Anthropology

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- M.A. Anthropology
- M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Climate Change
- M. A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in African Studies
- M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Digital Humanities
- Ph.D. Anthropology
- Ph.D. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Political Economy

Program Requirements

**M.A. Anthropology (5.0 credits)**

The Master of Arts program in Anthropology is a total of 5.0 credits, and each candidate is required to select, in consultation with the graduate adviser, one of the three program options.

**Requirements - Thesis option (5.0 credits):**

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
     ( Normally to be taken in the first fall term after admission to the program)

2. 0.5 credit in:
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

3. 2.0 credits in electives

4. 2.0 credits in:
   - ANTH 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis

**Total Credits** 5.0

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**Requirements - Research Essay option (5.0 credits):**

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
     ( Normally to be taken in the first fall term after admission to the program)

2. 0.5 credit in:
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

3. 3.0 credits in electives

4. 2.0 credits in:
   - ANTH 5908 [2.0] M.A. Research Essay

**Total Credits** 5.0

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**Requirements - Coursework option (5.0 credits):**

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
     ( Normally to be taken in the first fall term after admission to the program)

2. 0.5 credit in:
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

3. 4.0 credits in electives

**Total Credits** 5.0

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Electives may be chosen, in consultation with the student's adviser, from the following courses:

- anthropology graduate course offerings;
- sociology graduate courses (especially in theory and methods, or in areas which relate to the student's thesis research interests);
- 4000-level courses offered in the sociology and anthropology undergraduate program;
- or a combination of the above. (Normally no more than 1.0 credit may be chosen from course offerings in other departments.)

**M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Climate Change (5.0 credits)**

**Requirements - Thesis pathway:**

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - CLIM 5000 [1.0] Climate Collaboration

2. 0.0 credit in:
   - CLIM 5800 [0.0] Climate Seminar Series

3. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
     - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

4. 1.0 credit in approved electives, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor

5. 2.0 credits in:
   - ANTH 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

**Total Credits** 5.0

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**Requirements - Research essay pathway:**

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - CLIM 5000 [1.0] Climate Collaboration

2. 0.0 credit in:
   - CLIM 5800 [0.0] Climate Seminar Series

3. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
     - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

4. 2.0 credit in approved electives, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor

5. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay (in the specialization)

**Total Credits** 5.0

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**Requirements - Coursework pathway:**

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - CLIM 5000 [1.0] Climate Collaboration

2. 0.0 credit in:
   - CLIM 5800 [0.0] Climate Seminar Series

3. 1.0 credit in:
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
     - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

4. 0.5 credit in a 5000-level ANTH course with sufficient climate change content, with departmental approval

5. 2.5 credits in approved electives, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor

**Total Credits** 5.0
### M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

**Requirements - Thesis pathway:**

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5000 [0.5]** Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2. **0.0 credit in:**
   - **LACS 5800 [0.0]** Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3. **1.0 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5401 [0.5]** Theories and Methods I
   - **ANTH 5402 [0.5]** Theories and Methods II

4. **1.5 credits in electives, including 1.0 credit in course(s) designated as having sufficient Latin American and Caribbean Studies content, approved by both the Graduate Supervisor and the Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies**

5. **2.0 credits in:**
   - **ANTH 5909 [2.0]** M.A. Thesis (on an approved topic with significant content related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies.)

**Total Credits** 5.0

### M.A. Anthropology with Collaborative Specialization in African Studies (5.0 credits)

**Requirements - Thesis option (5.0 credits):**

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **AFRI 5000 [0.5]** African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

2. **0.0 credit in:**
   - **AFRI 5800 [0.0]** Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5401 [0.5]** Theories and Methods I

4. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5402 [0.5]** Theories and Methods II

5. **1.5 credits in electives (see Note, below)**

6. **2.0 credits in:**
   - **ANTH 5909 [2.0]** M.A. Thesis

**Total Credits** 5.0

**Requirements - Research Essay option (5.0 credits)**

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **AFRI 5000 [0.5]** African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

2. **0.0 credit in:**
   - **AFRI 5800 [0.0]** Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5401 [0.5]** Theories and Methods I

4. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5402 [0.5]** Theories and Methods II

5. **1.5 credits in electives (see Note, below)**

6. **2.0 credits in:**
   - **ANTH 5908 [2.0]** M.A. Research Essay

**Total Credits** 5.0

**Requirements - Coursework option (5.0 credits)**

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **AFRI 5000 [0.5]** African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

2. **0.0 credit in:**
   - **AFRI 5800 [0.0]** Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5401 [0.5]** Theories and Methods I

4. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5402 [0.5]** Theories and Methods II

5. **2.5 credits in electives (see Note, below)**

6. **1.0 credit in:**
   - **ANTH 5908 [1.0]** M.A. Research Essay

**Total Credits** 5.0
AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. **0.5 credit in:**
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I
     (Normally to be taken in the first fall term after admission to the program.)

4. **0.5 credit in:**
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

5. **0.5 credit from:**
   - ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization
   - ANTH 5202 [0.5] The Anthropology of Underdevelopment
   - ANTH 5209 [0.5] Special Topics in the Anthropology of Africa
   - ANTH 5809 [0.5] Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment
   - SOCI 5404 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
     - or an approved course in ANTH or SOCI approved by the Graduate Coordinator of the Institute of African Studies

6. **3.0 credits in electives,** including 0.5 credit in a course designated as having sufficient African Studies content

**Total Credits** 5.0

**Selection of Courses - African Studies**

The courses listed below are relevant to students of African Studies and could, with the approval of the specific requirements of the units involved, be used as courses to help fulfill degree requirements. There are also often graduate courses and 4000-level courses in a number of units at Carleton that are offered on an ad hoc basis that have significant content appropriate to African Studies. To have any such course count towards their degree requires approval of the Director of the Institute of African Studies when it is being offered.

**African Studies**
- AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
- AFRI 5050 [0.5] Selected Topics in African Studies
- AFRI 5100 [0.5] African Studies Abroad
- AFRI 5700 [0.5] Directed Readings in African Studies
- AFRI 5900 [0.5] Placement
- AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

**Anthropology**
- ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization
- ANTH 5202 [0.5] The Anthropology of Underdevelopment
- ANTH 5209 [0.5] Special Topics in the Anthropology of Africa
- ANTH 5809 [0.5] Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment

**English**
- ENGL 5008 [0.5] Studies in African Literature
- ENGL 5010 [0.5] Studies in Caribbean Literature

**French**
- FREN 5212 [0.5] Littératures francophones

**International Affairs**
- INAF 5603 [0.5] Issues in Development in Africa

**Law**
- LAWS 5007 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and the Law
- LAWS 5603 [0.5] International Law: Theory and Practice

**Political Science**
- PSCI 5107 [0.5] Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa
- PSCI 5202 [0.5] Development Theory and Issues
- PSCI 5203 [0.5] Southern Africa After Apartheid

**Sociology**
- SOCI 5404 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies

**Women's and Gender Studies**
- WGST 5902 [0.5] Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies II

**M.A. Anthropology**
**with Collaborative Specialization in Digital Humanities (5.0 credits)**

**Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)**
1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I

2. **0.5 credit in:**
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

3. **1.0 credit in electives**

4. **2.0 credits in:**
   - ANTH 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

5. **0.5 credit in:**
   - DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities

6. **0.5 credit in DIGH (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or annually-listed DIGH course)**

7. **0.0 credit in:**
   - DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

**Total Credits** 5.0

**Requirements - Research essay pathway:**
1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - ANTH 5401 [0.5] Theories and Methods I (normally to be taken in the first fall term after admission to the program)

2. **0.5 credit in:**
   - ANTH 5402 [0.5] Theories and Methods II

3. **2.0 credits in electives**

4. **1.0 credit in:**
   - ANTH 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay (in the specialization)

5. **0.5 credit in:**
Ph.D. Anthropology (3.0 credits)
Requirements:
1. **1.0 credit in:**
   - ANTH 6000 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar: Theory and Method in Contemporary Anthropology

2. **0.5 credit in:**
   - ANTH 6002 [0.5] Research Design

3. **1.5 credits in SOCI or ANTH courses at the 5000- or 6000-level or, with the permission of the graduate supervisor, up to 1.0 credit of graduate level courses from another unit at Carleton**

4. A satisfactory research preparation portfolio
5. A satisfactory thesis proposal and (when required) Research Ethics Board clearance to undertake thesis research
6. Satisfactory thesis research
7. **0.0 credit in:**
   - ANTH 6909 [0.0] Ph.D. Thesis (including successful oral defence)

**Total Credits**
3.0

Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Minimum Grade Requirement
A grade of B- or better is required in each credit counted toward the master's degree. With the recommendation of the department, and permission of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, a candidate may be allowed a grade of C+ in 1.0 credit or each of two 0.5-credits.

Regularly Scheduled Break
For immigration purposes, the summer term (May to August) for the M.A. Anthropology is considered a regularly scheduled break approved by the University. Students should resume full-time studies in September.

Transfer from One M.A. Option to Another M.A. Option
Students who choose to change from one program option to another (i.e., from/to the thesis, research essay, or course work option), are required to do so before registering for a third term after initial, full-time registration, or before registering for a fifth term after initial part-time registration.

Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Candidates must obtain a grade of B- or higher in each course and Satisfactory on the Ph.D. thesis and its oral defence.

Admission
M.A. Anthropology

The requirement for admission into the master's program is a B.A. Honours (or the equivalent) with at least high honours standing in anthropology or a closely-related field. Where relevant, previous professional experience will be
taken into account in determining an applicant's standing on admission.

**Qualifying-Year Program**

Applicants with a three-year non-honours bachelor's degree may be admitted into a qualifying-year program designed to raise their standing to honours status. Students earning at least high honours standing in their qualifying-year courses will be considered for admission into the master's program. Refer to the General Regulations section of this Calendar for details of the regulations governing the qualifying year.

**Accelerated Pathway**

The accelerated pathway in Anthropology is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study for students in their final year of a Carleton B.A. Honours degree in Anthropology. Students in their third or early fourth year of study in the B.A. Honours degree in Anthropology should consult with the Graduate Co-ordinator to determine if the accelerated pathway is appropriate for them.

**Accelerated Pathway Requirements**

1. ANTH courses at the 5000#level or higher with a grade of A- or higher, excluding ANTH 5900.
2. Minimum GPA in Anthropology of A-

Students may receive advanced standing with transfer of credit of up to 1.0 credit which can reduce their time to completion for the M.A. degree. The final decision on whether or not advanced standing will be granted will be made at the time of admission. Students should indicate the desire to be considered for advanced standing in their application for admission to the M.A.

**Admission**

**Ph.D. Anthropology**

The Ph.D. Anthropology normally will be undertaken on a full-time basis, however the department will consider admission on a part-time basis. Full-time students are expected to complete the program in four years, and part-time students are expected to complete the program in eight years.

The normal requirement for admission to the Ph.D. program is a master's degree (or equivalent) in anthropology, normally with a minimum average of A-, and with no grade below B.

A student already enrolled in the Carleton M.A. program in Anthropology who shows outstanding academic performance and research promise may be permitted to transfer to the Ph.D. program upon completion of the M.A. course work and upon the recommendation of the Anthropology graduate committee.

Applicants whose academic preparation has deficiencies in certain areas may be admitted to the Ph.D. program, but will normally be required to complete additional course work.

Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate a fluent knowledge of English. Please see sections 3.6 in the General Regulations section of this calendar.

**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 indigenousness 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.

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
This course offers an opportunity to earn academic credit by engaging in research activities under the supervision of professional researchers in museums, government departments, nongovernmental organizations, or other professional research settings. Placement research must be related to the preparation of the doctoral research.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ANTH 6909 [7.0 credits]
Ph.D. Thesis
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity