

# ANTHROPOLOGY - B.A.

College of Sciences and Humanities  
 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 for what you are looking. 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

- 3.7% about as fast as the average
- 8,800 number of jobs
- \$64,910 potential earnings

### Anthropology and archeology teachers, postsecondary

- 2.7% slower than the average
- 6,500 number of jobs
- \$95,770 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.

**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 proficiency of the English language (unless they meet specific exceptions) through the submission of an English language proficiency test score or by completing English language classes at Kent State's English as a Second Language Center before entering their program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

**Former Students:** Former Kent State students who have not attended another institution since Kent State and were not academically dismissed will complete the re-enrollment process through the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center. Former students who attended another college or university since leaving Kent State must apply for admissions as a transfer or post-undergraduate student.

**Transfer Students:** Students who attended an educational institution after graduating from high school or earning their GED must apply as transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Students may be required to meet certain criteria to progress in their program. Any progression requirements will be listed on the program's Coursework tab

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
ANTH 18210	INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (KSS)	3
ANTH 18420	INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (KSS)	3
ANTH 18630	HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS)	3
ANTH 18631	ISSUES IN HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ANTH 38440 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) <sup>1</sup>	
ANTH 48010	NORTH AMERICA'S ICE AGE HUNTERS	
ANTH 48225	ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH (ELR) (WIC) <sup>1</sup>	
ANTH 48242	ARCHAEOLOGICAL CERAMICS	
ANTH 48440	ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT OHIO	
ANTH 48450	ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS	
ANTH 48492	ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS (ELR)	
Biological Anthropology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 28300	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC GENETICS	
ANTH 38680	PRIMATE SOCIETIES	
ANTH 48330	PRIMATE ENDOCRINOLOGY	

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	
Cultural Anthropology Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 48150	RELIGION: A SEARCH FOR A MEANING	
ANTH 48214	POLITICS OF CULTURE (ELR) (WIC) <sup>1</sup>	
ANTH 48220	CULTURAL ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY	
ANTH 48245	PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 48250	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH 48262	PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF AMAZONIA	
ANTH 48280	BEING HUMAN: SIGNS AND SYMBOLS	
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		10-16
American Civic Literacy Requirement <sup>2</sup>		3
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each) <sup>2</sup>		6-9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) <sup>2</sup>		0-3
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)		48
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

<sup>2</sup> If students complete the American Civic Literacy requirement by taking HIST 12061, the course will apply to the Kent Core Humanities category. If they complete it with POL 10101, the course will apply to the Kent Core Social Sciences category.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

### Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree\* in the College of Sciences and Humanities must complete the following:

1. Elementary I and II of any language (or equivalent) **and**
2. One of the following options:
  - a. Intermediate I and II of the same language
  - b. Elementary I and II of a second language
  - c. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
    - i. Intermediate I of the same language
    - ii. One to two college-level course(s) completed outside the United States
    - iii. Courses: ARAB 21401, ASL 19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091, MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS 28404

\*The Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies is exempt from the foreign language requirement until fall 2028 due to its previous

longstanding academic placement in the College of Communication and Information, which does not have a foreign language requirement.

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 courses. This may be accomplished in one of three ways:

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
3. Demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language

Certain programs 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 a particular language proficiency.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. 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 (KSS) ANTH 18420 or INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (KSS)	3
	UC 10001 FLASHES 101	1
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Semester Two		Credits
!	ANTH 18210 INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY or (KSS) ANTH 18420 or INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY (KSS)	3
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Semester Three		Credits
	Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
	Foreign Language and/or General Elective	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Semester Four		Credits
!	ANTH 18630 HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS)	3
	ANTH 18631 ISSUES IN HUMAN EVOLUTION (KBS) (KLAB)	1
	Foreign Language and/or General Elective	3
	American Civic Literacy Requirement	3

General Electives	6
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>	
ANTH 38440 QUANTITATIVE ANTHROPOLOGY or ANTH 48001 or QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN ANTHROPOLOGY	3
Archaeology Elective	3
General Electives	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>	
Cultural Anthropology Elective	3
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Seven</b>	
! Biological Anthropology Elective	3
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Eight</b>	
Anthropology (ANTH) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	11
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>

## 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.	
American Civic Literacy	3 credit hours
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
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## 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 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 in Ohio, but also that of all the eastern woodlands and the Americas.
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 roles that genetics and developmental biology play.
6. Achieve a holistic view of human cultures and an extensive knowledge base of diverse human behavior.

## Program Policies

### Foreign Language Requirements

In general, students may elect any foreign language taught through the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies. However, certain majors, concentrations and minors require specific languages or limit the languages from which students may choose. In addition, students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular languages for that study. In such cases, students should seek the advice of the appropriate department before selecting a language.

### Progress Toward Fulfillment

College of Sciences and Humanities students are encouraged to begin meeting the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program to ensure timely degree completion.

### Mandatory Outcomes Assessment

In addition to the other General Requirements of the college, candidates for an undergraduate degree in the College of Sciences and Humanities are required, as a condition of graduation, to participate in an outcomes assessment. These outcomes assessments are conducted by each undergraduate degree program in the College of Sciences and Humanities.

### 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.