

ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

Anthropology is the scientific study of human beings and their cultures across time and space. In the broadest sense, anthropology is about how the human species came to be, how it developed myriad ways of living in the world, and how those ways may change in the future. It is the major most closely associated with archaeology.

Anthropology is a unique field that combines elements of social science and natural science. Students will find themselves in all types of settings - out in the field collecting physical samples, in a lab analyzing fossils and specimens, interviewing individuals and groups to collect oral histories, in the library and community researching, and in the classroom learning how to fit all of the pieces of evidence into a cohesive theory.

Students at UWM will be exposed to all types of anthropological work. Some may find themselves more drawn to the "people" side of things and gravitate more towards electives that focus on culture and societal structures. Social anthropologists may examine issues such as workplace behavior, religious rituals, art, family structures or gender relations. Others may find linguistic anthropology - the study of the development of languages - more interesting. Students who have always envisioned themselves digging up artifacts will find archaeology or biological anthropology of most interest.

Regardless of specialization, hands-on experience is critical. UWM offers all types of field experience and research opportunities, locally and at spots around the globe.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	30
	L&S Requirements (general and major requirements)	75
	Electives	15
	Total Credits	120

Credit numbers reflect total possible credits towards degree. Due to the ability to count courses towards more than one requirement, credit amounts will vary. Please work with your academic advisor on your plan of study.

Preparatory Coursework

Based on individual placement results, some students may be required to complete preparatory coursework before enrolling in the courses listed here. This may include English language or composition preparation, developmental math, introductory chemistry, and/or student support courses for students participating in the First Year Bridge program.

General Education Requirements (GER)

UW-Milwaukee has General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#generaleducationtext>) that must be met in order to earn a bachelor's or associate degree. They include at minimum 30 credits (10 courses) in six categories that are designed to assure basic student competencies and provide a broad body of knowledge as a context for specialization.

Some degree requirements may fulfill GERs. Please review the requirements and consult with your academic advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Categories and Credits		
	Civics and Perspectives (CP)	6
	Communication and Literacy (CL)	6
	Humanities and Arts (HA)	6
	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)	3
	Natural Science and Wellness (NSW/NSWL)	6
	Social and Behavioral Science (SBS)	3
	Total Credits	30

Letters and Science Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science with 36 of the 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered 300 or above) courses.

The College requires that students must complete, in residence at UWM, at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. The College also requires that students complete at least 30 credits overall in residence at UWM. For additional residency and transfer credit limitations, see L&S Undergraduate Policies and Regulations (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/#policiesandregulationstext>).

Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#bachelorsdegreegeneraleducation>) and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

College of Letters & Science Requirements

The degree requirements in the College of Letters and Science build on the University General Education Requirements to provide a broad base of knowledge as well as an array of skills cited by employers as critical to professional success: critical thinking, problem solving, oral and written communication, ability to work well with others, and adaptability to change.

For the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), students must complete the UWM General Education Requirements as well as these L&S requirements: the International requirement, the Breadth requirement, a Natural Science Lab requirement, the Research requirement, and a Language other than English requirement. The International requirement develops student potential for cross-cultural understanding in a globalizing world. The Breadth requirement ensures that students take classes in a wide variety of subjects, across humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The Research requirement calls for students to build critical thinking and oral and written communication skills through conducting an independent research project in their major. The Language other than English requirement further develops student proficiency in a language other than English. And, the requirement that students take an L&S Natural Science lab ensures exposure to and practice with the scientific method in action.

I. Total Credits and Upper-Division Courses Requirement

Students must complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science with 36 of those 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered 300 and above) courses.

II. Language other than English Requirement

Students doing the B.A. must fulfill a language other than English requirement by either successfully completing the fourth semester of university work or equivalent in one language other than English, or by successfully completing the second semester of university work or equivalent in two languages other than English (including all languages other than English and American Sign Language).

Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work. Proficiency tests approved by the Languages faculty may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement.

III. International Requirement

To meet the International Requirement, students must successfully complete some two-course (minimum 6 credits) combination of:

1. Courses with L&S approved international content (see Courses Approved for the L&S International Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement/>) for course options).
2. Any study abroad course(s).

Students who graduate secondary school in a country other than the U.S. are exempt from this requirement.

IV. Breadth Requirement

In addition to completing the University General Education Requirements, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement to obtain deeper experience across our three substantive divisions.

The L&S Breadth requirement calls for 9 credits each in L&S courses designated L&S Humanities, L&S Natural Sciences, and L&S Social Sciences breadth. One of the L&S Natural Science breadth courses must include a laboratory or fieldwork experience.

Please refer to the list of Courses Approved for the L&S Breadth Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list/>).

V. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Students should contact their major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete, in residence at UWM, at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement/>).

VI. The Minor

Students are encouraged to consider completing a minor, but it is not required. To complete a minor, the College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work. The minor must contain at least 9 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 and above) courses taken at UWM.

Anthropology Major Requirements

Students majoring in anthropology can select from a wide variety of courses organized under three subfields:

- Sociocultural Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Biological Anthropology

Although majors take some coursework in each of the three subfields, they are encouraged to shape their own programs to meet individual needs and interests. Students majoring in anthropology must earn a GPA of 2.0 or better in anthropology courses attempted at UWM. In addition, the College of Letters and Science requires that students attain a 2.0 or better GPA in all anthropology courses attempted, including any transfer work. The major in anthropology requires 36 credits within the department. At least 15 credits in advanced-level courses (numbered 300 or above) must be taken in residence at UWM.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
ANTHRO 101	Introduction to Anthropology: Human Origins (GER NSWL)	3
ANTHRO 102	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society (GER SBS)	3
ANTHRO 103	Digging Up the Past: Approaches to Archaeology (GER SBS)	3
ANTHRO 460	Anthropological Theory ¹	3
9-15 credits satisfying the following requirements ²		9-15
1 methods course		
1 course satisfying the research requirement		
1 course in each of the three subfields		
6-15 additional ANTHRO credits		6-15
Total Credits		36

¹ Only seniors may enroll in ANTHRO 460, and it is recommended that they do so after having completed all other anthropology course requirements.

² Methods courses and research requirement courses may overlap with each other or with one of the three ANTHRO subfields. See tables below for additional details.

Methods Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 403	The Human Skeleton ¹	3
ANTHRO 405	Forensic Anthropology ¹	3
ANTHRO 497	Study Abroad: ¹	1-12
ANTHRO 525	Zooarchaeology: Analysis of Faunal Remains ¹	3
ANTHRO 535	Analysis of Archaeological Ceramics ¹	3

ANTHRO 560	Introduction to Research Methods in Anthropology ¹	3
ANTHRO 561	Techniques and Problems in Ethnography	3
ANTHRO 562	Techniques and Problems in Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 566	Archaeological Analysis and Report Preparation: ¹	3-6
ANTHRO 567	Archaeological Field School	3-6
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	3

¹ This course may also satisfy a research and/or subfield requirement in the Anthropology major. However, no single course may count for more than two requirements.

Research Requirement Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 401	Primate Populations ¹	3
ANTHRO 424	Ethnoarchaeology and Experimental Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 497	Study Abroad: ¹	1-12
ANTHRO 525	Zooarchaeology: Analysis of Faunal Remains	3
ANTHRO 535	Analysis of Archaeological Ceramics	3
ANTHRO 560	Introduction to Research Methods in Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 566	Archaeological Analysis and Report Preparation: ¹	3-6

¹ This course may also satisfy a methods and/or subfield requirement in the Anthropology major. However, no single course may count for more than two requirements.

Three Anthropology Subfields

Biological Anthropology

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 301	Human Evolution and Variation	3
ANTHRO 401	Primate Populations ¹	3
ANTHRO 402	Primate Evolution	3
ANTHRO 403	The Human Skeleton	3
ANTHRO 404	Human Biological Variation	3
ANTHRO 405	Forensic Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 406	Evolutionary Biology & Human Diseases	3
ANTHRO 407	Neuroanthropology	3
ANTHRO 408	Hormones and Behavior	3

¹ This course may also satisfy a methods and/or research requirement in the Anthropology major; however, no single course may count for more than two requirements.

Archaeology

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 304	Violence and Warfare in Prehistory	3
ANTHRO 305	The Celtic World	3

ANTHRO 306	European Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 307	World Archaeology: Foundations of Civilization	3
ANTHRO 308	Archaeology of North America	3
ANTHRO 309	Archaeology of Central and South America	3
ANTHRO 310	Archaeology of Middle America	3
ANTHRO 311	The World of the Ancient Maya	3
ANTHRO 313	Archaeology of the American Southwest	3
ANTHRO 420	Power and Ideology in Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 421	Cities in the Ancient World	3
ANTHRO 424	Ethnoarchaeology and Experimental Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 425	Hunter-Gatherer Lifeways: Past and Present	3
ANTHRO 426	Who Owns the Past?	3
ANTHRO 465	Historic Preservation in Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 466	Historical Archaeology	3
ANTHRO 501	Archaeology of Death	3
ANTHRO 502	Lithic Analysis: Stone Tools and Human Behavior	3
ANTHRO 525	Zooarchaeology: Analysis of Faunal Remains ¹	3
ANTHRO 535	Analysis of Archaeological Ceramics ¹	3
ANTHRO 565	Seminar in Regional Archaeology:	3

¹ This course may also satisfy a methods and/or research requirement in the Anthropology major; however, no single course may count for more than two requirements.

Sociocultural Anthropology

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 302	Anthropology and Popular Culture	3
ANTHRO 320	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	3
ANTHRO 322	Europe in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANTHRO 325	Japanese Culture and Society	3
ANTHRO 326	Peoples and Cultures of South Asia	3
ANTHRO 328	Comparative Studies of Music, Race, and Gender in Nationalism	3
ANTHRO 335	American Indians of the Southeast	3
ANTHRO 340	Cultures of Online Games and Virtual Worlds	3
ANTHRO 349	Seminar in Ethnography and Cultural Processes	3
ANTHRO 351	Anthropological Theories of Religion	3
ANTHRO 354	Anthropology, Aesthetics, and Art	3
ANTHRO 355	Globalization, Culture, and Environment	3
ANTHRO 400	Human Sociobiology	3
ANTHRO 431	Cities and Culture	3
ANTHRO 439	Culture and Global Health	3
ANTHRO 440	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 441	Nature, Knowledge, and Technoscience in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANTHRO 442	Humanitarianism in Global Perspective	3

ANTHRO 445	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 446	The Child in Different Cultures	3
ANTHRO 447	The Global Politics of Human Rights	3
ANTHRO 448	Cultural and Human Ecology	3
ANTHRO 449	The Human Economy	3
ANTHRO 450	Political Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 540	Applications of Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 543	Cross-Cultural Study of Religion	3
ANTHRO 544	Religious Giving in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANTHRO 649	Ethnography of Institutions	3

Anthropology BA Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome 1 – Knowledge of Anthropology as a discipline

Students graduating from the Anthropology program will be able to:

- identify defining characteristics of anthropology as a field of study.
- identify key theoretical frameworks in anthropology and describe their evolution over time.
- identify the subfields of anthropology and compare their methods and goals.

Learning Outcome 2 – Knowledge of human cultural diversity

Students graduating from the Anthropology program will be able to:

- recognize and apply anthropological concepts to the understanding of cultural diversity.
- identify examples of culturally distinct practices using ethnographic examples.
- identify examples of culturally distinct practices using archaeological examples.

Learning Outcome 3 – Knowledge of human evolution

Students graduating from the Anthropology program will be able to:

- describe mechanisms of evolution.
- identify key shifts in hominin physical and cognitive abilities over evolutionary time.
- identify key points of debate, past and present, about details of hominin evolution.
- evaluate scientific methods for studying biological variation among modern humans.

Learning Outcome 4 – Ability to read and think critically and analytically

Students graduating from the Anthropology program will be able to:

- read anthropological publications and identify thesis, supporting data, and points of debate.
- assess, synthesize, and derive conclusions from multiple lines of scientific evidence.
- evaluate cited sources according to source, date, and historical context.

Learning Outcome 5 – Ability to communicate clearly in writing and speech

Students graduating from the Anthropology program will be able to:

- engage in constructive dialogue.
- communicate anthropological concepts clearly in both written and oral form.

Learning Outcome 6 – Ability to design and execute research in at least one anthropological subfield

Students graduating from the Anthropology program will be able to:

- review and evaluate anthropological research designs.
- design and complete an applied research project, articulating question, methods, and results.

Learning Outcome 7 – Ability to engage in ethical reasoning and to demonstrate civic knowledge

Students graduating from the Anthropology program will be able to:

- identify key ethical debates in anthropology, placing them in their historical contexts.
- use examples to illustrate how anthropology can contribute to contemporary life.

Letters & Science Advising

During your time at UWM, you may have multiple members of your success team, including advisors, peer mentors and success coaches. Letters & Science students typically work with at least two different types of advisors as they pursue their degrees: professional college advisors and faculty advisors. L&S college advisors advise across your entire degree program while departmental faculty advisors focus on the major.

College advisors are located in Holton Hall (or virtually for online students) and serve as your primary advisor. They are your point person for your questions about navigating college and completing your degree. College advisors will:

- Assist you in defining your academic and life goals.
- Help you create an educational plan that is consistent with those goals.
- Assist you in understanding curriculum, major and degree requirements for graduation, as well as university policies and procedures.
- Provide you with information about campus and community resources and refer you to those resources as appropriate.
- Monitor your progress toward graduation and completion of requirements.

Faculty advisors mentor students in the major and assist them in maximizing their development in the program. You will begin working with a faculty advisor when you declare your major. Faculty advisors are an important partner and will:

- Help you understand major requirements and course offerings in the department.
- Explain opportunities for internships and undergraduate research and guide you in obtaining those experiences.
- Serve as an excellent resource as you consider potential graduate programs and career paths in your field.

Students are encouraged to meet with both their college advisor and faculty advisor at least once each semester. Appointments are available in-person, by phone or by video.

Currently enrolled students should use the Navigate360 website (<https://uwm.navigate.eab.com/>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor or call (414) 229-4654 if you do not currently have an assigned Letters & Science advisor. Prospective students who haven't enrolled in classes yet should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

Accelerated Program Option

This program is offered as part of an accelerated graduate program. For more information, see Accelerated Graduate Degrees (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/accelerated-graduate-degrees/>).

College of Letters and Science Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.