
The Anthropology Program strives to fulfill its responsibilities by providing quality undergraduate academic education in anthropology. Emphasis is placed on exposing students to a holistic approach to anthropology that incorporates four major subfields – cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, archaeology, and folklore. A major or minor in anthropology is especially appropriate for professionals closely involved with people. Our graduates acquire skills useful in many careers rather than just skills applicable to one job. Students trained in our program should have acquired oral and written communication skills, research skills, and "people" or "sociocultural" skills which qualify them well for careers in international business, government, politics, criminal justice, social work, and medicine or other health-related professions. Our graduates are especially well prepared to practice in south Texas or a comparable area made special by the meeting of different cultures.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education Core requirements.

Required

080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

Must be outside Anthropology.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 36 HOURS (24 advanced)

1 – Anthropology Core – 15 hours (3 advanced)

ANTH 1324 Human Evolution

Choose one:

ANTH 1353 Introduction to Folklore

ANTH 1354 The Anthropology of Expressive Culture

ANTH 2306 Anthropology of Borders and Migration

ANTH 2311 Global Health and Social Justice: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Illness and Inequality

ANTH 2302 Introduction to Archeology

ANTH 2351 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 4345 Anthropological Theory and Methodology

2 – Restricted Electives – 21 hours (21 advanced)

Choose from:

ANTH 3304 Indians of North America

ANTH 3305 Great Discoveries in Archaeology

ANTH 3323 Mexican American Culture

ANTH 3333 United States and Other World Cultures

ANTH 3343 Museum Studies Internship

ANTH 3344 Archive Studies Internship

ANTH 3345 Anthropology Community Internship

ANTH 3346 Environment and Human Adaptation

ANTH 3347 Human Forensic Skeletal Biology

ANTH 3363 Archaeological Method and Theory

ANTH 3374 Religion in Society

ANTH 3375 Mexican American Folklore

ANTH 3380 Social Anthropology

ANTH 4302 Primate Behavior

ANTH 4306 Anthropology of Borders

ANTH 4307 Shipwrecks, Pirates and the Sea: An Introduction to Maritime Archaeology and History

ANTH 4308 Conquistadors and Chiefs: A Comparative Colonialism of Northern New Spain

ANTH 4309 Anthropology of Sex & Gender

ANTH 4310 Food and Culture

ANTH 4311 Medical Anthropology

ANTH 4312 Political and Legal Anthropology

ANTH 4313 Anthropology of Popular Music

ANTH 4314 Environmental Anthropology

ANTH 4315 Discovering the Rio Grande Valley

ANTH 4317 Field Experience in the Borderlands

ANTH 4345 Anthropological Theory and Methodology

ANTH 4348 Peoples and Cultures of Mexico

ANTH 4350 Mexican American Folk Medicine
ANTH 4353 Folklore of the Lower Rio Grande Valley
ANTH 4365 Archaeology of South America
ANTH 4369 Archaeology of Mexico and Central America
ANTH 4374 Archaeology of North America
ANTH 4385 Topics in Anthropology
ANTH 4390 Directed Studies
ANTH 4395 Fieldwork in Anthropology

Choose only one:

ENGL 3361 Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics
ENGL 3370 Language and Culture

C – FREE ELECTIVES – 24 HOURS (12 advanced)

D – MINOR – 18 HOURS (6 advanced)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2017-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.