Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

Anthropology is the holistic, comparative study of human diversity. The Bachelor of Science (BS) 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 laboratory sciences, international development agencies, governmental agencies, museums, non-profit organizations, publishing and many other fields. Many graduates also pursue graduate degrees in anthropology, medicine, public health, behavioral sciences, forensics and other fields.

Admission Requirements

Complete the Application and 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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**Core Courses**

- Complete six credits from at least two of the following: 2 6
  - ANTH A430 | Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology |         |
  - ANTH A431 | Field Methods in Archaeology and Bioanthropology |         |
  - ANTH A477 | Cultural Resource Management                   |         |
  - ANTH A480 | Analytical Techniques in Archaeology and Bioanthropology | 1 |
  - ANTH A487 | Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology         |         |

**Ethnographic Courses**

- Complete any additional 3 credits in anthropology. 3

**Methodology Courses**

- Complete six credits from at least two of the following: 2 6
  - ANTH A415 | Applied Anthropology |         |

**Topical/Theoretical Courses**

Complete six credits from at least two of the following: 2 6
- 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 six upper-division credits in BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, or PHYS. 6

**Statistics Course**

- STAT A253 | Applied Statistics for the Sciences                | 4       |
- or STAT A307 | Probability and Statistics                        |         |

**Upper-Division Natural Sciences Electives**

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**Honors in Anthropology**

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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.

Additional requirements include:

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- Completion of the Bachelor of Science in Anthropology.
- Successful completion of the programmatic requirements for Anthropology.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.
- Approval by the Anthropology Program Committee.

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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.