

Anthropology, Minor

The Minor in Anthropology

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Overview

Anthropology is the study of all forms of human diversity across time and space. The Minor in Anthropology at Carnegie Mellon exposes students to the methods and theories that anthropologists use to study cultural variation and change. Courses in the minor explore the history and practice of ethnography, apply anthropological approaches to global problems, and examine how cultural differences interact with a range of other social, political, and environmental forces. Students also gain a deeper understanding of how cultural differences shape (and are shaped by) the arts, technology, economics, politics, and ecology. The Minor in Anthropology, which may be combined with any major, equips students with a sophisticated understanding of human diversity in a rapidly changing world.

Curriculum

The Minor in Anthropology requires that students complete two "Method and Theory" courses (18 units) and three "Anthropological Electives" courses (27 units). In addition, 79-201 Introduction to Anthropology is required (9 units), but it may be taken at any time during the student's coursework. Including this course, the Minor in Anthropology totals 54 units.

Please note that students may "double-count" a maximum of two courses for the Anthropology minor that are used to fulfill the requirements of other majors and programs, including those administered directly by the History Department.

Minor in Anthropology 54 units

I. General Education Course, Disciplinary Perspectives: Social Sciences 9 units

This requirement need not be satisfied before beginning the minor.

	Units
79-201 Introduction to Anthropology	9

II. Method and Theory 18 units

Students must complete 18 units (typically 2 courses) in Method and Theory, selecting from the list below. (Other courses may fulfill these requirements, with permission of the Faculty Advisor.)

79-275	Introduction to Global Studies	9
79-283	Anthropology of Energy	9
79-314	How Do We Remember? The Politics and Cultures of Memory	9
79-317	Art, Anthropology, and Empire	9
79-332	Medical Anthropology	9
79-379	Experimental Ethnography	9
79-380	Hostile Environments: The Politics of Pollution in Global Perspective	9
79-381	The Multispecies City: Anthropology of Urban Environments	9

III. Anthropological Electives 27 units

Students must complete 27 units (typically 3 courses) in Anthropological Electives, selecting from the list below. (Other courses may fulfill these requirements with permission of the Faculty Advisor.)

57-306	World Music	9
79-110	Introduction to the Medieval Mediterranean World	9
79-112	Introduction to Asian American History	9
79-115	Introduction to Jewish Studies	9
79-116	Introduction to the Modern Middle East	9
79-122	Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations	9
79-150	Medieval Science, Magic, and Wonders of Nature	9
79-170	Introduction to Science, Technology, and Society	9
79-203	The Other Europe: The Habsburgs, Communism, & Central/Eastern Europe, 1740-1990	9
79-208	Witchcraft and Witch-Hunting	9
79-210	Identity, Ethnicity, and Place in Modern China	9
79-211	Modern Southeast Asia: Colonialism, Capitalism, and Cultural Exchange	9
79-215	Environmental Justice from Conservation to Climate Change	9
79-221	From Compton to Kabul: Sound, Power, and Global History	9
79-223	Mexico: From the Aztec Empire to the Drug War	9
79-227	Modern Africa: The Slave Trade to the End of Apartheid	9
79-234	Technology and Society	9
79-239	Theories of Nationalism	9
79-245	Capitalism and Individualism in American Culture	9
79-246	War, Genocide, and Gender in Modern Europe	9
79-262	Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now	9
79-264	Tibet and China: History and Propaganda	9
79-270	Anti-Semitism Then and Now: Perspectives from the Middle Ages to the Present	9
79-276	Beyond the Border	9
79-278	How (Not) to Change the World	9
79-280	Coffee and Capitalism	9
79-289	Animal Planet: An Environmental History of People and Animals	9
79-304	History of Eugenics and Scientific Racism	9
79-305	Global Perspectives in LGBTQ+ History	9
79-313	"Unwanted": Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Patterns of Global Migration	6
79-315	The Politics of Water in Global Perspective	9
79-329	Introduction to Queer Studies	9
79-331	Body Politics: Women and Health in America	9
79-368	Un-natural Disasters: Societies and Environmental Hazards in Global Perspective	6
79-377	Food, Culture, and Power: A History of Eating	9

Relevant Anthropology courses may be taken at another university (for instance, study abroad, the University of Pittsburgh, or other Pittsburgh institutions) with permission of the Anthropology Minor's Faculty Advisor.

IV. Anthropology Internship 3-9 units

79-506	Global Studies Internship	3-9
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The Anthropology program strongly encourages students to locate internship opportunities in Pittsburgh or elsewhere that complement their historical interests (as, for example, in a museum or archaeological fieldwork) or in areas of policy research that complement their anthropological interests (as, for example, in a government agency or non-profit organization). The Academic Program Manager, Dr. Alexandra Garnhart-Bushakra, will assist students with matching their interests to local organizations. Anthropology students can earn up to 9 units in each internship. Up to 9 anthropology internship credits may count toward fulfillment of elective course requirements for the Anthropology minor.