

# Anthropology and the Modern World

Penn Anthropology is embarking upon an exciting experiment. We are building a new and innovative Undergraduate Program around the theme—"Anthropology and the Modern World." Our goal is to generate an understanding of the cultural background of the world as we experience it in our everyday lives and as it informs the careers we choose.

Did you know, for instance, that corporations such as Intel have hired anthropologists to conduct "design ethnography" research, figuring out how people use electronic equipment in their daily lives in order to more intelligently design new technologies? Corporations today are discovering the relevance of anthropology to doing business, and this is one area in which you can be in the vanguard.

Did you know that anthropologists work as forensic experts, identifying people from physical remains or even convenience store video images? Did you know that we study human behavior under conditions of conflict and other extreme situations around the globe as well as working with plastic surgeons to investigate how culture constructs ideals of body and self?

Once you know what culture history teaches us about the cultural background to contemporary countries like Iraq—and events unfold around us—you will appreciate how shallow is the mass media coverage, and how much richer and multi-dimensional your understanding of present-day realities can be.

Our goal is to develop a series of dynamic new classes for undergraduates that will inform you about the relevance of anthropological research and methods to business, to medicine, to current events—in short, to the contemporary world.

We will continue our traditional rigorous training for majors. However, we believe that every informed citizen should—indeed, must—know something about the cultural dimensions of the present world in order to make sense of what is going on today. Whether you plan to go into business, government, medicine, law, or almost any other profession, a background in anthropology will serve you well.

Please join us as we endeavor to bring anthropological knowledge into contact with a fast-paced, high-powered modern world.

## **ANTHROPOLOGY**

Anthropology is broadly defined as the study of human diversity. As a discipline, it is made up of four related sub-fields: Cultural Anthropology, focusing on existing societies; Linguistic Anthropology, dealing with variability in language and the role of language in culture; Archaeology, studying past societies through material and written remains; and, Biological/Physical anthropology, focusing on human evolution and the interaction between culture and human biological variability.

PENN's Department of Anthropology continually strives to develop teaching programs for undergraduates that reflect the current state of Anthropology and its relationship to other disciplines and contemporary society. The Department emphasizes the integration of Anthropology's four sub-fields. Following this philosophy, the Anthropology major is designed to encourage students to experience the full breadth of the discipline, while providing flexibility to design a course of study best suited to their individual needs and/or interests.

Anthropology currently has some 86 undergraduate majors. Our majors have moved successfully into a wide range of professions and the holders of postgraduate degrees have distinguished themselves by their contributions to scholarship and service.

## **Declaring the Anthropology Major**

In order to declare Anthropology your major, you should first telephone the Undergraduate Coordinator at 215.746.0418 to make an appointment to meet with the Undergraduate Chair.

The Anthropology major consists of 14 credits, each taken for a grade. You may NOT take a class PASS/FAIL and count it toward your major. The Anthropology major covers the fields of Archaeology, Biological/Physical, and Cultural/Linguistic Anthropology. Though the Department encourages a broadly based education within Anthropology (and discourages specialization), you may nevertheless indicate one of these sub-fields as your concentration. The major also offers a specialized Human Biology concentration that will be described later.

All majors must take the required courses—ANTH 001, 002 (or 004), 003, plus two 100+ level courses in Cultural/Linguistic Anthropology and one 100+ level course in each of Biological/Physical Anthropology and Archaeology. The other seven units may be taken from one or any combination of these sub-fields, though you are encouraged to take as many as possible in all three fields. An Anthropology Freshman Seminar or a Writing about Anthropology (ANTH 009) course may be included here. You should also consider taking Statistics as well as a course in research methods appropriate to your field of concentration. A maximum of three non-anthropology courses (and those not already cross-listed with anthropology) can be applied to the major with the approval of the Undergraduate Chair, but these courses should be linked to a more general topic or theme in your concentration. The major also encourages Study Abroad.

# Anthropology Major Diagram

**I. Block I - Introductory Courses:**

1. Anth 001: Intro to Archaeology
2. Anth 002: Intro to Cultural Anthropology OR Anth 004: The Modern World and its Cultural Background
3. Anth 003: Intro to Human Evolution

**II. Block II - Two 100+ Level Courses in Cultural/Linguistics:**

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Block III - One 100+ Level Course each in Archaeology & Bio/Physical**

6. [Arch] \_\_\_\_\_
7. [Bio-Phy] \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Block IV - Seven courses from any combination of Archaeology, Biological/Physical, or Cultural/Linguistic fields (no more than 3 may be chosen from approved non-Anthropology courses):**

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11. \_\_\_\_\_
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13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HUMAN BIOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Anthropology students who wish to concentrate in Human Biology are expected to complete courses for a grade from four blocks. This concentration is designed for students who wish to study medicine, public health and medical anthropology. The first consists of the three introductory courses— ANTH 001, 002 (or 004), and 003. The second block consists of ANTH 243—Human Biology, plus two additional courses selected from a menu of courses in Biological/Physical fundamentals. The third block requires ANTH 238—Medical Anthropology, plus three additional courses selected from a menu emphasizing applied anthropological perspectives on health, nutrition, and medicine. The fourth block consists of four general electives. Any two additional Anthropology courses may be included here, and/or courses from other departments that have a biological/physical emphasis (but no more than two from any one department). A list of courses from other departments is suggestive, but since course offerings change frequently it is wise to consult with the Human Biology Advisor for advance approval of these courses. Students are encouraged to plan for a research project in their senior year under the mentorship of one of the affiliate faculty members.

## Human Biology Concentration Diagram

### Block I: Introductory Courses

1. ANTH 001: Intro to Archaeology
2. ANTH 002: Intro to Cultural Anthropology Or Anth 004: The Modern World and its Cultural Background
3. ANTH 003: Intro to Human Evolution

Block II: Biological/Physical Fundamentals (ANTH 243, plus any two from courses in ANTH with topics such as human evolution, genetics, skeletal biology & reproductive biology, i.e. 104, 122, 265 & 447)

4. ANTH 243: Human Biology \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Block III: Anthropological Perspectives on Health, Nutrition, and Medicine (ANTH 238, plus three additional courses from ANTH that focus on the anthropological perspectives on Health, Nutrition & Medicine, i.e. 230, 359, & 437)

7. ANTH 238: Medical Anthropology \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

Block IV: General Electives (Four courses; no more than two from any one department, including any two from Anthropology). The following list is suggestive: ANTH: any Anthropology course not used in Blocks II & III; BIBB; BIOL; FOLK; HSSC; PSYC; SARS; SOCI; STAT 111; URBS: 201.

11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_

It is highly advisable that you meet with a major advisor to discuss the Human Biology Major and how you would like to complete the requirements. The advisor can help you determine the courses that would best suit the major.

\*Note: Course numbers & titles may change from semester to semester, or year to year. Please check to confirm course numbers or for approval of a course not listed here.

## THE ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR

The Anthropology Minor consists of 6 courses taken for a grade, NOT PASS/FAIL. Minors are encouraged (but not required) to take the introductory courses to each sub-field, ANTH 001, 002 (or 004) and 003, and no more than four courses in one sub-field. Any cross-listed courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. To declare Anthropology as a minor, you should meet with the Undergraduate Chair. To make an appointment, contact the Undergraduate Coordinator (215.746.0418).

## ADVISING

The Undergraduate Chair, Dr. Clark Erickson ([cerickso@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:cerickso@sas.upenn.edu) or 215.898.2282) serves as advisor of record for all majors and minors, but students are encouraged to seek out individual faculty members with whom they share intellectual interests or simply feel comfortable for help in planning their curriculum or discussing any other academic concerns. Please feel free to contact the Undergraduate Advisor, Luke Fleming ([lfleming@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:lfleming@sas.upenn.edu) or 215.746.0418) for assistance with any questions regarding the major, the Human Biology Advisor, Janet Monge ([jmonge@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:jmonge@sas.upenn.edu) or 215.898.4503) with questions about the Human Biology Major or contact the Undergraduate Coordinator, Charlene Kwon (215.746.0418) for an appointment with the Undergraduate Chair.

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION

During the two-week advanced registration period, the Undergraduate Chair as well as the Undergraduate Advisor and Human Biology advisor will be available for extended office hours to discuss plans for the upcoming semester. For appointments, contact the Undergraduate Coordinator (215.746.0418).

## INDEPENDENT STUDY / RESEARCH

Independent study and work on a specific research project with a professor offers students the opportunity for an in-depth, hands-on research experience within the department. For more information, speak to the Undergraduate Chair or a faculty member with whom you are interested in working. Course credit as ANTH 199 can be given for pre-approved Independent Study and research work.

Students may link to several sites to explore the range of grants, awards and

fellowships available. All are worth visiting and most have links to homepages for specific fellowships and grants. The best place to start is the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, [www.upenn.edu/curf](http://www.upenn.edu/curf)

## DOMESTIC AND SUMMER CREDIT

Before you go away, you should receive pre-approval from the Undergraduate Chair for the courses that you wish to take. Please note that the pre-approval is only that – you will still need to seek official credit for the course from the Undergraduate Chair when you return. The Chair reserves the right to not accept a course even if it was pre-approved.

For pre-approval, you will need to bring the appropriate form (the Domestic and Summer Credit forms are available in the College Office, 120 Logan Hall or on-line at [www.college.upenn.edu/forms/forms.html](http://www.college.upenn.edu/forms/forms.html)), a copy of the course description and a note to the Chair describing the type of credit that you hope to receive for this course (credit for a course already offered at Penn, major credit or an elective credit). For credit after you have taken the course, please bring the appropriate form, a syllabus and any relevant readings, and a note to the chair outlining once again the type of credit that you would like to receive.

You will need to bring all of these items to the Undergraduate Coordinator in room 323B of the University Museum. The Coordinator will pass the forms to the Chair and when the forms have been completed, the Coordinator will contact you via email (unless otherwise specified) to let you know that the forms are available for pick-up in the “Pick-up Area” in the Department main office. Completed Credit Away forms and official transcripts should be sent to the College Office. Grades earned in courses away from Penn do not count in the Penn G.P.A. unless taken during the regular semester at Bryn Mawr, Haverford, or Swarthmore, or in Penn-sponsored

programs abroad. If you have questions, feel free to contact the Undergraduate Coordinator, 215.746.0418.

## **STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS, INTERNSHIPS & FIELD STUDIES**

Information pertaining to study abroad and summer opportunities is available on the Undergraduate Bulletin Board (located outside the departmental office room 325). You may also receive other information and announcements concerning field opportunities via the Majors or Minors listserv. For other information, please check the following websites:

- ❖ Undergraduate Advisory Board (UAB) (<http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~anthuab>) (<http://www.penn-undergrad-anthro-research.blogspot.com/>)
- ❖ University Museum ([www.museum.upenn.edu](http://www.museum.upenn.edu))
- ❖ National Science Foundation ([www.nsf.gov/funding](http://www.nsf.gov/funding))

Check these sources well in advance of when you intend to travel. For details, stop by the Office of International Programs, 3701 Chestnut Street, Suite 1W (International House) or visit them online at <http://www.upenn.edu/oip/>.

## **GRADUATING WITH HONORS**

In order to graduate with honors in Anthropology you must have a GPA of 3.5 for all courses applied to your major, and complete an Undergraduate Thesis. The Undergraduate Thesis involves the completion of a significant piece of independent research from the formulation of a problem, question or hypothesis, through analysis and write-up. It might be an expanded or improved version of a paper initially written for a course that demonstrates a capacity for independent research (providing that the course

professor and your thesis advisor approve). The Undergraduate Thesis might also be an outgrowth of an original research project, constituting a recognizable contribution to knowledge. You should begin to think about the Undergraduate Thesis in the Junior year but no later than the summer between Junior and Senior years, and should contact the Undergraduate Chair and an appropriate faculty supervisor or mentor as soon as you have a topic in mind. You must register for ANTH 300 in the Fall and/or ANTH 301 in the Spring of your senior year. ANTH 300 & 301 can be counted for major credit.

## **ANTHROPOLOGY PRIZE**

The **Anthropology Prize** is awarded to the student who submits the best Undergraduate Thesis in a given year. In order to be considered for this competition, your thesis must be submitted in final and complete form by approximately the end of March (the actual date varies from year to year and is determined by the deadline for printing the Commencement Program). The Anthropology Prize is awarded on advice of an Anthropology faculty committee, who read the submitted theses. The prizewinner is notified by the end of the term, and at the department's graduation reception in May is given a certificate and a small honorarium. In addition, the awardee's name is inscribed on a plaque in the Department of Anthropology and printed in the University's Commencement Program.

For more information about the Senior Thesis, including guidelines and examples of past submissions, please visit: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/anthro/thesisguide.html>

## **SUBMATRICULATION**

The Submatriculation program allows undergraduates to take graduate courses to obtain both undergraduate and graduate (MA or MS)

degrees in a total of four to five years. Four of the ten total required course units may be double-counted between both the Undergraduate and Graduate Divisions. The GRE general test, although encouraged, is not required. For further information visit the Department of Anthropology homepage online:

❖ <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/anthro>  
and make an appointment with the Undergraduate Chair and the Graduate Group Chair.

## LISTSERV

The Department of Anthropology has a listserv for all anthropology undergraduate majors. Information posted from the Undergraduate Chair includes lecture notices, field school opportunities, museum positions, course updates, and other information that will be beneficial to you as a major/minor. Also the Anthropology Undergraduate Advisory Board uses the listserv to relay information. After you officially declare Anthropology as a major, your name is automatically added to the listserv. To get your e-mail address added to the list in other circumstances, contact the Undergraduate Coordinator.

## RESOURCES

The **Department of Anthropology**  
Website is at

❖ [www.sas.upenn.edu/anthro/](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/anthro/)  
At this site, you will find updated information about the department as well as use links to related sites online. For information on the Undergraduate Program in Anthropology, use the following link

❖ [www.sas.upenn.edu/anthro/undergrad.html](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/anthro/undergrad.html).

You can also find more information on Undergraduate Events at the Anthropology Undergraduate Advisory Board webpage:

❖ <http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~anthuab>  
<http://www.penn-undergrad-anthro-research.blogspot.com/>

The **Anthropology Student Lounge** (Room 327) has couches and comfortable chairs, as well as computer terminals and a collection of mystery novels. Students gather in the lounge to talk and relax between classes and to eat lunch.

The **Undergraduate Research Room** in the Mainwaring Wing of the PennMuseum is available to students registered for Undergraduate Thesis Research (ANTH 300 (fall) or 301 (spring)) or Independent Research (ANTH 199), as well as to those who have obtained faculty permission. This room overlooks the entry garden of the PennMuseum and offers a quiet space for research and writing. The room is equipped with tables, chairs, computers, Internet access, and temporary storage.

## LIBRARY

The Museum Library is a quiet, well-equipped, research facility located on the third floor of the PennMuseum where students may study and research anthropological literature. The librarians, Dr. John Weeks, Anita Fahringer, Cheryl Tisdale, Jane Hill and other staff, are available to help students with their questions. The library hours during the school year are Sunday 1-5, Monday 9-5, Tuesday through Thursday 9-9, and Friday & Saturday 9-5. The Museum Library specializes in the four sub-fields of Anthropology and is filled with books, monographs, anthropology journals, special publications and other periodicals. Phone: 215.898.7840.

## DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIUM

The Department of Anthropology sponsors a colloquium series, in which faculty from other institutions, as well as from Penn, discuss their research and exchange ideas. Undergraduate students are welcomed and graduate students in the department are expected to attend. These talks are usually held in the Department on Mondays at 4:30 pm. For more information on upcoming speakers visit the calendar on Penn's home page. <http://www.upenn.edu/calendar/>.

## ANTHROPOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE ADVISORY BOARD

The Undergraduate Advisory Board (UAB) members serve as officers of the Undergraduate Anthropology Society (the body of all Anthropology majors and minors) and act as the official liaisons between undergraduate students and the faculty. The objectives of the UAB include: **1.** Promoting activities and events available to majors that strengthen relationships between students and faculty members; **2.** Advising the Undergraduate Chair on issues of importance and interest to undergraduate majors; and **3.** Increasing interaction among undergraduate anthropology majors to create a more cohesive educational experience.

Membership is open to all undergraduate anthropology students. The term for each Board member shall run from January to January. Elections will be held at the end of the fall term

each academic year, with turnover occurring in January. The UAB acts as a self-regulating, independent student organization. The UAB is under the leadership of the Chair (who must be a rising senior when elected). The Chair will organize and run all meetings with the aid and advice of the Vice Chair.

Projects for the upcoming school year include organizing the welcome-back receptions and updating this handbook each semester on the web, workshops, and sponsoring various faculty and student panels throughout the year.

Contact the anthropology UAB via e-mail at [anthuab@dolphin.upenn.edu](mailto:anthuab@dolphin.upenn.edu). For more information, please visit our web site, which contains an updated list of activities, board members, and this handbook at

❖ <http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~anthuab>

## FOR APPOINTMENTS

Contact the Undergraduate Coordinator for appointments with the Undergraduate Chair. The department office is in Room 325, PennMuseum, phone: 215.898.7461. You may also contact the following people directly:

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY  
& ANTHROPOLOGY  
(PennMuseum)**

The Department of Anthropology is fortunate to be housed in the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (PennMuseum), which is free to students with valid PennID. Students with a valid Penn ID visit any of the UPenn Museum galleries Tuesday through Saturday 10 AM to 4:30 PM or Sunday 1 PM to 5 PM. The PennMuseum is one of the premier cultural institutions in the world. Dedicated to the exploration of cultures around the world, culture history, and the understanding of cultural diversity, the PennMuseum's anthropologists and archaeologists have conducted more than 350 expeditions to all the inhabited continents. Founded in 1887, the PennMuseum is internationally renowned for its unique worldwide collections of archaeological and ethnographic materials. The PennMuseum collections include more than 1,500,000 artifacts from Asia, the Near East, Greece, Italy, Africa, Egypt, the Middle East, the Pacific Islands, and the Americas.

The PennMuseum is home to an experienced staff of scholars, scientists, researchers, students and volunteers. In addition to conducting research in distant parts of the

world, they work in the PennMuseum analyzing new materials, perfecting scientific techniques, preserving, writing, teaching, and sharing their knowledge of the development of human culture. Through Work Study Positions or as a volunteer at the PennMuseum, you can get your hands into the rich source of material, of ideas, and of opportunities for relationships from virtually around the world. Visit

❖ [www.museum.upenn.edu](http://www.museum.upenn.edu)

for more information.

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