

**Degree Type – Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Degree Title – Anthropology**

*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.*

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. **Critical Thinking:** Students will demonstrate the ability to use the tools of anthropology to think and write critically about topics dealing with humankind.
2. **Multiple Fields:** Students will develop a solid base of anthropological knowledge informed by key areas inquiry including cultural anthropology, archaeology, human evolution, and folklore.
3. **Holistic Approach:** Students will develop a holistic understanding of individuals and cultures that reflects the multidimensionality of human experience.
4. **Methodology:** Students will apply appropriate research methodologies to understand cultural phenomena.
5. **Applied:** Students will demonstrate the ability to apply anthropological concepts and knowledge.

**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**

**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  
ANTH 1353 Introduction to Folklore  
ANTH 2302 Introduction to Archaeology  
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  
ANTH 3344 Archive Studies  
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 Women  
 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 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 4355 Psychology and Mythology  
 ANTH 4365 Archaeology of South America  
 ANTH 4369 Archaeology of Mexico and Central America  
 ANTH 4373 The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt  
 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 (21 advanced)**

**D – MINOR – 18 HOURS (6 advanced)**

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS**

**TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 51 HOURS**

**ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:**

**Graduation requirements**

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 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.