

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The B.A. and B.S. programs in anthropology at NIU emphasize a broad training in the liberal arts and in all four sub-disciplines of anthropology. The major consists of a minimum of 36 hours in anthropology. The major consists of a minimum of 36 hours in anthropology (ANTH), distributed as indicated below. Please read the degree requirements in the current Undergraduate Catalog for important information on the general education and other requirements for graduation.

Requirements in the major

Requirements within the Department are:

1. General Prehistoric Archaeology (ANTH 210) , General Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 220); Anthropology of Language (ANTH 230); General Physical Anthropology (ANTH 240). These courses are 3 semester hours each for a total of 12 semester hours. The 200-level course in each sub-discipline is a prerequisite for some of the 300- and 400-level courses in that sub-discipline. You should take all four 200-level courses as early in your tenure at NIU as possible.
2. At least one 300- or 400-level course in each of the following categories (12-13 semester hours):
 - Archaeology (ANTH 310, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 417, 418, 419)
 - Ethnology (ANTH 301, 302, 303, 402, 403, 405, 407, 408)
 - Linguistic Anthropology (ANTH 331, 431, 432, 433)
 - Physical Anthropology (ANTH 341, 342, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446)
3. At least two courses (6 semester hours ***total***, not 6 from each category) derived from the following categories:
 - Cultural/Social Anthropology (ANTH 320, 321, 324x, 325x, 328, 329, 421, 426, 427, 428)

History and Theory of Anthropology (ANTH 450, 451, 452, 454)

Special or Multidisciplinary (ANTH 361, 363, 364, 460, 462, 463, 464, 465, 467, 468)

4. At least 6 additional hours in anthropology (preferably at the 300 or 400 level), chosen in consultation with an anthropology adviser.

In addition, each student must also:

1. Take 9 hours of work at the 200 level or above in a single discipline other than anthropology, chosen in consultation with an anthropology adviser. These courses can also be used as a part of general education requirements or requirements for a minor or second major other than anthropology. They cannot be used toward the special requirements of the B.A. or B.S. degree.
2. Meet special requirements for either the B.A. or B.S. degree. The B.A. degree requires completion of the second year of a foreign language (see current Undergraduate Catalog for details). Special requirements for the B.S. degree involve laboratory sciences/mathematical/computational skills courses (see current Undergraduate Catalog for details).

Each student should consult with an anthropology adviser or the department chair on a regular basis to insure proper course selection for degree completion. Students are also urged to consult with College of Liberal Arts and Sciences advisers, located on the second floor of Zulauf Hall (telephone 753-0114), particularly concerning general education requirements.

Points to Remember

Points to remember about your major and undergraduate degree requirements.

1. You must have at least **120** semester hours to graduate, at least **40** of which must be at the 300 level or above. Your last **30** semester hours must be taken at NIU

(except with special permission). No more than **50** of your first 120 semester hours can be in anthropology.

2. Anthropology courses cannot be used to fulfill general education requirements for anthropology majors, unless anthropology is your second major.
3. Departmental honors can be earned by: a) maintaining a 3.25 GPA in anthropology course work, b) fulfilling both the special B.A. and B.S. requirements, and c) substitution of 6 hours of 498H (Senior Thesis) for 6 hours of anthropology electives and writing of a senior thesis. A member of the anthropology faculty must direct a senior thesis.
4. The department strongly recommends that majors planning to go to graduate school take appropriate mathematics courses (e.g., MATH 229 or 210 and 211) plus a statistics course (at least STAT 208 and preferably STAT 301).