Anthropology Course List

100 Level Courses

ANTH100A Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Basic concepts and methods of anthropology; culture and race; comparative study of social systems, religion, symbolism, art, and other institutions. Examples are drawn from a variety of cultures.

ANTH103 Introduction to World Archaeology
Survey of world archaeology, from the emergence of humankind to the beginning of state societies.

200 Level Courses

ANTH201A Ethnic Relations
An introduction to the study of the relations between ethnic groups and of the interplay between ethnicity and other social factors. The course examines such concepts as: ethnicity, racism, prejudice, discrimination, assimilation, and multiculturalism. Ordinarily the course deals with ethnic groups in British Columbia, and students are expected to carry out elementary research projects.

ANTH202A Contemporary Social Problems
Cultural background to contemporary events; problems of nationalism and regional conflicts, economic and social development, gender, religion and social change. Course may stress a different region of the world in different years.

ANTH203 Methods of Anthropological Archaeology
Introduces the methods and principles applied in anthropological archaeology and cultural-historical research.

ANTH213 Women in Comparative Perspective
An exploration of topics from Anthropology focusing on explanations, in current and historical perspective, for variations in the situation of women.

ANTH214 The Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective
A cross-cultural comparison of family and kinship to provide an understanding of variations in the structure and meaning of marriage relations; forms of domestic organization; and the sexual division of labour, property, and inheritance.
ANTH215 Japanese Popular Culture
Television shows, dramas, movies, advertising, marketing, manga (Japanese style "comics"), anime (Japanese animation), theatrical forms, popular literature, popular music, fashion fads, tourism, toys, and sports

ANTH217 Culture and Communication
The study of communication; the relation between communication and its cultural context with emphasis on verbal and non-verbal communication, cross-cultural communication, and cultural differences in the use of oral, literate, and electronic media.

ANTH220 First Nations of British Columbia
The cultures, languages, and resources of First Nations, with anthropological perspectives on colonization and development.

ANTH221 Contemporary Indigenous Cultural Expressions
Forms and styles of indigenous expressive arts, and their current place in the lives of Indigenous Peoples.

ANTH225 Human Origins
The origin and evolution of the human lineage.

ANTH227 Culture, Health and Illness
Health, illness, sickness and disease in their social and cultural contexts; a cross-cultural examination.

ANTH228 Forensic Anthropology
The application of methods from biological anthropology and archaeology to the identification, recovery, and analysis of skeletal remains from crime scenes, mass disasters, and unexplained deaths.

ANTH231 Ancient North America
Introductory survey of North American archaeology comparing the ancient cultures from all major regions of Canada and the US.

ANTH232 Ancient Latin America
The archaeology of ancient Mexico, Central and South America, highlighting recent discoveries about the emergence and growth of civilizations such as the Aztecs, Maya, Zapotec, Inca, Chimor and their ancestors.

ANTH241 Introduction to Museums and Museology
The critical study of anthropology museums as social institutions and material culture research and classification from the late 19th century to the present day.
300 Level Courses

ANTH300A Contemporary Anthropological Theory
Contemporary approaches to society and culture in anthropology.

ANTH303A Ethnography of Special Areas
A specialized study of ethnographic and theoretical problems in one area. Different culture areas or regions may be selected each term. Consult the Department for this year’s offerings.

ANTH303B Ethnography of Special Areas
A specialized study of ethnographic and theoretical problems in one area. Different culture areas or regions may be selected each term. Consult the Department for this year’s offerings.

ANTH303C Ethnography of Special Areas
A specialized study of ethnographic and theoretical problems in one area. Different culture areas or regions may be selected each term. Consult the Department for this year’s offerings.

ANTH304A Ethnography of the Northwest Coast
Specialized study of ethnographic and theoretical problems of the region.

ANTH305 Archaeological Method and Theory
Current theoretical developments explored through the practice of archaeology. Examples drawn from a range of times and places focusing on emerging technologies, food production, colonial encounters and culture contact, materiality and symbolic systems, social inequality and complexity, and human-environmental interactions.

ANTH317A Linguistic Anthropology
A survey of the ethnographic uses of language data and the techniques of linguistic analysis.

ANTH318 Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherer-Forager-Societies
Early hunter-gatherer-forager societies, spanning the period from the emergence of the first tool-using hominins to the origins of agriculture.

ANTH322 Archaeological Foundations of East and Southeast Asia
Survey of the archaeology of East and Southeast Asia, with an emphasis on the beginnings of the economic, social, political, and artistic traditions and systems of the great civilizations, and the conditions in which they arose. Theories of cultural development emphasizing Neolithic and state-level societies will be discussed.
ANTH323 Archaeological Foundations of Mesoamerica
Archaeology of Mesoamerica, concentrating on the origins and development of complex society; theories of the evolution of the archaeological evidence.

ANTH325A Paleoanthropology
Origin and development of the hominins; the hominin fossil record, and theories relating to hominin evolution.

ANTH326 Primatology
A comprehensive survey of primates, with emphasis on evolution, ecology, social organization, social behaviour, and field studies.

ANTH330 Anthropology of Rural Peoples and the Global Economy
A comparative study of rural peoples (such as small-scale horticulturists, artisans and craft workers, peasants, fisherfolk, or industrial/manufacturing workers) in the global economy.

ANTH331A Art, Aesthetics and Anthropology
Anthropological perspectives on art, aesthetics, and expressive culture.

ANTH332 Oral Tradition
An ethnographic perspective on the dynamics of oral tradition in various oral and literate cultures; the characteristics and roles of oral genres including folktale, genealogy, oral history, autobiography, and myth in these societies; and the relationship between orality and literacy.

ANTH341A Museums, Heritage and Memory
Museums, galleries, monuments, and other cultural institutions' relations to our perception of history and geography.

ANTH351A Ethnography of the Pacific Islands: Melanesia
Major cultural groupings in Melanesia, emphasizing both traditional cultures and the incorporation of the region into modern international institutions.

ANTH378 Anthropology of Media
Analysis of contemporary mass media and of the anthropological use of media (photography, film, digital audio and video, etc.).
**400 Level Courses**

**ANTH400A History of Anthropology**  
The development of anthropological theory and practice in institutional contexts.

**ANTH403B Ethnography of Special Areas**  
An advanced study of ethnographic and theoretical problems. A different region may be studied each term.

**ANTH404 Ethnography in Circumpolar North: Comparative Perspectives**  
An examination of relationships between indigenous people and nation states in Greenland, Canada, Alaska and Siberia, using ethnographic methods.

**ANTH405 Archaeological and Anthropological Mapping**  
Current methods in mapping spatial information in archaeology and related subfields of anthropology.

**ANTH406A Analytical Techniques in Archaeology**  
A survey of methods and techniques in the interpretation of archaeological data; practical experience in processing and analyzing archaeological materials by means of a research project. Students will prepare manuscripts, drawings and photographs for publication and will learn the basics of lithic and faunal analyses.

**ANTH407 Principles of Field Work**  
An examination of field work as the basic setting for ethnographic research. Research design; relationships with study participants, field techniques, and data analysis and presentation.

**ANTH409A Topics in Applied Anthropology**  
Advanced study of the theory and practice of applied, action, and consultancy anthropology. Topics may include the application of anthropology to questions of aboriginal rights and title, education, medicine, development, women and development, tourism, and other social issues.

**ANTH413A Family and Kinship**  
A cross-cultural survey of ways of defining family relationships and kinship organizations, including theoretical analysis as well as case studies.

**ANTH415A Religion and Society**  
Comparative study of religious beliefs, practices, and movements; relations between religious, social, and political institutions; religion as a force for stability and change; anthropological/sociological theories of religion.
ANTH417B Language, Culture, and Cognition
The relationships between linguistic and cultural phenomena; how language affects normative and cognitive systems of thought and behaviour.

ANTH418 Anthropological Statistics
Applications of statistical techniques to quantitative and qualitative data in Anthropology.

ANTH428 Medicine, Society, and Culture
A medical anthropological perspective on medical science, technology, translational research, and clinical practice, in laboratory, clinic, family, social, and cultural contexts. Topics include explanatory models of health, acute and chronic illness, disability; social and cultural dimensions genetics; clinical interaction.

ANTH429 Global Health in Cross-Cultural Contexts
Includes examination of the social and cultural dimensions of specific life-threatening emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, the political economy of health, cultural interpretations of illness and healing, medical pluralism, therapy management, and the cultural construction of efficacy.

ANTH431C Museum Practice and Curatorship
Management of museum collections and their public presentation, addressing questions of access, collaboration, and cultural property. The public interpretation of anthropological concepts and materials utilizing the programs and facilities of the Museum of Anthropology.

ANTH433A Directed Studies
General reading and/or a research undertaking, with the agreement, and under the supervision, of a Department faculty member selected by the student. No more than six credits of Directed Studies may be taken for credit toward the Major or Honours program.

ANTH433C Directed Studies
General reading and/or a research undertaking, with the agreement, and under the supervision, of a Department faculty member selected by the student. No more than six credits of Directed Studies may be taken for credit toward the Major or Honours program.

ANTH449A Honours Tutorial
Will usually require the presentation of at least one research paper.

ANTH452 Conservation of Inorganic Materials
Conservation of inorganic materials within a museum environment; the nature of materials, mechanisms of deterioration and principles of preventive conservation. Recommended for students intending to work with cultural materials.
ANTH470A Topics in Contemporary Theory
Selected topics in contemporary social and cultural theory which contribute to anthropological analyses. Topics may include Marxist anthropology, critical theory, theories of culture, phenomenology, behavioural ecology, structuralism, hermeneutics, formal theory and examination of specific social theorists.

ANTH478A Ethnographic Film Methods
Ethnographic digital video production, including methods of ethnographic fieldwork, creation of field notes, and research design; basics of digital video planning, production, and editing. Production fees are charged for this course. Prerequisite: ANTH 378 is recommended.