ANTHROPOLOGY (AN)

AN-CPE Anthropology Comprehensive Exam
Credits: None
Prerequisite(s): 30 graduate credits in Anthropology
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
The Anthropology comprehensive exam is a zero-credit course for students, which will allow students who have completed thirty credits of graduate coursework in anthropology to take a comprehensive exam and complete their degree. This is a pass/fail course.

AN-THD Thesis Defense
Credits: None
Prerequisite(s): AN-691 and AN-692
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
A zero-credit course that is taken after completing AN-691 and AN-692. It consists of a public presentation of the student's completed thesis research. This is a pass/fail course.

AN-501 Anthropological Theory
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
A seminar-style course that presents students with a survey of the theories that have shaped the thinking of anthropologists for over a century. We cover theories relevant to all four subfields of anthropology (cultural, archaeological, linguistic, and biological), and compare them through a very general set of questions. The five questions asked are 1) How does society hold itself together? (structure); 2) How does society change? (history); 3) How aware are people of their society and its changes? (subjectivity); 4) How are people able to change their society? (agency); and 5) How do people divide society into groups? (alterity).

AN-502 Seminar in Biological Anthropology
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
Designed to provide graduate students with a foundation in the core principles of biological anthropology. We will examine both theoretical issues and empirical evidence in order to better understand evolution of the human species. Topics that will be explored in this course include evolutionary theory, primatology, paleoanthropology, and human variation. In addition, this course will examine contemporary issues in human biocultural evolution.

AN-503 Archaeological Theory
Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Focuses on theoretical issues, past and present, concerning the nature and explanation of culture, cultural reproduction and transformation through time, and the central role of materiality in those processes. As anthropological archaeology, the course is premised on the relationship of archaeology to anthropology and other socio-historical sciences. We will examine the development of archaeology as an academic discipline, the role of theory in interpretation of archaeological materials, and the key concepts of culture and time. The course will examine specific theoretical approaches including culture history, neo-evolutionary-functionalist-ecological approaches, neo-Marxist and materialist perspectives, processualism and postprocessualism, interaction theories (e.g., world systems theory), and contemporary approaches. These include practice/agency, contextual approaches, and other multivocal, feminist, and postcolonial theories of identity-formation in the past. The course will appeal to a wide range of social scientists, and particularly archaeologists, sociocultural anthropologists, and other disciplines working on issues of representation (e.g., museum professionals).

AN-504 Ancient Civilizations of Native America
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): HSNW
Cultural developments in Mesoamerica and the Central Andes, from the development of agriculture to the Spanish conquest, focusing on Inca and Aztec civilizations; theoretical exploration of developmental similarities between the two regions.

AN-506 Historical Archaeology
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): HSUS
An intensive introduction to historical and industrial archaeology (c. 1492+). Topics covered include exploration, imperialism, colonization, industrialization, and urbanism. Archeological field methods and the interpretation of material culture are also introduced. Also listed as HS-506.

AN-507 Historic Artifact Analysis
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
A graduate-level seminar and lab on select material culture commonly recovered from historical archaeological sites. Artifact classes that are covered in the course include ceramics, glass, and a tobacco pipe. Students in the class will learn artifact identification, historical developments of artifact types, and archaeological methodology for dating and quantifying assemblages. The course also includes discussions on a various cultural aspects such as consumption, socio-economic status, gender, mercantilism, and other cultural behaviors in order to help put the artifacts into historical contexts and answer archaeological research questions.

AN-513 Origin of Civilization and the State
Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Evolution of the ancient civilizations in China, Peru, Mexico, Mesopotamia, the Indus Valley, and Egypt. Emphasis on the causal processes underlying the development of these societies.

AN-520 Field Methods in Archaeology
Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An introduction to archaeological field methods: survey and excavation. Students will also learn excavation procedures, descriptive note writing, and drawing, and be introduced to archaeological photography, mapping, reporting, conservation, and curation. Supervised fieldwork will be conducted on archaeological sites. Also listed as HS-520.

AN-522 Ethnographic Methods
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
An overview of ethnographic research design and methods employed in anthropology. Students will practice research design and methods, data analysis, and write-up techniques. Students will engage questions of ethics through research practice and theoretical discussion.
AN-524  Introduction to Geographical Information Systems (GIS)  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Provides both the theoretical and methodological background for proficient use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). A multidisciplinary integration of theories and applications pertinent to both natural and social science research. Lectures and discussions will introduce the conceptual and methodological platform that is necessary to design, implement, and interpret GIS research. Weekly lab exercises will develop problem-solving skills and emphasize common research techniques in GIS. Students will also learn field techniques of spatial data collection. In sum, demonstrates how both GIS tools and a geographic perspective may be applied to a broad range of social and ecological research problems. Also listed as GO-524.

AN-530  Zooarchaeology: The Archaeology of Animals  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
Covers methods of faunal analysis and the application of the study of animal remains to broad topics of cultural study including subsistence, status, and ideology.

AN-532  Native American History and Prehistory  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): HSNW, HSWLD
Examines North America’s native people in the area north of the Rio Grande. It combines North American prehistory with a historical overview of Native American experiences since contact. Evidence from archaeology, oral histories, and written sources are all presented. Challenges facing modern Native Americans are also examined. Also listed as HS-532.

AN-533  Cultural Resource Management Practicum  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Provides a hands-on introduction to and overview of cultural resource management archaeology (CRM), within the broader context of historic preservation. Students read about, discuss, and participate in actual historic preservation/cultural resource management projects in order to learn about current preservation practices.

AN-540  Psychological Anthropology  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An introduction to the subfield of psychological anthropology. Research and inquiry in psychological anthropology is rooted in two traditions. The first is culture and personality which is aligned with psychoanalytical thought; the second is cognitive anthropology which emphasizes cultural models of thought. A fundamental pursuit in psychological anthropology is the relationship between culture, behavior, and thought. Psychological anthropology seeks to understand the relationship between individual and sociocultural phenomena - between polar extremes such as personality and mind and society and culture. Explores how culture and psyche affect each other. Topics include: theoretical frameworks; culture and personality, human development, emotion, self, and mental illness.

AN-542  Economic Anthropology  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
Examines human systems of production, distribution and consumption around the world - in short, cross-cultural economics. We consider how various economic systems differ from market capitalism, and therefore also analyze how capitalism itself operates on its periphery. We analyze the processes through which markets and money spread throughout the world, as well as their (often violent) interaction with local economic systems. As such, this inquiry raised fundamental questions about social inequality that we explore throughout the course, such as: Why are some people poor and others rich? How do people in different contexts understand these differences? How do economic disparities affect human desire, value, morality and choice?

AN-555  Ancient Technology  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
Provides an introduction to ancient technology/experimental archaeology. It examines the major theories and practices employed by experimental archaeologists. Students will develop skills in traditional technologies, e.g. flintknapping, pot firing, blacksmithing, and timber frame house construction.

AN-562  History of Maps and Mapping  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Students will study the historical developments in cartographic technique, the development of mapping in different parts of the world, and the future of mapping in the computer age. Students will focus on the ways the events and ideology of a time period influence maps and mapping, and how in turn mapping influences history and ideology. Also listed as HS-562.

AN-563  The Amazon  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
An anthropological seminar focused on the Amazon region, with emphasis on how expert and lay knowledge about the Amazon has been produced and circulated.

AN-572  The History of Tourism  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): HSEU, HSWLD
Students will study the history of tourism in different parts of the world from political, social, cultural, geographic, and economic perspectives. This will include an examination of historical differences in tourist attractions, tourist behaviors, and impacts on tourist destinations and their people. Students will also study how historical memory and interpretation shapes the contemporary tourist experience, as well as questions concerning authenticity and tourism. Also listed as HS-572.

AN-573  Ecological Imperialism  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): HSWLD
Ecological History will examine the relationship between human society(ies) and the natural world over recorded time. As an interdisciplinary exercise this class will draw on the natural sciences, anthropology, and history to better understand the biological, cultural, imperial, ethical, economic, religious, political, and global ramifications of the relationship between humanity and humanity’s “natural” surroundings. Also listed as HS-573.
AN-575 Civilizations of the Andes
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): HSNW, HSWLD
A survey of Andean history from the beginning of human settlement through the Inca Empire and the Spanish conquest to contemporary peasant society. The evolution and nature of pre-Columbian civilizations, focusing on Chavin, Paracas-Nazca, Huari-Tiahuanaco, Chimor, and the Inca; the social and political organization of the Inca empire; the Spanish conquest and its impact on native culture; contemporary social changes; and rural migration and the transformation of contemporary Andean society. Theoretical exploration of the developmental trajectory of Andean civilization. Also listed as HS-575.

AN-582 Applied Anthropology
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
Applied Anthropology is anthropology put to use - meaning using anthropological research and methods to solve practical problems. This is an advanced level survey course that pays attention to cultural viewpoints, methods and results. While exploring different areas of applied anthropology through the history of the discipline and contemporary research projects, we will study methods unique to this subfield. Practical information, advice and resource on career preparation and development will be offered. By the end of the course, students should be able to answer the question “How can I use anthropology in my future career?”

AN-585 Colonialism in Africa
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): HSNW
Analysis and appraisal of colonialism in Africa, reflecting on the political, economic, and sociocultural transformations, that occurred in Africa between 1880 and 1960. Also listed as HS-585.

AN-586 Pre-Columbian Civilizations: The Aztec and Inka States
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An intensive examination of the emergence, growth, and conquest of two native states from the ancient Americas: the Inka and the Aztec. Lectures and discussions examine the social, cultural, and political contexts of these two Native American states, while applying broader anthropological theories of state genesis, power apparatuses, and social transformation. Considers the causes and consequences of the Spanish and Portuguese conquests within the Americas through an intensive discussion of the establishment of colonial societies in the sixteenth century. Also will examine how the pre-Columbian and colonial history of this region are intimately linked to the contemporary politics of Latin American nations.

AN-587 Visual Anthropology
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
Deals with the aspects of visuality in culture and anthropology. A significant part of the course will be devoted to visual anthropology. We will learn about the development of visual anthropology as a discipline, the particular problems and challenges involved in practicing this type of ethnography, the evolution of ideas about accountability, representation, reflexivity and positioning in visual ethnographic methods. We will start with exploring the role of image in anthropology by considering the relationship between photography and ethnography, and continue to study ethnographic filmmaking, from Robert Flaherty’s “Nanook of the North,” (considered to be the first ethnographic documentary), to the development of Cinema Verite, to the emergence of indigenous media. Students will gain a nuanced understanding of the subject through weekly writing exercises, presentations, and in-class discussion. For a final project, students will write a long-form paper that will combine original research and visual analysis.

AN-595 Anthropology Internship/Practicum
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Provides graduate students with the opportunity to gain substantive career experience and build specific applied skills by working in outside programs, institutions, agencies, and firms engaged in the fields of anthropology, museum studies, public history, and geography.

AN-598 Special Topics in Anthropology
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Allows students to study a specific aspect of anthropology. The subject matter varies from semester to semester, and depends on the professor who teaches the course. If a prerequisite is required it will be announced in the course schedule.

AN-599 Independent Study in Anthropology
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Reading and research leading to significant written work under the direction of a member of the anthropology faculty.

AN-692 Anthropology Thesis (Writing)
Prerequisite(s): 18 credits in Anthropology
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Reading and research leading to significant written work, under the direction of a member of the anthropology faculty. This is a pass/fail course.

AN-695 Anthropology Internship/Practicum
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Provides graduate students with the opportunity to gain substantive career experience and build specific applied skills by working in outside programs, institutions, agencies, and firms engaged in the fields of anthropology, museum studies, public history, and geography.

AN-697 Anthropology Thesis (Research)
Prerequisite(s): 15 credits in Anthropology
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Reading and research leading to significant written work, under the direction of a member of the anthropology faculty. This is a pass/fail course.
AN-693  Anthropology Library Thesis  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): 23 graduate credits in Anthropology
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Reading and research leading to significant written work based
on secondary sources, under the direction of Anthropology faculty
members, for the completion of the Master's program in the History
and Anthropology department. Each thesis will be supervised by a "first
reader" and a "second reader." First readers must be full-time faculty with
terminal degrees in the field. Registration for thesis credits is completed
after a successful defense of a prospectus (thesis proposal). This is a
pass/fail course.