

# Anthropology (ANTH)

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## Anthropology (ANTH) Courses

### ANTH 5004 [0.5 credit]

#### Ecological Anthropology

Theoretical and ethnographic approaches to the production of nature across disciplinary categories and natural-cultural configurations. Specific topics considered may include ecological crisis, indigenous rights and posthuman ethnography.

### ANTH 5005 [0.5 credit]

#### Visual Anthropology as a Research Method: Dilemmas and Debates

Anthropological theories, debates, and dilemmas related to visual anthropology as part of ethnographic practice in historical and contemporary contexts. Topics may include ethics, analysis of images, film, symbols; the use of visual materials in ethnographic writing.

### ANTH 5106 [0.5 credit]

#### North American Indigenous Peoples

Selected issues in North American Indian, Inuit, and Métis ethnographic studies. Debates over social change, cultural autonomy, native rights, and government policy.

### ANTH 5107 [0.5 credit]

#### Issues in North American Ethnohistory

Methodological and substantive problems in the history of North American indigenous peoples. Controversies concerning the impact of European penetration and colonial policies on inter-tribal relations, cultural identity, and other aspects of native life.

### ANTH 5109 [0.5 credit]

#### Ethnography, Gender and Globalization

Intersections of gender and globalization; ethnographic focus on how the movements of people, goods, ideas, and capital are transforming existing formations of gender and sexualities. Topics and approaches may vary from year to year.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4109, for which additional credit is precluded.

### ANTH 5202 [0.5 credit]

#### The Anthropology of Underdevelopment

Analysis of theoretical and historically concrete issues in the study of variable economic systems ranging from domestic subsistence and peasant production to slavery and capital-dominated markets.

### ANTH 5208 [0.5 credit]

#### Anthropology of Indigeneity

An international exploration of what it means to claim indigeness within a variety of contexts. The cultural politics of indigenous status in relation to such issues as primitivism, memory and revivalism in modern nation-states and diasporic communities.

### ANTH 5209 [0.5 credit]

#### Special Topics in the Anthropology of Africa

Topic varies from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

### ANTH 5210 [0.5 credit]

#### Special Topics in Indigenous Studies

Topic varies from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

### ANTH 5305 [0.5 credit]

#### Special Topics in Ethnography

Topic varies from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

### ANTH 5355 [0.5 credit]

#### Anthropology of Natural Resources

Anthropology of natural resources. Topics may include the economies, ecologies, cultural and social dynamics of fishing, forestry, lands, mining, oil, wildlife, at varying analytical scales, including a critical examination of the term "natural resource" itself.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4355, for which additional credit is precluded.

Seminar and discussion three hours per week.

### ANTH 5401 [0.5 credit]

#### Theories and Methods I

Theoretical and methodological debates in contemporary anthropology.

### ANTH 5402 [0.5 credit]

#### Theories and Methods II

Theoretical and methodological debates in contemporary anthropology.

Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5401 or permission of the Department.

### ANTH 5403 [0.5 credit]

#### Interpreting Symbols

Theoretical and methodological approaches to the anthropology of signs and symbols, including the internal workings of symbolic systems, and their relationship to other aspects of social life.

### ANTH 5501 [0.5 credit]

#### Phenomenology for Anthropologists and Sociologists

This seminar builds theoretical and methodological bridges between phenomenology and anthropology/sociology. Students read key texts from, among others, Husserl, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Plessner, Schultz, and Waldenfels and learn to apply concepts in research. Topics include body and senses, intersubjectivity and life-world, selfhood and otherness.

Also listed as SOCI 5501.  
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**ANTH 5505 [0.5 credit]****Anthropology of Performance**

The seminar introduces students to the anthropological concept of performance and its foundations in speech act theory, practice theory, semiotics and phenomenology. Topics range from the cross-cultural study of diverse performance genres to reflections on the performative nature of social life and cultural reality.

**ANTH 5560 [0.5 credit]****Economic Anthropology**

Anthropology's holistic, comparative and critical contribution to the study of livelihood. How practices and understandings of production, circulation, consumption, and property vary cross-culturally. Relevant theoretical debates including those among formalist (neo-classical), substantivist, Marxist, and interpretive approaches over the applicability of capitalist thinking.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4560, for which additional credit is precluded.

Seminar three hours a week.

**ANTH 5570 [0.5 credit]****Political Anthropology**

Can anthropology help us understand politics? Can ethnographic encounters help us approach political theory and political action differently? This seminar will focus on concepts (power, authority, equality) and practices (resistance, subjection, solidarity) through which anthropologists invite us to rethink the way we live together.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ANTH 4570, for which additional credit is precluded.

**ANTH 5701 [0.5 credit]****Anthropology of Religion**

Anthropological literature and theories on religion in light of current debates in anthropology.

**ANTH 5704 [0.5 credit]****Anthropology of the Body, Health, Illness and Healing**

Issues and applications in medical anthropology. Topics may include the sociocultural meanings inscribed on the body; cultural perceptions of the prevention, causes and treatment of illness; social dimensions of the illness experience; and the political economy of health.

**ANTH 5706 [0.5 credit]****Contemporary Material Cultures**

The study of material culture and its potential for addressing contemporary social and cultural conditions in a variety of local and transcultural contexts.

**ANTH 5708 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Anthropology**

Topic varies from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

**ANTH 5807 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Symbolism and Culture**

Topic varies from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

**ANTH 5808 [0.5 credit]****Selected Topics in North American Native Studies**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

**ANTH 5809 [0.5 credit]****Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

**ANTH 5812 [0.5 credit]****Research Design**

Design and methods of anthropological enquiry. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

**ANTH 5900 [0.5 credit]****Tutorial****ANTH 5906 [0.5 credit]****Fieldwork**

Directed field research.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

**ANTH 5907 [0.5 credit]****Placement in Anthropology**

This course offers an opportunity to earn academic credit by engaging in research activities under the supervision of professional researchers in museums, government departments, non-governmental organizations, or other professional research settings. Placement research must be related to the preparation of the master's thesis.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

**ANTH 5908 [1.0 credit]****M.A. Research Essay**

Students will normally enrol in this course for a maximum of three consecutive terms of study, including one summer term. Students must normally enrol in this course not later than the beginning of the second full year of study.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

**ANTH 5909 [2.0 credits]****M.A. Thesis**

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

**ANTH 6000 [1.0 credit]****Doctoral Seminar: Theory and Method in Contemporary Anthropology**

An in-depth exploration of theory and method in contemporary socio-cultural anthropology with special emphasis on engaged anthropology. This course is required of all first year doctoral students in anthropology.

**ANTH 6001 [0.5 credit]****Selected Topics in Anthropology**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

**ANTH 6002 [0.5 credit]****Research Design**

Issues in the design and methods of anthropological inquiry, including proposal-writing, research ethics, and research funding. Required of all first-year Ph.D. Anthropology students.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

**ANTH 6100 [0.0 credit]****Thesis Writing Seminar**

This seminar will meet on a regular basis for students who are writing their doctoral theses to present draft chapters for constructive critical discussion. Normally required for all Ph.D. Anthropology students who have completed their doctoral research, until the completion of their theses.

**ANTH 6900 [0.5 credit]****Tutorial**

A tutorial is designed to permit students to pursue individual research on a relevant topic. Topics will be chosen in consultation with at least one faculty member, the student's supervisor, and the Anthropology graduate coordinator.

**ANTH 6907 [0.5 credit]****Placement in Anthropology**

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Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

**ANTH 6909 [7.0 credits]****Ph.D. Thesis**

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity