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Re: Changes to the course requirements for the Anthropology major and Medical Anthropology minor

Date: Oct 12, 2017

The Anthropology major requires that students take one course each in Archaeology, Biological Anthropology and Cultural Anthropology. To fill these requirements the students choose from a list of acceptable courses. We would like to add to the lists of approved courses for these requirements:

- ANTH 457 Perspectives in Historical Archaeology to the list of approved archaeology courses

We also wish to add the following course to the list of approved Medical Anthropology minor courses

- ANTH 148 Human Origins

We have attached the current text with annotations reflecting these changes.

ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR, B.A.

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Anthropology is the integrative study of human beings at all times and in all places. Anthropological expertise has special application for hidden histories and the ancient past; the intersection of human biology and ecology; and the way communities create and use meaning, values, and history in everyday life. Students interested in choosing anthropology as a major or minor should visit the department’s Web site (<http://anthropology.unc.edu>) and click on the link for the undergraduate program. Students planning a major in anthropology should inform the department’s director of undergraduate studies. Students should consult with the director of undergraduate studies on a regular basis.

Department Programs

Major

- Anthropology Major, B.A. (p. 1)

Minors

- General Anthropology Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/general-anthropology-minor>)
- Medical Anthropology Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/medical-anthropology-minor>)

Graduate Programs

- Ph.D. in Anthropology (<http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/anthropology>)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the anthropology program, students should be able to:

- Discuss and critically assess theories and concepts for the study of social, cultural, and biological forms, phenomena, and change in the human species
- Engage in the coherent, holistic, integrative study of humans over time and space
- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of human social, cultural, and biological heterogeneity, within a framework that affirms the essential unity of the human species

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must

- attain a final cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
- complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses

- take at least half of their major course requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 18 hours of C or better in the major core requirements (some majors require 21 hours).

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext>).

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Core Requirements | | |
| One course from biological anthropology chosen from the following list: | | 3 |
| ANTH 143 | Human Evolution and Adaptation | |
| ANTH 148 | Human Origins | |
| ANTH 217 | Human Biology in Comparative Perspective | |
| ANTH 315 | Human Genetics and Evolution | |
| ANTH 319 | Global Health | |
| One course from archaeology chosen from the following list: | | 3 |
| ANTH 121 | Ancient Cities of the Americas | |
| ANTH 145 | Introduction to World Prehistory | |
| ANTH 149 | Great Discoveries in Archaeology | |
| ANTH 220 | Principles of Archaeology | |
| ANTH 222 | Prehistoric Art | |
| ANTH 231 | Archaeology of South America | |
| ANTH 232 | Ancestral Maya Civilizations ^H | |
| ANTH 250 | Archaeology of North America ^H | |
| ANTH 454 | The Archaeology of African Diasporas | |
| ANTH 457 | Perspectives in Historical Archaeology | |
| One course from sociocultural anthropology chosen from the following list: | | 3 |
| ANTH 102 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | |
| ANTH 120 | Anthropology through Expressive Cultures | |
| ANTH 147 | Comparative Healing Systems | |
| ANTH 240 | Action Research | |
| ANTH 280 | Anthropology of War and Peace | |
| ANTH 284 | Culture and Consumption | |
| One theoretical perspectives course chosen from the following list: ¹ | | 3 |
| ANTH 291 | Archaeological Theory and Practice | |
| ANTH 294 | Anthropological Perspectives on Society and Culture | |
| ANTH 297 | Directions in Anthropology ^H | |
| ANTH 298 | Biological Anthropology Theory and Practice | |
| ANTH 490 | Undergraduate Seminar in Anthropology | 3 |
| Four additional three-hour courses in anthropology | | 12 |
| Additional Requirements | | |
| No more than three courses used to fulfill the major can be numbered below 200. | | |
| No more than six hours of field-oriented coursework can be counted toward the major. | | |
| ANTH 393 | Internship in Anthropology | |
| ANTH 395 | Independent Fieldwork ^H | |
| ANTH 451 | Field School in North American Archaeology ^H | |
| ANTH 453 | Field School in South American Archaeology ^H | |

No more than three hours of coursework from the following list may be counted toward the major:

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| ANTH 92 | UNITAS |
| ANTH 93 | UNITAS |
| ANTH 195 | Research in Anthropology I |
| ANTH 196 | Independent Reading or Study in Anthropology I |
| ANTH 295 | Research in Anthropology II |
| ANTH 296 | Independent Reading or Study in Anthropology II |
| ANTH 396 | Independent Reading or Study in Anthropology ^H |
| ANTH 691H | Seniors Honors Project in Anthropology |
| ANTH 692H | Senior Honors Thesis in Anthropology |
| Total Hours | 27 |

^H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

¹ The theoretical perspectives requirement serves as the major's core course; it offers an integrative perspective on the theories and history of anthropology and explores what it means to be an anthropologist. Majors should fulfill this requirement in their junior year. If they cannot do so, they should consult with the director of undergraduate studies.

The department recommends that majors enroll in some field-oriented coursework such as ANTH 393, ANTH 395, ANTH 451, ANTH 453, or in study abroad coursework.

Special Opportunities in Anthropology

Honors in Anthropology

Writing an honors thesis is an excellent way to cap one's major in anthropology. The process offers students the chance to carry out original research on a topic that they are passionate about. Our thesis writers work closely with a faculty advisor and committee members to develop their project. The department provides excellent support, offering a specific seminar during the fall (ANTH 691H) and a corresponding independent study (ANTH 692H), that together walk students through the essential steps of research design and writing. For our students, writing an honors thesis continues to prove a pivotal experience—at once a capstone to their studies at Carolina and an achievement to carry with them into their lives and careers beyond.

To pursue an honors thesis project, students must:

- Maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.3 from the spring semester of the junior year through the entirety of the senior year
- Secure a faculty advisor who is an anthropologist at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Successfully complete the ANTH 691H and ANTH 692H sequence
- Receive approval from UNC's Office for Human Research Ethics prior to the start of research, for all projects involving human subjects

The process for approval requires several steps:

- Students considering an honor thesis should first contact the director of undergraduate studies or the honors thesis seminar instructor, during their junior year (or earlier).
- Eligible students next should secure an advisor prior to enrolling in ANTH 691H for the fall semester of their senior year. Typically, the

advisor is a professor that they have worked with in a class or faculty member with shared interests.

- In the fall students develop their research design and begin to write their thesis (ANTH 691H).
- In the spring, students complete an independent study with their advisor, focusing on writing the thesis (ANTH 692H). Students also form their committee, by adding two additional faculty members.
- To complete the process, students defend (i.e., present and discuss) their thesis to their committee.

Internships, Field Work, and Independent Study

Students who wish to explore an anthropological concern outside the conventional classroom setting, or who desire advanced or specialized work beyond current course offerings, should consider ANTH 393, ANTH 395, ANTH 396, ANTH 451, and ANTH 453.

ANTH 393 provides anthropology students the opportunity to engage in internships or other field experiences within or beyond the University that have a significant anthropological learning component. Variable credit may be obtained for this course. ANTH 393 is a controlled enrollment course; it requires the permission in advance of the faculty member sponsoring the internship, of a responsible official of the agency in which the internship is carried, and of the director of undergraduate studies. It is essential that students make arrangements and secure permissions prior to the semester of the internship.

ANTH 396 provides anthropology students the opportunity to engage in independent study, and ANTH 395, the opportunity to engage in field research, in both cases under the mentoring of a specific faculty member. Variable credit may be obtained for these courses, although three units are usually expected. ANTH 396 and ANTH 395 require the permission of the faculty member under whom the student wishes to conduct research prior to the semester in which ANTH 396 or ANTH 395 is taken. Both are controlled enrollment courses. In general, these courses should be taken only by students with some prior coursework in anthropology or a related social science.

ANTH 451 and ANTH 453 are six-unit field school courses in which the student gains hands-on experience in research and study in the field under the direction of a faculty member.

Anthropology majors are limited to having no more than six credit hours of field-oriented coursework (ANTH 393, ANTH 395, ANTH 451, or ANTH 453) count toward meeting the major requirement, although they are not restricted from enrolling in more than six credit hours of these courses combined.

Study Abroad

Anthropology majors are encouraged to enroll in a study abroad program. These programs can offer direct experience of another culture and intensive language training, as well as excellent coursework in anthropology. By consulting with their departmental advisors as well as with the University's Study Abroad Office, students can assess the relevance of available programs to their interests and arrange to transfer credit hours to count toward their undergraduate degree and, where appropriate, the anthropology major. Study abroad programs are often affordable even to students who require financial aid. Information about student loans and scholarships for the purpose of studying abroad can be obtained from the Study Abroad Office.