ANTHROPOLOGY - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Anthropology
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About This Program

Looking for a fascinating new perspective on the world around you? Our Anthropology Bachelor's degree program might just be what you're looking for. With a diverse array of courses and opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research, your journey of discovery starts today. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Anthropologists and archeologists

- 5.2% faster than the average
- 8,000 number of jobs
- $66,130 potential earnings

Anthropology and archeology teachers, postsecondary

- 4.4% about as fast as the average
- 7,200 number of jobs
- $89,220 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
ANTH 18210	INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG) (KSS)	3
ANTH 18420	INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (DIVG) (KSS)	3
ANTH 18630	HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS)	3
ANTH 18631	ISSUES IN HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ANTH 38490	QUANTITATIVE ANTHROPOLOGY	3
or ANTH 48001	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN ANTHROPOLOGY	
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)		12
Archaeology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 38480	ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS (ELR) (WIC) [1]	
ANTH 48010	NORTH AMERICA'S ICE AGE HUNTERS	
ANTH 48225	ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH (ELR) (WIC) [1]	
ANTH 48242	ARCHAEOLOGICAL CERAMICS	
ANTH 48440	ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT OHIO	
ANTH 48450	ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS	
ANTH 48492	ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS (ELR)	
Cultural Anthropology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 48150	RELIGION: A SEARCH FOR A MEANING	
ANTH 48214	POLITICS OF CULTURE (ELR) (WIC) [1]	
ANTH 48220	CULTURAL ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY	
ANTH 48245	PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG)	
ANTH 48250	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG)	
ANTH 48262	PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF AMAZONIA (DIVG)	
ANTH 48280	BEING HUMAN: SIGNS AND SYMBOLS	

ANTH 48360	ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY (DIVG)	
Biological Anthropology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 28300	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC GENETICS	
ANTH 38680	PRIMATE SOCIETIES	
ANTH 48623	HUMAN VARIATION	
ANTH 48810	HUMAN PALEONTOLOGY	
ANTH 48820	HUMAN MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	
ANTH 48835	PRIMATE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION	
ANTH 48850	NATURAL SELECTION ACCORDING TO DARWIN	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		3
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		3
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credits hour, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		44
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**120**

[1] A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- To fulfill the diversity requirement, students must take a domestic diversity course that is not an ANTH course.

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.[1]

To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options[2]:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:

   - Intermediate I of the same language
   - ARAB 21401
   - ASL 19401
   - CHIN 25421
   - MCLS 10001
   - MCLS 20001
   - MCLS 20091
   - MCLS 21417
   - MCLS 21420
   - MCLS 22217
   - MCLS 28403
   - MCLS 28404

[1] All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

[2] Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

			Credits
	Semester One		
!	ANTH 18210 or ANTH 18420	INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG) (KSS) or INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (DIVG) (KSS)	3
	UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
	Foreign Language		4
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Credit Hours		**14**
	Semester Two		
!	ANTH 18210 or ANTH 18420	INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG) (KSS) or INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (DIVG) (KSS)	3
	Foreign Language		4
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Credit Hours		**16**
	Semester Three		
	Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
	Foreign Language		3
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	Credit Hours		**15**
	Semester Four		
!	ANTH 18630	HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS)	3
	ANTH 18631	ISSUES IN HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS) (KLAB)	1
	Foreign Language		3
	Kent Core Requirement		3
	General Electives		6
	Credit Hours		**16**

Semester Five		
ANTH 38490 or ANTH 48001	QUANTITATIVE ANTHROPOLOGY or QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN ANTHROPOLOGY	3
Archaeology Elective		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		**15**
Semester Six		
Cultural Anthropology Elective		3
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		**15**
Semester Seven		
! Biological Anthropology Elective		3
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		**15**
Semester Eight		
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		11
Credit Hours		**14**
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**120**

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	**36-37**

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Learn how anthropologists investigate the past using the methods of social scientists.
2. Demonstrate comprehension of anthropology's special role in making archaeology, particularly the study of prehistoric Mexico and Ohio, come to life and become relevant for them.
3. Gain a special appreciation of archaeology's other mandate—the need to conserve the precious heritage of the archaeological record, not only Ohio's but that of all of the eastern woodlands, and the Americas as well.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of biological anthropology as the most relevant evolution science, the one that gives them an appreciation of their place in nature.
5. See the two dimensions of human evolution and adaptation: a global one (modern human variation) and a temporal one (human origins). Both dimensions require an appreciation of the neo-Darwinian theory of evolution, which includes both the process of natural selection and the roles which genetics and developmental biology play.
6. Achieve a holistic view of human cultures and an extensive knowledge base of diverse human behavior.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology focuses on human cultural and biological diversity and the impact on past and present environments. Anthropology's relevance to other areas of study — including sociology, social-psychology, biology and pre-medicine — links it to culture area studies, community planning and public health.

The Anthropology major provides in-depth area studies in cultural anthropology, archaeology and biological anthropology. Students who focus on the biological aspect of human evolution benefit from the freshman-level human evolution laboratory.