
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
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 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 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.