

FALL 2021 - Recommended classes for incoming Junior-level students.

Below is provided a list of recommended courses for a 12 to 15-unit semester. Students should take a minimum of 12 units so that they can progress through the program on time, but probably don't want to take more than 15 units until they know that they can handle the course load.

- 1) Introduction to the major (1-unit) - HIGHLY recommended for ALL students transitioning into the Major (transfer students, and students continuing from the pre-major). Class meets online. Course number is ANTH 499-40, but does not show up in the regular course search. **Register directly with the schedule number: 24196**
- 2) Anthropology Core Classes (ideally 6 units). It is highly recommended to take TWO of your Core classes this semester, and then take the other two classes in the Spring. ANTH 301 and ANTH 302 are Lecture-Lab classes, ANTH 303 and ANTH 304 are Lecture-Discussion classes. ANTH 304 is only offered in the Spring.
- 3) First Anthropology Electives (3 to 6 units)
You will eventually need 18 units of Anthropology electives. These electives can double-count towards completion of your Exploration GE requirements. see handout on GE "double counts"). These can be any ANTH courses at 300, 400, or 500-level. Note that some of these courses are also designated as "Methods" courses, and if so, would be applied first to satisfy your Methods requirement (see the next item). It will be useful to register for at least one elective course this semester, and especially if the elective is one that can also count as a GE course.
- 4) First Anthropology Methods (3 units)
If you can find a designated Methods course that interested you this semester, you may wish to take this as well. Methods courses may also be GE courses, much like elective courses. ANTH 360 (Modern Forensic Anthropology) and ANTH 355 (Exploring Primate Behavior) are both methods courses offered this Fall that can count towards your Biological Sciences GE, and so are highly recommended. Other Methods courses this Fall are ANTH 531 (Applied Anth Methods), ANTH 583 (Zooarchaeology), and ANTH 583 (Anthropogenic Landscapes)
- 5) Language courses (perhaps 4 units)- You will need to show language competency at the 3rd college semester level. This can be satisfied through AP classes in High School, attending High School in a language other than English, taking a competency test in a language you already know, or by taking the equivalent of the 3rd semester course in a language (e.g., "201" in any language). If you need to take language classes, it is important that you start RIGHT AWAY, especially if you need to take all three semesters. Note that most language classes are 4 units and meet every day.

- 6) WPA courses - Depending upon your GVAR test results you will have to take some writing classes. VERY useful to take your writing course early on, so that you can ensure your writing skills are developed to use in other upper-division courses, which are often writing-heavy.

- 7) Catching up on Pre-Major Requirements and Lower-Division GE: Depending on your transfer institution or your lower-division coursework status, you may be deficient in the pre-major requirements. If so, it is important that you make up these deficiencies as soon as possible. The most common deficiencies are lack of ANTH 103 and/or incomplete Foundations GE. If you are in this situation, you should register for and complete all the missing courses in the FALL semester to ensure that you will complete all prerequisites for the Major by the end of the semester.