Learning		
Required		4

Senior Year		
Capstone		
ANT 396	SENIOR CAPSTONE SEMINAR ^{1,3}	4

¹ Students must earn a C- or better in this course.

² Readiness for LSP 120 is determined by the math placement test taken online after admission. Students may need to take developmental coursework prior to LSP 120. The LSP 120 requirement may be waived by credit already earned for advanced math coursework or by passing a dedicated proficiency exam. Students who complete both LSP 120 and LSP 121 take one less Learning Domain course. Students may not apply the course reduction to any Domain where only one course is required, and if taken within the SI Domain, the reduction cannot be applied to the SI Lab or SWK requirement.

³ A student majoring in Anthropology (ANT) is required to complete the Capstone offered by the ANT Department. This is the case even if a student is double majoring (or pursuing a dual degree) and the secondary major (or degree) requires its own Capstone. An ANT major in the University Honors Program shall take the University Honors Capstone and the ANT Capstone.

Learning Domains

Arts and Literature (AL) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/>)

- 3 Courses Required

H (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/#understanding-past>) Historical Inquiry (HI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Philosophical Inquiry (PI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Religious Dimensions (RD) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Scientific Inquiry (SI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/>)

- 3 Courses Required
[1 SWK Course, 1 Lab Course, and 1 Additional Course]

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/>)

- 1 Course Required

Notes

Courses offered in the student's primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a general elective or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student's major and is cross-listed with a course within the student's major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

Major Requirements

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Select one of the following:		4
ANT 102	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANT 103	ARCHAEOLOGY	
ANT 104	INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANT 105	ANTHROPOLOGY THROUGH FILM	
ANT 107	THE CULTURE OF BUSINESS	
ANT 109	FOOD AND CULTURE	
ANT 120	SCIENCE OF ARCHAEOLOGY	
All of the following:		
ANT 201	ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH METHODS	4
ANT 202	ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS	6
ANT 203	PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY	4
ANT 204	LINEAGES OF CULTURE THEORY	4
ANT 386	CULTURAL ANALYSIS	4
ANT 396	SENIOR CAPSTONE SEMINAR	4
Select one of the following:		4
ANT 322	COMMUNITY-BASED APPLIED PRACTICE	
ANT 328	INTERNATIONAL APPLIED PRACTICE	
ANT 330	CLIENT-BASED APPLIED PRACTICE	
Select five 200/300 level ANT courses ¹		20

¹ 100 level courses do not count as electives unless approved by the chair.

Allied Field Requirement

Anthropological research makes extensive use of language skills because of the opportunity it presents for cultural learning. Students are encouraged to study at least one language to the point of functional fluency, if they wish to become professional anthropologists. The minimum requirement for the major is completion of a language-based study abroad program of ten or more weeks duration. If the student is unable to participate in such a program, they can complete the requirement by studying the language with coursework through the end of the second year (Courses numbered 106). Study abroad programs at other universities may be used as long as half of the credit earned in is language-based courses. Depending on previous course work, students may place out of the requirement entirely by scoring high on the university's placement exam. Heritage speakers of a language other than English must also take the university's test. For languages for which no test is available, consult the chair of the Modern Languages department. Even when the minimum of the language requirement is met, all majors are strongly encouraged to participate in a study abroad program that allows them to live in a community where English is not spoken and to seek instruction in a third or fourth language.

Experiential Learning and Senior Capstone

Majors in anthropology are expected to fulfill their junior year experiential learning (JYEL) and senior capstone (SC) requirements with ANT 322 and ANT 396 respectively. Both of these courses are recognized by the Liberal Studies Council as fulfilling these requirements. Students may take other junior year experiential learning and senior capstone courses, but are still required to take these two courses (or designated alternatives) to fulfill the major with the permission of the department chair. When students take ANT 322 to fulfill the JYEL requirement they must take an additional course in a liberal studies learning domain of their choice.

Open Electives

Open elective credit also is required to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 192 hours.