

# ANTHROPOLOGY

**ANTH 0582                      INTRODUCTION TO ARCHEOLOGY                      3 cr.**

Examines the nature of modern archeological research. Looks at how archeologists work in the field, their analytic techniques, and some of the principal methodological and theoretical problems facing the field. Specific examples are used to illustrate these topics.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 0680                      INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY                      3 cr.**

Designed to introduce the issues, theories, and methods of physical anthropology. Beginning with a consideration of evolutionary, genetic, and geologic principles, the course goes on to consider the diversity of fossil and extant primates, including humans. Issues in anatomy, paleontology, and behavior will all be addressed.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 0780                      INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY                      3 cr.**

By examining the behavior and customs of peoples throughout the world, the course considers what it means to be human. We will describe the patterns of marriage, family organization, warfare and political behavior, economic systems, rituals, etc., of other peoples, especially those of tribal societies, and compare these with American social patterns. Anthropological films and slide presentations will supplement lectures.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 0950                      TRANSACTION/EXCHANGE IN NON-WESTERN CULTURE                      3 cr.**

Pig feasts in New Guinea, bride wealth in East Africa, caste relations in India, the Kula ring in the Trobriand Islands, tribal warfare, and the meaning of money, are only a few examples of the different types and levels of exchange to be found in various cultures around the world. The subject of this course combines both economic and ecological anthropology; the materials reflect this orientation and encourage a holistic and contextual treatment of transactional behaviors.

*Prerequisite: ANTH 0780.*

**ANTH 1030****INDIA THROUGH FILM****3 cr.**

Explores the portrayal of Indian cultures and society through the popular medium of art and commercial feature films over time. Topics such as gender roles, class, family, caste, secularism, religion and morality, urban and rural life, communalism and violence, colonialism, and nationalism will be analyzed in conjunction with anthropological readings on these topics. Films are subtitled.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1110****THEORY IN ANTHROPOLOGY****3 cr.**

What are people like? What motivates them? How is "culture" constituted? How do we study culture, past and present? What might be the distinctions between culture and society in approaches to the study of human behavior? To what extent is human behavior comparable and universal? This course seeks to address these questions by examining the development of theory in anthropology from its 19th century roots to the present. We shall do this by looking at some major paradigms (evolution, structuralism, processualism, post-structuralism, etc.) and methodologies which have shaped the cultural component of anthropology (sociocultural anthropology and archaeology) as we find it today. Required for students in the sociocultural track, and is recommended for students in the archaeology track.

*Prerequisite: ANTH 0582 or ANTH 0780; ANTH major.*

**ANTH 1164****INTEGRATED FIELD TRIP ABROAD-INDIA****3 cr.**

Takes students on a three-week project-focused experience in eastern India. It is literally "Integrated" with the ANTH 1764 and therefore an extension of it.

*Corequisite: ANTH 1764.*

**ANTH 1220****CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE HUMAN CHALLENGE****3 cr.**

Drought and famine in the horn of Africa, the affected wine industry in France, loss of islands in the South Pacific, the opening of arctic seas. Environments in flux present us with dilemmas that span the spectrum of human life, from sheer survival to economic "windfalls." This course explores some of the issues related to shifting climate in various regions in the world today. It examines the impacts, consequences, and "solutions" for human populations and environments, with a focus on the differing worldviews/cultures at play in connection with things economic, political, and ethical.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1310**                      **MIGRATION AND DIASPORAS**                      **3 cr.**

The seemingly accelerated movement of peoples in today's world is an often misunderstood phenomenon, triggering political and socioeconomic anxieties for recipient localities (in both "internal" and "external" migrations). This course examines the situations, conditions, motivations, etc. Which initiate the various movements of peoples in different parts of the world and their experiences, from an anthropological and historical vantage.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1421**                      **GEOARCHEOLOGY**                      **3 cr.**

Available to advanced students in Archeology, is designed to introduce geological principles, methods, and techniques employed in contemporary archeological research. Topics include a detailed study of agencies and environments of sediment deposition, soil formation processes, and paleo-environmental reconstructions.

*Prerequisites: ANTH 0582 and (ANTH 1525 or ANTH 1526).*

**ANTH 1445**                      **LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**                      **3 cr.**

Language is the primary means of communication among humans. It operates on multiple levels: verbal, non-verbal, social, and cultural. The first portion of the course seeks to understand what language is by briefly looking at its components such as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. The second part of the course focuses on the connexions between language and culture based on the social contexts of its use (gender, class, setting, etc.).

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1475**                      **INDENTITY AND ETHNICITY IN SOUTH ASIA**                      **3 cr.**

Explores, from anthropological interpretations with a historical perspective, the ongoing complexities of individual and group identity construction based on language, class, caste, "nation", and religion in India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan (and Afghanistan), and Nepal.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1481**                      **THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF DEATH**                      **3 cr.**

Death as process and as fact generates a plethora of practices, beliefs, and responses cross-culturally. This course explores aging and death by examining cultural meanings and social actions employed by various cultures in dealing with the end of life, from the vantage of both the dying and the living. Included will be issues of identity and transformation, religion and ritual, as well as, the material implications of death.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1485                      THE LOCAL AND THE GLOBAL IN ANTHROPOLOGY                      3 cr.**

The contemporary 'global' world, so labeled due to an interlocked (thus, "independent") economy, bears with it an array of "dilemmas", confusions, and blurs of boundaries. Accelerated movements of peoples, cultures/ideas, labor/ work, diseases, etc., serve to transform human experience everywhere, and to bring into question notions of autonomy and identity in the world at large. Using anthropological insight and engagement, the course addresses the dynamic interaction between local cultures and globalization forces.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1510                      SURVEY OF WORLD PREHISTORY                      3 cr.**

Surveys the evolution of culture over the past two million years. Topics include the evolution of Homo sapiens, development of agriculture, and rise of civilizations, from the perspectives of the old world and the Americas.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1525                      EASTERN NORTH AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGY                      3 cr.**

Deals with cultural development in the eastern United States from approximately 20,000 years ago to the period of European contact. Particular attention will be paid to man's adaptation to late Pleistocene and Holocene environments, the initial occupation of the region east of the Mississippi, the origins of agricultural systems and the rise of complex societies, including the Adena, Hopewell, and Mississippian manifestations.

*Prerequisite: ANTH 0582.*

**ANTH 1526                      WESTERN NORTH AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGY                      3 cr.**

The prehistory of western North America is examined in detail from the initial peopling of the area to the period of historic contact. Special emphasis is given to the Paleo-Indian and archaic techno/subsistence stages in the arid portions of the west.

*Prerequisite: ANTH 0582.*

**ANTH 1534                      ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS 1                      4 cr.**

An introduction to quantitative data analysis in archeology, this course covers basic principles of statistics, including exploratory analysis of batches, sampling, significance, t tests, analysis of variance, regression, chi-square, and estimating universe means and proportions from samples. The approach is practical, concentrating on understanding these principles so as to put them to work effectively in analyzing archeological data. Much of the statistical work is done by computer.

*Prerequisites: ANTH 0582 and (ANTH 1525 or ANTH 1526).*

**ANTH 1535                      BASIC ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD TRAINING                      3-6 cr.**

The university of Pittsburgh field training program in archaeology is conducted at various locations. Features of the excavations include basic training in mapping, archaeological survey, excavation methods, soil analysis, data recording, and preliminary artifact analysis.

*Note: Department Consent required.*

**ANTH 1540                      SPECIAL TOPICS IN ARCHEOLOGY                      3 cr.**

Topics covered vary greatly with instructor and term.

*Prerequisites: ANTH 0582, ANTH 1525, ANTH 1526.*

**ANTH 1626                      PALEOINDIAN NORTH AMERICA                      3 cr.**

Intensive scrutiny of the peopling of the New World. Emphases include antecedent Siberian Paleolithic cultures, Paleoclimatic backgrounds, as well as, the spread and development of indigenous Paleo-Indian populations throughout the Western Hemisphere.

*Prerequisites: ANTH 0582.*

**ANTH 1627                      PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY                      3 cr.**

Designed to introduce advanced students in Anthropology to experimental flint working and lithic analysis used in contemporary archaeological research. As part of the detailed study of lithic technology it provides hands-on experience in all facets of replicative manufacture, use, and analysis of stone tools.

*Prerequisites: ANTH 0582 and (ANTH 1525 or ANTH 1526 or ANTH 1626).*

**ANTH 1705                      SUPERNATURAL WORLDS: ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION                      3 cr.**

Endeavors to place things religious within the wider context of society and culture. This approach to religion is comparative, allowing for greater insights into the influences of religion in one's own social and cultural setting. The focus of the course is on systems of belief and practice, which occur on what is often referred to as the "margins" of society. Course will examine theories in the anthropology of religion and address specific topics such as 1) myth, symbol, and ritual; 2) magic, witchcraft, and divination; 3) healing and possession, etc.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1732**                      **POLITICS IN CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE**                      **3 cr.**

Whether it be Melanesian big men, caste councils in India, Polynesian chiefdoms, or modern states, an understanding of political realms involves a consideration of both systemic and individual levels of cultural ideologies and practice. In this course, we will examine some of the key literature in political anthropology that focus on notions of power and powerlessness, agency, and autonomy from an anthropological cross-cultural vantage, past and present.

*Prerequisite: ANTH 0780.*

**ANTH 1736**                      **NEWS OF THE WORLD**                      **1 cr.**

Students who wish to gain academic credit for attendance and participation in "News of the World" may now do so. The format of the meetings will remain informal and continuous, and will be for 1 credit per term, for up to three credits for three (not necessarily contiguous) terms. Students who wish to register for credit will be evaluated on a minimum number of attended meetings, on participation and sharing, and on two write-ups. **Students must take this course 3 times to fulfill the world perspective general education requirement.**

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1738**                      **GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN ANTHROPOLOGY**                      **3 cr.**

Analyzes gender perspectives in anthropology. Students are asked to consider how gender differences relate to women's and men's roles in productive labor, in property rights, and in family and kin relations. Special attention is given to the way gender and sexual difference are represented in culture.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1753**                      **NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS**                      **3 cr.**

Presents a survey of Native American cultures North of Mexico, both historical and modern. Case studies from several different regions are used to provide in-depth material on North American Indian cultural patterns.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1761**                      **PATIENTS AND HEALERS: MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 1**                      **3 cr.**

Surveys the field of Medical Anthropology and its history within the discipline of Anthropology, from the perspective of sociocultural theory. Topics include ethno medicine, ethnographic cases, cross-cultural studies of healing practices, and connections between medicine and religion. Reference is also made to applied research in contemporary situations.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1762                      HUMAN ECOLOGY                      3 cr.**

Explores the ecology of the human species. We will study how humans adapt to their physical and cultural environment, and the interrelationships between people and the environment. Topics discussed include evolution and adaptation, population growth and regulation, foraging and subsistence strategies and production decisions, population interactions and resource management, and energy and human society.

*Prerequisites: ANTH 0780 and one other ANTH course.*

**ANTH 1764                      CULTURES AND SOCIETIES OF INDIA                      3 cr.**

Designed to introduce students to the cultural history of India and to the culture and society of the modern country, concentrating on the description and analysis of modern Indian society. Topics to be covered include caste, kinship and marriage, village communities, law and society and politics in modern India.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1767                      ETHNIC IDENTITIES                      3 cr.**

Addresses the re-emergence of ethnicity as a major node of identity in the contemporary world. From an anthropological perspective, it examines the meanings and the cultural, social, economic, political, and historical content of ethnic identity, its links with nationalism and "multiculturalism," with a focus on South Asia, Europe, and the United States.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**ANTH 1787                      SPECIAL TOPICS IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY                      3 cr.**

This course will be on a topic in the area of specialization of a visiting scholar yet to be determined.

*Prerequisite: ANTH 0780.*

**ANTH 1955                      ANTHROPOLOGY CAPSTONE                      3 cr.**

Taken in the senior year by Anthropology majors, this course presumes a basic knowledge of anthropological information and technique. Using a research seminar format, students will develop a substantial group or individual research project. Following discussion and revision, they will complete this project. The project will be presented to the seminar in oral and written form.

*Prerequisites: Senior; ANTH 0780. Note: Instructor Consent required.*

**ANTH 1956**

**ARCHEOLOGY CAPSTONE**

**3 cr.**

Taken in the senior year by students in the Archaeology track.

*Prerequisites: Senior; ANTH 1525, ANTH 1526 or (ANTH 1534 and ANTH 1626). Note: Instructor Consent required.*