Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Anthropology is the holistic, comparative study of human diversity. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Anthropology provides students with a solid foundation in the contemporary theory, practice and application of the discipline and an understanding of global human diversity with a special emphasis on the cultures, lifeways and contemporary social issues of Alaska and the Circumpolar North. The program prepares students in intercultural fluency, critical thinking and research skills through coursework, applied research experiences and fieldwork. Graduates find opportunities in education, health care, museums, social services, international development agencies, governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, marketing and publishing. Many graduates also pursue graduate degrees in anthropology, law, public health, public policy, social work and other fields.

Admission Requirements

Complete the Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/).

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/).
- Complete the following major requirements:

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Ethnographic Courses

- ANTH A200 Alaska Native Cultures 3
- ANTH A390A Arctic and Subarctic Cultures 3
- ANTH A390B World Cultures
  - ANTH A390C Comparative Culture Studies

Methodology Courses

- Complete six credits from at least two of the following courses: 2
  - ANTH A415 Applied Anthropology
  - ANTH A430 Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology

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Topical/Theoretical Courses

Complete six credits from at least two of the following courses: 2

- ANTH A411 Archaeological Theory
- ANTH A452 Culture and Human Biodiversity
- ANTH A454 Culture and Ecology
- ANTH A455 Culture and Health
- ANTH A464 Culture and Globalization
- ANTH A490A Health, Ritual and Science
- ANTH A490B Historical Engagements
- ANTH A490C Belief and Identity
- ANTH A490D Topics in the Contemporary North
- ANTH A490E Culture, Environment, Place

Anthropology Electives

Complete any additional 3 credits in anthropology.

Upper-Division Humanities Electives

Complete six upper-division credits in AKNS, ART, ENGL, HIST, PHIL, THR or languages.

Total 48

1 Specific topical emphases for these courses vary by offering. See catalog course descriptions for details.
2 Other upper-division selected topics (ANTH A490), independent study (ANTH A497), or individual research (ANTH A498) courses may be applied to satisfy methodological or topical/theoretical course requirements with advisor approval, depending on course content.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 42 credits must be upper-division.

Honors in Anthropology

The BA in Anthropology recognizes distinguished achievement by undergraduate majors in the study of anthropology by conferring programmatic honors in Anthropology. In order to receive honors in Anthropology, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a declared anthropology major.
2. Satisfy all of the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Anthropology.
3. Meet the requirements for Graduation with Honors (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation/).
4. Earn a grade point average of 3.50 or above in courses specific to the anthropology major.

5. Complete a senior thesis project (taken as ANTH A499), based on library, laboratory or field research resulting in a substantial, thesis-quality paper defended before the anthropology faculty. The course may be taken on a one-semester (3-credit) or two-semester (6-credit) basis.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Anthropology, the holistic, comparative study of human diversity, consists of four subfields: archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. The BA/BS degrees develop student knowledge of these four subfields, their theories, methods, applications, and relevance to understanding global human diversity with an emphasis on the cultures, people, and social issues of Alaska and the Circumpolar North.

Students graduating with a baccalaureate degree in anthropology should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a familiarity with the development of anthropological thought and the contemporary concepts, theories, and application of the four subfields.

2. Use anthropological perspectives to describe the past and present cultural diversity of Alaska and analyze contemporary social topics in the Circumpolar North.

3. Identify ethical principles that guide anthropological practice and ethical issues encountered in anthropological research.

4. Exhibit proficiency in documenting, evaluating, and communicating anthropological information.

5. Explain how to apply anthropological methods and techniques to research questions and practical social problems.