

## ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS, ELECTIVES, CONCENTRATIONS

The Anthropology major requires **36 total course credits** plus a zero-credit “**field engagements**” requirement.

### Course Credits

Course credits combine required core courses (21 credits) and electives (15 credits). Core courses consist of three foundational classes (Principles of Archaeology-ANT 213, Principles of Cultural Anthropology-ANT 214, and Principles of Biological Anthropology-ANT 215) typically taken during the second and third years, followed by four upper-level courses taken in this recommended sequence:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Fall Semester	Anthropologies of Inequality (ANT 393)
Spring semester	Histories of Anthropological Thought (ANT 480)
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Fall Semester	Research Methods in Anthropology (ANT 402)
Spring Semester	Capstone Seminar (ANT 490)

### Concentrations

As a major, you pursue a general field of study, or select one of two concentrations: “Gender, Health & the Body” or “Representation & Identity.”

- For students desiring a comprehensive foundation, the **general option** offers an in-depth study of the three traditional subfields of archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology, affording a broad understanding of human cultural diversity and evolution across time and space.
- The **Gender, Health & the Body** concentration emphasizes the intersections of gender, health, and bodily practices within diverse cultural contexts. This concentration encourages students to critically analyze how gender roles, human biology, and health practices are shaped by and, in turn, shape cultural beliefs and social structures.
- The **Representation & Identity** concentration explores how cultural identities are constructed, maintained, and transformed through various forms of representation. This concentration focuses on how media, performance, material culture, and visual culture in shaping identities and social relations.

For whichever concentration you choose, you take 15 credits of upper-division electives (five courses). Four must be associated with your concentration and one can be of your choosing (within your concentration or not). As a rule for all concentrations: Two electives must focus on different world areas (e.g., “Cultures of South America,” “Cultures of East Asia,” etc.). By advisement, one elective may be taken outside Anthropology. You will find the complete list of courses for each concentration on the subsequent pages of this document.

### Field Engagements

Beyond coursework, all Anthropology majors must complete a series of “field engagements,” emphasizing outside-the-classroom learning/participation and professional orientation. Majors use the Field Engagements Portal (FEP) to keep track of progress toward satisfying field-engagement requirements. The FEP has detailed information on exactly what must be done to satisfy each of the requirements, but here is a summary of what must be accomplished by the end of the fall semester of your senior year:

1. Attend one meeting of the student Anthropology Club.
2. Attend six qualifying department events, each with follow-up brief. (Note that we offer *at least four such events each semester*, so there are plenty of options.)
3. Attend one Capstone Seminar Symposium prior to your senior year (that is, prior to the year in which you present your own capstone research project).
4. Complete a bibliographic research training session from Sojourner Truth Library. \*
5. Complete research ethics training module (CITI). \*
6. Professional development activity 1: Career Resource workshop on CV/resume preparation.
7. Professional development activity 2: Professional academic organization explorations

\* The activities needed to satisfy these two requirements are built into “Research Methods in Anthropology” course, so as long as you take this course, you’ll be set on these field-engagement requirements.

## ELECTIVES & COURSE OPTIONS, BY CONCENTRATION

Note: Courses followed by an asterisk (\*) also satisfy the world-area elective requirement.

### Concentration 1: General Option

#### *Department of Anthropology*

Human Evolution (ANT 301)  
Human Osteology (ANT 302)  
Cultures of South America (ANT 305) \*  
Cultures of Brazil (ANT 306) \*  
Bioarchaeology of Food (ANT 310)  
North American Archaeology (ANT 312) \*  
New York State Archaeology (ANT 314) \*  
Historical Archaeology (ANT 315)  
Cannibalism: Archaeology and Ethnography (ANT 316)  
Exploring the Unknown (ANT 361)  
Race, Ethnicity and Inequality (ANT 362)  
Inequality and Human Health (ANT 364)  
Cultures of East Asia (ANT 370) \*  
Culture and Society of Vietnam (ANT 371) \*  
Anthro Selected Topic, by advisement (ANT 393)  
Religion and Culture (ANT 403)  
Political Anthropology (ANT 404)  
Anthropology of Morality (ANT 405)  
Visual Anthropology (ANT 407)  
Applied Anthropology (ANT 410)  
The Anthropology of Performance (ANT 414)  
The Archaeology of Death (ANT 415)  
Gender and Anthropology (ANT 421)  
Archaeological Field School (ANT 434)  
Seminar in Magic, Witchcraft and Sorcery (ANT 461)  
Anthropology Selected Topic, by advisement (ANT 493)

#### *Other Departments*

Nature & Science in 19th-Century American Art (ARH 354)  
Early Greek Art (ARH 365)  
Later Greek Art (ARH 366)  
The Art of Ancient Rome (ARH 367)  
The Art of Ancient Egypt (ARH 386)  
Introduction to Museum Studies (ARH 451)  
Blacks and the Media (BLK 310)  
Gender and Environment (GEO 331)  
Geography, Health and Environment (GEO 332)  
Ancient Near East (HIS 313)  
Health, Sociology & Justice (SOC 308) (prereq: SOC 100)  
Masculinities (WOM 322)  
Transnational Feminism (WOM 340)  
Latina Feminisms (WOM 353)  
Women and Health (WOM 415)  
Women in the Caribbean (WOM 430)

## **Concentration 2: Gender, Health & the Body**

### *Department of Anthropology*

Cannibalism: Archaeology and Ethnography (ANT 316)  
Inequality and Human Health (ANT 364)  
Anthro Selected Topic, by advisement (ANT 393)  
Anthropology of Morality (ANT 405)  
Anthropology of Performance (ANT 414)  
Archaeology of Death (ANT 415)  
Gender and Anthropology (ANT 421)  
Anthropology Selected Topic, by advisement (ANT 493)

### *Other Departments*

Gender and Environment (GEO 331)  
Geography, Health and Environment (GEO 332)  
Health, Sociology & Justice (SOC 308) (prereq: SOC 100)  
Masculinities (WOM 322)  
Transnational Feminism (WOM 340)  
Latina Feminisms (WOM 353)  
Women and Health (WOM 415)  
Women in the Caribbean (WOM 430)

## **Concentration 3: Representation & Identity**

### *Department of Anthropology*

Cultures of South America (ANT 305) \*  
Cultures of Brazil (ANT 306) \*  
North American Archaeology (ANT 312) \*  
New York State Archaeology (ANT 314) \*  
Historical Archaeology (ANT 315)  
Language and Culture (ANT 320)  
Culture & Society of Vietnam (ANT 371) \*  
Anthro Selected Topic, by advisement (ANT 393)  
Anthropology of Morality (ANT 405)  
Visual Anthropology (ANT 407)  
Anthropology of Performance (ANT 414)  
Anthropology Selected Topic, by advisement (ANT 493)

### *Other Departments*

Nature & Science in 19th-Century American Art (ARH 354)  
Early Greek Art (ARH 365)  
Later Greek Art (ARH 366)  
The Art of Ancient Rome (ARH 367)  
The Art of Ancient Egypt (ARH 386)  
Introduction to Museum Studies (ARH 451)  
Blacks and the Media (BLK 310)  
Media Criticism and Aesthetics (DMJ 343)  
Ancient Near East (HIS 313)