DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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Undergraduate Programs

- Anthropology - B.A.
- Anthropology - B.S.

Minors

- Anthropology
- Forensic Anthropology
- Medical Anthropology

Graduate Programs

- Anthropology - M.A.

Department of Anthropology Faculty

- Bebber, Michelle R. (2019), Assistant Professor
- Eren, Metin (2016), Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, 2011
- Lovejoy, Claude O. (1968), Distinguished Professor, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1970
- Meindl, Richard (1979), Professor, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1979
- Perusek, David J. (1998), Associate Professor, L.S.M., Kent State University, 1989
- Spurlock, Linda B. (1993), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 2001
- Stumpf-Carome, Jeanne M. (1994), Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1992
- Takeshita, Rafaela S. (2019), Assistant Professor
- Tosi, Anthony J. (2014), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Columbia University, 2000

ANTH 18095 SPECIAL TOPICS ANTHROPOLOGY 3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Special Topics in Anthropology offered irregularly when unusual resources or opportunities exist. Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, TAG Social and Behavioral Sciences, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

ANTH 18210 GLOBAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY: ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVG) (KSS) 3 Credit Hours
This introductory course in cultural anthropology examines the culture concept, the diverse ways of life found in communities around the world, and attempts by anthropologists and other social scientists to understand the commonalities underlying our diversity. It explores how individual lives are shaped by broader cultural and social forces, how people create meaning, and the nature of power relations. Students will gain insight into the potential of anthropological findings to help resolve contemporary human problems.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global, Kent Core Social Sciences, TAG Social and Behavioral Sciences, Transfer Module Social Sciences

ANTH 18230 INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY 3 Credit Hours
Forensic anthropology is the application of biological anthropology in a medico-legal context. The tools of archaeology and biological anthropology are used to discover, recover and identify human remains. Topics include human osteology, determining the biological profile (sex, age, ancestry and stature), facial reconstruction, establishing a positive I.D., trauma to bone, stages of decomposition, the role of insects in decomposition, and issues of mass graves.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 18420 INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (DIVG) (KSS) 3 Credit Hours
Archaeology is the study of the human past using material remains. The themes of time change and human diversity will be emphasized as students learn about ancient societies and how they teach us about ourselves. We will survey prehistoric and ancient human existence, from our earliest bipedal ancestors between 5 and 10 million years ago until the beginnings of complex society.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global, Kent Core Social Sciences, TAG Social and Behavioral Sciences, Transfer Module Social Sciences

ANTH 18630 HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS) 3 Credit Hours
Introduction to basic evolutionary theory with a focus on the emergence and progressive development of the human species during the last five million years. Includes related topics such as primate behavior and human variation.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, TAG Social and Behavioral Sciences, Transfer Module Natural Sciences
ANTH 18631  ISSUES IN HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS) (KLAB)  1 Credit Hour
Laboratory study of primate and human anatomy; human paleontology; Mendelian, molecular and human genetics; and primate behavior, ecology and conservation.
Pre/corequisite: ANTH 18630.
Schedule Type: Laboratory
Contact Hours: 1 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

ANTH 28095  SPECIAL TOPICS ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Special Topics in Anthropology offered irregularly when unusual resources or opportunities exist. Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 28300  INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC GENETICS  3 Credit Hours
Forensic genetics is a field in which the properties of proteins and nucleic acids (genes) are utilized to identify the person that produced them; for example, whose DNA is on a gun trigger? This is the first in a two-course series. This course provides a foundation in basic genetic principles and methods relevant to criminal investigation and victim identification. Topics include introduction and history of molecular forensics, crime scene evidence, serology (blood, semen, saliva), blood spatter, chromosome structure, principles of inheritance, linkage and crossing over, microsatellites (STRs), DNA extraction methods, standard PCR, capillary electrophoresis, mitochondrial DNA, sex chromosomes, basic population genetics, and CODIS database.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18230 or ANTH 18630.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 38480  ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS (ELR) (WIC)  3 Credit Hours
Methods necessary for the description and laboratory analysis of prehistoric remains. Course will include laboratory exercises as well as class lectures.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18420.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement, Writing Intensive Course

ANTH 38680  PRIMATE SOCIETIES  3 Credit Hours
This course will be a survey of the behavior of living primates. Topics covered include reproductive and foraging strategies, social structure and primate conservation. Antecedent human behavior will also be considered.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18630.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48001  QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58001) This course covers the qualitative research methods employed by anthropologists to collect and analyze data. Students will gain skills in ethnography, research design and analysis, and the ethical responsibilities associated with data collection and storage.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48010  NORTH AMERICA’S ICE AGE HUNTERS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58010) This class is an in-depth study of the Clovis people, their culture, their technology, their ancestors, and their progeny. The Clovis culture represents the first peoples of North America during the Pleistocene (Ice Age), over 13,000 years ago. These first Americans were colonizers to the New World, and tackled a dangerous and unfamiliar landscape.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18420.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 48092  FORENSIC ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL (ELR)  3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with ANTH 58092) This course provides students with practical experience in archaeological fieldwork in the context of a mock crime scene. Students will excavate a complex burial feature. Surface survey, excavation and recording techniques, field drawing, and processing of bones and artifacts will be taught.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18230 or ANTH 18630.  
Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture, Practical Experience  
Contact Hours: 1 lecture, 3 lab, 3 other  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

ANTH 48093  VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN ANTHROPOLOGY  1-6 Credit Hours  
(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with ANTH 58093) Classroom discussions and field study activity focused on professional and disciplinary concerns. Specific content varies with workshop group.  
Prerequisite: Special approval.  
Schedule Type: Workshop  
Contact Hours: 1-6 other  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

ANTH 48095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours  
(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with ANTH 58095) Offered irregularly when unusual resources and/or opportunities permit. Topic announced when scheduled.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210 or 18420.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48150  RELIGION: A SEARCH FOR A MEANING  3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with ANTH 58150) This course teaches students the anthropological approaches to the study of religious beliefs and practices, as well as the role of religion in bringing about social change. Topics covered include: ritual, myth, witchcraft, sorcery, shamanism, syncretism, secularism and fundamentalism. Students will appreciate the diversity of ways in which religion is manifested cross-culturally and understand the different roles that religious beliefs play in human life. Students with Junior standing or above may request that the prerequisite be waived.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48212  KINSHIP AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours  
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58212) This course employs cross-cultural approaches to the understanding of marriage, family organization, descent and kinship systems.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Attributes: Diversity Global

ANTH 48214  POLITICS OF CULTURE (ELR) (WIC)  3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with ANTH 58214) Addresses the way in which culture has been politicized, and looks at such issues as cultural relativism and objectivity in anthropological studies with reference to specific peoples and geographic areas.  
Prerequisite: None.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement, Writing Intensive Course

ANTH 48220  CULTURAL ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY  3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with ANTH 58220) Exploration of the dynamic relationship between socio-cultural systems and physical-biological environment through Anthropology’s comparative perspective on the crucial contemporary need to foster a sustainable society.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48225  ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH (ELR) (WIC)  3 Credit Hours  
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58225) Archaeologists study cemeteries to learn how societies treat their dead, as well as work at mass disaster scenes, and clandestine graves. They aid law enforcement in many situations where human remains have been skeletonized. This course will provide students with an understanding of the processes and procedures involved in each.  
Prerequisite: None.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48227  ARCHAEOLOGICAL CERAMICS  3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with ANTH 58230) Analysis of institutional change where human remains have been skeletonized. This course will provide students with an understanding of the processes and procedures involved in each.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48230  SOCIO-CULTURAL CHANGE  3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with ANTH 58230) Analysis of institutional change where peoples of different cultures are in sustained contact.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48242  ARCHAEOLOGICAL CERAMICS  3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with ANTH 58242) This course will provide students with essential archaeological knowledge of ceramic materials via lecture and hands-on learning activities. Pottery will be addressed in a holistic manner, starting with its geochimical origins, through the various ways humans have sourced and manipulated this versatile raw material, as well as standard archaeological methods for study and interpretation. Ceramic materials from cultures all around the world will be discussed in depth to reveal both functional and social significance.  
Prerequisite: ANTH 18420.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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ANTH 48245  PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58245) Overview of psychological anthropology. Includes comparative cross-cultural socialization and personality development; group and national character; relationship of personality to politics, social and occupational roles, and recent explorations of the relationship between culture and cognition. Examines contributions by leading figures, from Freud, Boas, Benedict, and Whorf through modern studies of spatial cognition and navigation.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210 or PSYC 11762.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

ANTH 48250  MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58250) This course teaches students the central concepts and methods of medical anthropology, treating illness and healing as biocultural, political and experiential phenomena. The course considers both the specificity of local medical cultures and the complex interactions among the environment, human behavior and political and economic policies that shape them. The course will sensitized students to cultural issues in sickness and health care, and provide some critical analytic concepts and tools. Students with JUNIOR standing or above may request that the prerequisite be waived.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210 or ANTH 18630.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

ANTH 48262  PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF AMAZONIA (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58262) This course introduces students to the cultural traditions of Lowland South American peoples. Through a variety of ethnographic readings and films students will explore key anthropological themes such as the relationship between 'nature' and 'culture', gender relations, violence, anthropological ethics and the impacts of colonialism and globalization. Topics covered include: cosmology, personhood, ritual practices, sorcery, shamanism, gender and indigenous activism. Students with Junior standing or above may request that the prerequisite be waived.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

ANTH 48280  BEING HUMAN: SIGNS AND SYMBOLS  3 Credit Hours
An exploration of semiotic anthropology, the study of the production and communication of meaning through signs and symbols in human life, from both a humanistic and a scientific perspective. Special emphasis is on what it means to be human from a spatial as well as an evolutionary perspective as it relates to our sustainability crisis. The topic is crucial to our species, and to life on earth more generally, given the current globalization of modernity and the propagation of its non-sustainable definition of human being.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or above.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48295  SPECIAL TOPICS IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
Special topics in anthropology offered irregularly when unusual resources or opportunities exist. Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48300  ADVANCED FORENSIC GENETICS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58300) Forensic genetics is a field in which the properties of proteins and nucleic acids (genes) are utilized to identify the person that produced them. This is the second in a two-course series, and it focuses on the analysis and interpretation of molecular forensic data, as used in criminal investigations. Topics include quantitative PCR, capillary electrophoresis and electrophoretic artifacts, NRC and ISFG recommendations, CODIS database, familial searches, low-copy DNA, mixture deduction, forensic statistics, missing persons, paternity tests, mass disaster identifications, quality control, accreditations and validations, courtroom testimony, legal challenges to DNA typing, and new approaches and technologies.
Prerequisite: ANTH 28300.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48360  ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58360) This course examines how people experience gender – what it means to be a man or woman – and sexuality in a variety of historical and cultural contexts. It explores how gender and sexuality intersect with other categories such as race, social class, and other markers of self and societal status. Students will gain a greater sense of the diversity of human social practices and beliefs regarding gender and sexuality across cultures. Students with Junior standing or above may request that the prerequisite be waived.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

ANTH 48425  ANCIENT MESOAMERICA  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58425) Comparative analysis of Mesoamerican societies from the arrival of the first Americans over 10,000 years ago to European colonization in the 16th century A.D., including major pre-Columbian civilizations.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18420.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48440  ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT OHIO  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58440) Cultural evolution and human-environmental relationships in the ancient Ohio region documenting an 11,000 year period from initial occupation to the beginning of European written history.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18420.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 48450  ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58450) This course will explore the mechanisms involved in the development of early complex societies around the globe. Students will be introduced to cross-cultural comparative analysis to explore theories regarding the rise of the state in various ecological environments, as well as other causal explanations and organizational parameters associated with ancient state formation and maintenance.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18420.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48492  ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS (ELR)  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with ANTH 58492) Field and laboratory techniques in archaeological research.
Prerequisite: Special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture, Practical Experience
Contact Hours: 1.66 lecture, 4 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

ANTH 48495  SPECIAL TOPICS IN ARCHAEOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
Special topics in anthropology offered irregularly when unusual resources or opportunities exist. Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18420.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48550  FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE COURTROOM  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58550) This course will provide Students with an understanding of the types of biological forensic data utilized in court, and the strengths and weaknesses of these data. Though multiple types of analyses will be discussed, emphasis will be placed on DNA (STR) data, as it is the predominant type of biological evidence used today. The course will also cover the steps required to determine whether a new type of analysis is admissible at trial. Basic courtroom procedures, biases in data interpretation and presentation, case studies, and moot courts will be included.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48623  HUMAN VARIATION  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58623) A detailed anthropological examination of the causes and extent of modern human variability.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48630  PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURES (DIVG)  3 Credit Hours
Peoples and characteristics of culture areas of Pacific Islands, including Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia with analysis of several representative cultures from these areas.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18210.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global

ANTH 48695  SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
Special topics in anthropology offered irregularly when unusual resources or opportunities exist. Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18630.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48810  HUMAN PALEONTOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58810) Study of primate fossils of the Miocene and Pliocene to include the origins of humans and their earliest ancestors.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18630.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48820  HUMAN MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58820) A largely hands-on course introducing the study of human anatomy for students interested in biological anthropology and archaeology. Topics include skeletal and functional anatomy biomechanics and estimation of age and sex from isolated bones.
Prerequisite: Junior standing or above.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48830  HUMAN BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION (DIVG) (ELR) (WIC)  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 58830) How "unique" is human behavior? Using an evolutionary perspective, we will explore the evolution of human mating systems and parental investment.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18630 or BSCI 30156.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global, Experiential Learning Requirement, Writing Intensive Course

ANTH 48835  PRIMATE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58835) Study of the geographic distribution and evolutionary ecology of prosimians, monkeys and apes and human and climatic effects on their long-term survival.
Prerequisite: ANTH 18630 or ANTH 38680 or BSCI 10120.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 48850  NATURAL SELECTION ACCORDING TO DARWIN  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58850) Darwin’s Origin of Species transformed our understanding of the natural world. Although he was not aware of the biological constituents of inheritance (i.e. genetics and the modern synthesis), his three ingredients for a system of descent with modification – variation, inheritance, and sorting – were wildly influential. This course will not only explore how Darwin understood his monumental theory, but also show that Darwin’s original proposal explains both biological and cultural evolution. Students will gain an understanding of how Darwin’s theory provided a foundation for modern anthropological thought and continues to inform anthropological queries.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 48889  INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (ELR)  1-4 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 58889) Faculty-led study abroad experiences.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: International Experience
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

ANTH 58001  QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 48001) This course covers the qualitative research methods employed by anthropologists to collect and analyze data. Students will gain skills in ethnography, research design and analysis, and the ethical responsibilities associated with data collection and storage.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58010  NORTH AMERICA’S ICE AGE HUNTERS  3 Credit Hours
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Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58092  FORENSIC ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 48092) This course provides students with practical experience in archaeological fieldwork in the context of a mock crime scene. Students will excavate a complex burial feature. Surface survey, excavation and recording techniques, field drawing, and processing of bones and artifacts will be taught.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.
Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture, Practical Experience
Contact Hours: 1 lecture, 3 lab, 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with ANTH 48095) Offered irregularly when unusual resources and/or opportunities permit.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58150  RELIGION: A SEARCH FOR MEANING  3 Credit Hours
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Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58212  KINSHIP AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48212) This course employs cross-cultural approaches to the understanding of marriage, family organization, descent and kinship system.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58214  POLITICS OF CULTURE  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 48214) This course will address the way in which culture has been politicized. It will look at issues such as cultural relativism and objectivity in anthropological studies with reference to specific peoples and geographic areas.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
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ANTH 58220  CULTURAL ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY  3 Credit Hours
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Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 58230  SOCIO-CULTURAL CHANGE  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48230) Analysis of institutional changes where peoples of different cultures are in sustained contact.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58242  ARCHAEOLOGICAL CERAMICS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with 48242) This course will provide students with essential archaeological knowledge of ceramic materials via lectures and hands-on learning activities. Pottery will be addressed in a holistic manner, starting with its geochemical origins, through the various ways humans have sourced and manipulated this versatile raw material, as well as standard archaeological methods for study and interpretation. Ceramic materials from cultures all around the world will be discussed in depth to reveal both functional and social significance.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58245  PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
(Training with 48245) Overview of psychological anthropology. Includes comparative cross-cultural socialization and personality development; group and national character; relationship of personality to politics, social and occupational roles, and recent explorations of the relationship between culture and cognition. Examines contributions by leading figures, from Freud, Boas, Benedict, and Whorf through modern studies of spatial cognition and navigation.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58250  MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48250) This course teaches students the central concepts and methods of medical anthropology, treating illness and healing as biocultural, political and experiential phenomena. The course considers both the specificity of local medical cultures and the complex interactions among the environment, human behavior and political and economic policies that shape them. The course will sensitize students to cultural issues in sickness and health care, and provide some critical analytic concepts and tools.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58262  PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF AMAZONIA  3 Credit Hours
(Training with 48262) This course introduces students to the cultural traditions of Lowland South American peoples. Through a variety of ethnographic readings and films students will explore key anthropological themes such as the relationship between ‘nature’ and ‘culture’, gender relations, violence, anthropological ethics and the impacts of colonialism and globalization. Topics covered include: cosmology, personhood, ritual practices, sorcery, shamanism, gender and indigenous activism.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
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ANTH 58295  SPECIAL TOPICS IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY  3 Credit Hours
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ANTH 58300  ADVANCED FORENSIC GENETICS  3 Credit Hours
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Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58325  ANCIENT MESOAMERICA  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48425) Comparative analysis of Mesoamerican societies from the arrival of the first Americans over 10,000 years ago to European colonization in the 16th century A.D., including major pre-Columbian civilizations.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58340  ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT OHIO  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48440) Cultural evolution and human-environmental relationships in the ancient Ohio region documenting an 11,000 year period from initial occupation to the beginning of European written history.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 58450   ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS   3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48450) This course will explore the mechanisms involved in the development of early complex societies around the globe. Students will be introduced to cross-cultural comparative analysis to explore theories regarding the rise of the state in various ecological environments, as well as other causal explanations and organizational parameters associated with ancient state formation and maintenance.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58492   ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS   3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) (Cross-listed with ANTH 48492) Field and laboratory techniques in archaeological research.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture, Practical Experience
Contact Hours: 1.66 lecture, 4 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58495   SPECIAL TOPICS IN ARCHAEOLOGY   3 Credit Hours
Special topics in anthropology offered irregularly when unusual resources or opportunities exist. Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58550   FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE COURTROOM   3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 48550) This course will provide students with an understanding of the types of biological forensic data utilized in court, and the strengths and weaknesses of these data. Though multiple types of analyses will be discussed, emphasis will be placed on DNA (STR) data, as it is the predominant type of biological evidence used today. The course will also cover the steps required to determine whether a new type of analysis is admissible at trial. Basic courtroom procedures, biases in data interpretation and presentation, case studies, and moot courts will be included.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58623   HUMAN VARIATION   3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48623) A detailed anthropological examination of the causes and extent of modern human variability.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58695   SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY   3 Credit Hours
Special topics in anthropology offered irregularly when unusual resources or opportunities exist. Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58810   HUMAN PALEONTOLOGY   3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48810) Study of primate fossils of the Miocene and Pliocene to include the origins of humans and their earliest ancestors.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58820   HUMAN MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM   3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48820) A largely hands-on course introducing the study of human anatomy for students interested in biological anthropology and archaeology. Topics include skeletal and functional anatomy, biomechanics, and estimation of age and sex from isolated bones.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58830   HUMAN BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION   3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with ANTH 48830) How “unique” is human behavior? Using an evolutionary perspective we will explore the evolution of human mating systems and parental investment.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58835   PRIMATE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION   3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 48835) Study of the geographic distribution and evolutionary ecology of prosimians, monkeys and apes and human and climatic effects on their long-term survival.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 58850   NATURAL SELECTION ACCORDING TO DARWIN   3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with ANTH 48850) Darwin's Origin of Species transformed our understanding of the natural world. Although he was not aware of the biological constituents of inheritance (i.e. genetics and the modern synthesis), his three ingredients for a system of descent with modification – variation, inheritance, and sorting – were wildly influential. This course will not only explore how Darwin understood his monumental theory, but also show that Darwin's original proposal explains both biological and cultural evolution. Students will gain an understanding of how Darwin's theory provided a foundation for modern anthropological thought and continues to inform anthropological queries.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 68095   SPECIAL TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY   3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Offered irregularly when unusual resources and/or opportunities permit.
Prerequisite: 6 graduate hours toward MA in Anthropology; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
ANTH 68096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION 1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Readings and/or research supervised by member of graduate faculty. Petition form available in the anthropology department office.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 1-3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

ANTH 68098 RESEARCH 1-15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation. Repeated registration permitted. Petition form available in the anthropology department office.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Research
Contact Hours: 1-15 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

ANTH 68199 THESIS I 2-6 Credit Hours
Thesis student must register for total of 6 hours, 2 to 6 hours in a single semester, or distributed over several semesters if desired.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Masters Thesis
Contact Hours: 2-6 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

ANTH 68230 PROBLEMS IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY 3 Credit Hours
Basic graduate course in cultural anthropology required of all M.A. candidates. Course deals with major topics within this subdiscipline of anthropology.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 68241 ETHNIC GROUP ANALYSIS: PACIFIC ISLANDS 3 Credit Hours
Peoples and characteristics of culture areas of the Pacific Islands, including Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia with analysis of several representative cultures from these areas.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ANTH 68299 THESIS II 2 Credit Hours
Thesis students must continue registration each semester until all degree requirements are met.
Prerequisite: ANTH 68199; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Masters Thesis
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

ANTH 68430 PROBLEMS IN WORLD PREHISTORY 3 Credit Hours
Basic graduate course in prehistoric archaeology required of all M.A. candidates.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter