

# ANTHROPOLOGY - B.A.

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## 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 the South Pacific (cultural anthropology), Mesoamerica and Ohio (archaeology). Students who focus on the biological aspect of human evolution benefit from the freshman-level human evolution laboratory.

### Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

## 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.

**Freshman Students on the Kent Campus:** The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

**Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses:** Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

**English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

**Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students:** For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

## 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 which 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.

## 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.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 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
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 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
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
ANTH 18210	GLOBAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY: ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVG) (KSS)	3
ANTH 18420	ARCHAEOLOGY: ANCIENT LIVES AND CULTURES (DIVG) (KSS)	3
ANTH 18630	HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS)	3
ANTH 48212	KINSHIP AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION (DIVG) <sup>1</sup>	3
or ANTH 48214	POLITICS OF CULTURE (ELR) (WIC)	
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)		12
Ancient Anthropology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 38480	ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS (ELR) (WIC) <sup>1</sup>	
ANTH 48225	ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH (ELR) (WIC) <sup>1</sup>	
ANTH 48425	ANCIENT MESOAMERICA	
ANTH 48440	ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT OHIO	
ANTH 48450	ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS	
Cultural Anthropology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 48245	PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG)	
ANTH 48250	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG)	
ANTH 48630	PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURES (DIVG)	
Human Anthropology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 38680	PRIMATE SOCIETIES	
ANTH 48810	HUMAN PALEONTOLOGY	
ANTH 48820	HUMAN MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	
ANTH 48830	HUMAN BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION (DIVG) (ELR) (WIC) <sup>1</sup>	
ANTH 48835	PRIMATE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION	
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) <sup>2</sup>		3
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) <sup>3</sup>		3
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 Science (must be from two categories)		3
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		3-4
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)		39
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- <sup>1</sup> A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- <sup>3</sup> One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

### 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

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language. <sup>1</sup> To complete the requirement, students have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

- Intermediate I and II of the same language <sup>2</sup>
- Elementary I and II of a second language
- Any combination of two courses from the following list:

- Intermediate I of the same language
- MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
- MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES
- MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG)
- MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG)

- <sup>1</sup> 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 begin 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 Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP); or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.

<b>Semester One</b>		<b>Credits</b>
!	ANTH 18210 GLOBAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY: or ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVG) ANTH 18420 (KSS) or ARCHAEOLOGY: ANCIENT LIVES AND CULTURES (DIVG) (KSS)	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		14
<b>Semester Two</b>		
!	ANTH 18210 GLOBAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY: or ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVG) ANTH 18420 (KSS) or ARCHAEOLOGY: ANCIENT LIVES AND CULTURES (DIVG) (KSS)	3
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		16
<b>Semester Three</b>		
	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
<b>Semester Four</b>		
!	ANTH 18630 HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS)	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	College General Requirement	3
	General Electives	3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Five</b>		
	ANTH 48212 KINSHIP AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION (DIVG) or ANTH 48214 or POLITICS OF CULTURE (ELR) (WIC)	3
	Ancient Anthropology Electives	3
	College General Requirement	3
	General Electives	6
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Six</b>		
	Cultural Anthropology Electives	3
	Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
	General Electives	9
Credit Hours		15

<b>Semester Seven</b>		
!	Human Anthropology Electives	3
	Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Eight</b>		
	Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120