

ANTHROPOLOGY - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Anthropology
www.kent.edu/anthropology

Examples of Possible Careers*

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

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Fully Offered

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

*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is 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.

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.

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 campus 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. Check with a regional campus admissions office to determine application requirements, as they may differ among campuses.

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, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

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.

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.

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
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	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 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 or ANTH 48001	QUANTITATIVE ANTHROPOLOGY QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN ANTHROPOLOGY	3
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 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	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 Science (must be from two categories)		3
Kent Core Basic Sciences		3
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, 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 options²:

- Intermediate I and II of the same language
- Elementary I and II of a second language
- 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.

Semester One		Credits
!	ANTH 18210 INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY or (DIVG) (KSS) ANTH 18420 or INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (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
Semester Two		
!	ANTH 18210 INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY or (DIVG) (KSS) ANTH 18420 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	QUANTITATIVE ANTHROPOLOGY	3
or	or QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN	
ANTH 48001	ANTHROPOLOGY	
	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