

Orientation for Transfer Students

The Anthropology Department is located in the AL building, 4th floor:

- Anthro Office
- UG Adviser's office
- Quiet study areas

- Our full-time faculty

Biological Anthropology:

- Dr. Mayes - osteology/forensics
- Dr. Riley - primates
- Dr. Roulette - human biology

Archaeology:

- Dr. Ullah - dev of ag/computational arch (UG adviser)
- Dr. Mallios – historical archeology
- Dr. Braje - Coastal archaeology and islands
- Dr. Mathwich - Zooarchaeology, US/Mexico border

Cultural Anthropology

- Lauer - environmental anthropology; marine; Pacific
- Perez - Mexico, migration
- Sobo - medical anthropology
- Larkins –Brazil, urban anthropology, violence

We don't currently have a linguistic anthropologist, but two of our colleagues in American Indian Studies are linguistic anthropologists who teach in the Dept.

- Full time faculty from other departments who regularly teach ANTH courses:

- Dr. Kamper (Am. Indian Studies)
- Dr. Field (Am. Indian Studies)
- Dr. Chilcote (Am. Indian Studies)
- Dr. Thomases (Religious Studies)

- Our part-time faculty

- Prof. Andres (Cultural)
- Prof. Black (Biological)

- Prof. Hinton (Archaeology)
- Prof. Lennox (Archaeology)
- Dr. Killmer (Cultural)
- Prof. Kobari (Biological)
- Prof. Schuerman (Biological/Sustainability)

Requirements for the major:

You will follow the requirements listed in the catalog year when you *first attended SDSU*. For most of you, that is this calendar year. If requirements change before you can graduate, you can opt to follow the new requirements, but you don't have to. If you have any questions about which classes to take, you can see what you need to do on your "My MAP" on webportal. If you need to deviate from the plan in your catalog year, then please come see the UG adviser as changes you make to your academic plan likely will not be tracked automatically!

Preparation for the major: To become a major you must complete the equivalent of SDSU's ANTH 101 "Introduction to Biological Anthropology," ANTH 102 "Introduction to Cultural Anthropology," and ANTH 103 "Introduction to Archaeology." Equivalent classes taken at your CC should be mapped on transfer of your transcripts, but **DOUBLE CHECK** that they did so, as not every CC in California offers all three equivalents, and not every CC has the proper equivalencies set up in the system. You can use the SDSU Transfer Admission Planner or the assist.org website right now to see if your classes are equivalent, and you will work with the office of admissions and/or the office of advising and evaluations to make sure your transcripts are transferred properly.

If you have not taken all three already, you should do so in your first semester. You cannot register for the core classes until these have been completed, but you can complete these in the same semester as you take your first core class(es).

Language/Writing requirements: These are University. College of Arts and Letters requirements, not specific to the Anthropology Dept. If you have questions about them, consult with the Academic Advising Center. Make sure you plan to leave time for three semesters of language if you cannot meet the requirement through testing or through transfer credits!

Core Courses: We want all of our majors to have a grounding in each of the four subfields of Anthropology. So we require everyone to take four upper division core courses (12 units), one in each subfield. These are ANTH 301(Biological), 302 (Archaeology), 303 (Cultural), and 304 (Linguistics). See note about these.

Some details on the core courses:

- ANTH 301 and 302 (Principles of Biological Anthropology and Principles of Archaeology) are lab classes, so plan for the extended lab session in your schedule (labs are typical scheduled for the second weekly meetings; eg. on the Thursday of a “Tues/Thurs class schedule). ANTH 301 has two smaller sections alternating the days on which they meet, whereas ANTH 302 has only one section. They are both offered every semester.
- ANTH 303 (Cultural Anthropology) usually have plenty of room, so registration is not a problem, and it is offered every semester.
- Since we do not have a linguistic anthropologist in the Department, sometimes we are unable to offer ANTH 304 (Principles of Linguistic Anthropology). Typically it is only available in the Spring semester, so please account for that in your schedule. If this becomes a problem for you, discuss it with the Undergraduate Adviser.

Notes:

- Under extenuating circumstances, it may be possible to substitute a core course with another. This can only be done with the prior approval of the Undergraduate Adviser.
- If you want to take a 500-level (the highest undergrad level) course in a subfield, say Biological Anthropology, you need to have taken the relevant core course first (in this example ANTH 301). So think about that when scheduling when to take your core courses.
- Also, you must complete your core courses if you want to do the ANTH 495 internship (you can be completing them in the same semester that you take the internship)

- I highly recommend that you plan to complete your core classes in your first year here (your “Junior” year). Students often find it more manageable to pair a lab class with a non-lab class. An example of this would be to take 301 and 303 in the Fall, and then 302 and 304 in the Spring.

Elective courses: Beyond the core courses, you need to take 6 upper division anthropology courses (18 units). They can be any upper division anthropology courses you want, keeping in mind some of our classes are designated “methods classes” for the methods requirement you need to meet (more on that in a minute)

You can take Anthropology GE Explorations courses and have them count for the major. We have courses in all three categories: Natural Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Humanities. See note about this.

You can take one external course from the following list and have it count as an Anthropology elective:

- AMIND 420 - Indian Peoples of California Units: 3
- BIOL 315 - Ecology and Human Impacts on the Environment Units: 3
- CCS 301 - Political Economy of the Chicano People Units: 3
- GEOG 312 - Culture Worlds Units: 3
- HIST 406 - History of Sexuality Units: 3
- HIST 441 - Unnatural Disasters: History of Current Environmental Problems Units: 3
- PHIL 330 - Biomedical Ethics Units: 3
- PHIL 332 - Environmental Ethics Units: 3 also listed as SUSTN 332 - Environmental Ethics Units: 3
- POL S 435 - Power and Poverty in the United States Units: 3
- REL S 376 - Nature, Spirituality, Ecology (D) Units: 3
- SOC 320 - Sex and Gender in Contemporary Society Units: 3
- SOC 355 - Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Units: 3
- WMNST 310 - Global Cultures and Women’s Lives Units: 3
- WMNST 382 - Gender, Science, and Technology Units: 3

While courses taken for the Anthropology major *can also count as GE*, courses *cannot* be “double counted” between a major and a minor, nor between two majors.

Methods Courses: In addition to the 6 elective courses, you need to take 2 (6 units) of what we call “methods courses” that teach you how anthropologists do their work in addition to the content of their work. The catalog has a list of courses that are designated as methods courses. (You also must meet the prerequisites for the course.):

- ANTH 312 - Archaeological Field Techniques Units: 3
- ANTH 348 - Historical Archaeology Units: 3
- ANTH 355 - Exploring Primate Behavior Units: 3
- ANTH 360 - From the Grave: Modern Forensic Anthropology Units: 3
- ANTH 483 - Topics in Anthropology Units: 3 with consent of the department
- ANTH 495 - Internship in Applied Anthropology Units: 1-3
- ANTH 499 - Special Study Units: 1-3 with consent of the department
- ANTH 505 - Human Osteology Units: 3
- ANTH 520 - Ethnographic Field Methods Units: 3
- ANTH 531 - Methods in Applied Anthropology Units: 3
- ANTH 532 - Anthropology of Development and Conservation Units: 3
- ANTH 560 - Advanced Archaeological Field Techniques Units: 3
- ANTH 561 - Archaeological Laboratory Methods Units: 3
- ANTH 562 - Computational Archaeology Units: 3
- ANTH 563 - Anthropogenic Landscapes Units: 3
- ANTH 583 - Topical Anthropology Units: 3 with consent of the department

NOTE: ANTH 483/499/583 are variable topics courses, and will only count towards the Methods requirement if the particular section you take was designed as a methods course. These may need the UG advisor to file a RAAR form for methods credit.

Details on some specific courses:

ANTH 495 Internship:

You can do an internship and get credit for it. The Anthropology Homeroom page on Blackboard has information and the form for this.

You go out and get an internship. Examples could be the Museum of Man in Balboa Park, an organization working with refugees, the Zoo. You then ask an SDSU Anthropology faculty member if they are willing to supervise your getting credit for the internship. If they agree, you fill out a form with them and give it to the Undergraduate Adviser.

You do the work of the internship under the guidance of the on-site supervisor. Before the end of the semester, you will write a report to the faculty member about what you learned in the internship. You can take an internship for 1, 2 or 3 credits and repeat it up to 3 credits.

For three credits, the University expects you to work on the internship nine hours a week for the 15 weeks of the semester. But that time will include the time you need to write your report to the faculty member.

The official prerequisite for ANTH 495 is that you have completed the four core courses, but the Department lets you do an internship if you are going to complete the core course requirement in the same semester as the internship.

Note: the Department does not provide internships for students. You go out and get the internship and then propose to a faculty member that you report to them about it. A partial exception is in archaeology. The Department does oversee internships in the University's archaeological collections. If you are interested in this, you should contact Jaime Lennox.

ANTH 499 Special Study

If there is a particular topic you wish to study and it is not offered in our courses, you can propose to a faculty member that you work individually with them on the topic. Faculty members do not have to undertake Special Studies (or internships) and are not paid to do so, so you will want to make a good case as to why you want to take ANTH 499.

You make an agreement with the faculty member about what you will do and then the form is signed by the Undergraduate Adviser. More information about ANTH 499 is available on the Anthropology Homeroom page.

Sometimes students think ANTH 499 is an easy way out because you make your own schedule. Bad mistake. You often work much harder in an ANTH

499 than in a regular course and you are directly responsible to the professor, who will be very unhappy if you do not make a strong effort.

ANTH 483/583 Special Topics

ANTH 583 is a number given to courses that are offered occasionally. The topic will change from semester to semester. Note that sometimes ANTH 583 will fulfill a methods course requirement and sometimes it will not. You need to check with the professor and/or undergraduate adviser about this. You can take ANTH 483 and ANTH 583 up to two times each (six credits each) under different topics.

Study Abroad and Summer Field Schools

We have had summer field schools in Archaeology (Dr. Seth Mallios Palomar Mountain Nate Harrison Homestead) and in Applied Anthropology (Dr. Ramona Pérez Oaxaca traditional agriculture). These may be offered in future, as well as perhaps new ones. There are also study abroad and summer abroad opportunities offered through SDSU that may be complementary to an Anthropology degree. Check the study abroad office website for updates there.

You can also take a field school or study abroad through another accredited institution. If so, SDSU needs to offer the same or a very similar course for it to be transferable. If you sign up for a summer field school, be sure that it grants credits from a university (i.e. is not just organized through an individual faculty member, although you may be able to get credit for those using ANTH 499).

Even if you think you are not interested, attend a Study Abroad orientation. They are very well organized and have good advisors. There are many different options. You will meet with the undergraduate adviser before you leave to get course credit transfers signed off.

Sources of information for you:

- Getting information through the Anthropology Homeroom page on Blackboard and from the Dept. website on the SDSU website. Once

- they are registered as majors or pre-majors, the Anthropology Homeroom should show up as a course on the Blackboard page.
- Emails from the UG adviser. Make sure you check the email that you used to set up your accounts!
 - Anthro. Dept. website (new update imminent!!)
 - Social Media: Facebook, Instagram. SDSU Anthropology is on there!
 - The Anthropology Club – Association of Anthropology Students, with get-togethers, excursions and other events. There will be information about meetings early in the semester. A great way to get to know other people interested in Anthropology. <https://sdsuaas.weebly.com/> or on Facebook!