

ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR (BA)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

Students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside are eligible to be admitted into the program.

Anthropology focuses on cultural and biological adaptations of all humankind. It is the comparative study of human life and culture in the past and present. It combines cross-cultural perspectives and analytical skills. Anthropology is concerned with both human biological and cultural adaptations to physical and social environments in all parts of the world. The basic themes of anthropology include adaptation, evolution, change, and continuity. Anthropology is marked by specific methods from archaeological digs to ethnographic observation, focusing on systematic observations of how people live with each other, their belief systems, and how they make a living.

Anthropology graduates work in a wide range of settings, including cultural resource management and contract archaeology; museum work; forensic anthropology; and ethnographic analysis such as user design for public or private institutions, both in the U.S. and internationally. Opportunities exist to apply anthropological knowledge to many problems of modern society, including the social impact of development, economic and political change, and cultural and natural resource management.

Opportunities to assist in faculty research projects permit students to learn research tools used in anthropology, and to apply concepts learned in the classroom. These prepare them for their future careers.

For example, students might learn how to use GIS for mapping, analysis, and decision making; they might collect oral histories to learn about how people think about their communities; or participate in an archaeological dig. In addition, students can gain service experiences through community-based learning projects.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of cultures and societies in their own terms (cultural relativism) (Knowledge/Conceptual: focusing on critical thinking, global perspective, and individual experience).
2. Recognize ethnocentrism and its consequences for their ability to understand people of different cultures (Knowledge/Conceptual: focusing on critical thinking, global perspective, and individual experience).
3. Evaluate the impact of social and physical environment on individual experience (Knowledge/Conceptual: focusing on critical thinking, global perspective, and individual experience).
4. Apply anthropological concepts and interpretations to improve their ability to interact and work with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures (Knowledge/Conceptual: focusing on critical thinking, global perspective, and individual experience).
5. Record, interpret, and communicate qualitative and quantitative evidence (Methodological/Analytical and Technical Skills: focusing on analytical skills; information technology competence).
6. Find, organize, and critically evaluate information using a variety of tools such as maps, statistics, and a variety of archaeological and ethnographic methods; as well as analysis of culture and social relationships (Methodological/Analytical and Technical Skills: focusing on analytical skills; information technology competence).
7. Analyze and use appropriate technologies where available (Methodological/Analytical and Technical Skills: focusing on analytical skills; information technology competence).
8. Use anthropological knowledge to address important issues locally and globally (Synthesize and Communicate: focusing on literacy and oral communication).
9. Demonstrate critical thinking skills to conduct research and solve problems (Synthesize and Communicate: focusing on literacy and oral communication).

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ANTH 200	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 201	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANTH 202	Human Evolution	3
ANTH 300	Topics in Data Collection and Analysis: ^{1, 2}	3
ANTH 302	Anthropological Theory	3
ANTH 312	Anthropology of Language	3
ANTH 491	Anthropology Fieldwork	3
GEOG 350	Cartography and GIS	3
GEOG 495	Senior Seminar	3
SOCA 250	Statistics for the Social Sciences	4
<i>Required Course Total</i>		34
Elective Courses		
Select 9 credits with 6 credits at the 300-level or above		9
ANTH 227	North American Indians	
ANTH 228	Peoples of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 310	Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 320	Heritage and Tourism	
ANTH 327	Archaeology of North America	
ANTH 357	Livelihoods, Exchange, and Globalization	
ANTH 362	Migration and Immigration	
ANTH 382	Environmental Anthropology	
ANTH 390	Special Topics in Anthropology	
ANTH 402	Advanced Human Evolution	
ANTH 455	International Development and Change	
ANTH 490	Special Topics in Anthropology	
ANTH 494	Internship in Anthropology	
ANTH 499	Independent Study	
GEOG 308	Conservation of Cultural and Natural Resources	
GEOG 323	Climate Change	
GEOG 360	Urban Geography	
GEOG 410	GIS and Communities	
Total Credits		43

¹ Students can take a different statistics course at 200-level or above if it is more appropriate for their career goals.

² Students may take this multiple times if the topic is different; but it is not required.

General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

** Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
Reading and Writing		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
Computational Skills		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	College Mathematics with Applications	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
Total Credits		7-8

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum