

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 (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

Graduation Requirements

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

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
ANTH A202	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH A205	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH A210	Linguistic Anthropology	3
ANTH A211	Archaeology	3
ANTH A410	Anthropological Theory	3
ANTH A458	Applied Ethics in Anthropology ¹	3
Ethnographic Courses		
ANTH A200	Alaska Native Cultures	3
ANTH A390A	Arctic and Subarctic Cultures ¹	3
ANTH A390B	World Cultures ¹	3
or ANTH A390C	Comparative Culture Studies	
Methodology Courses		
Complete six credits from at least two of the following courses: ²		6
ANTH A415	Applied Anthropology	
ANTH/SOC A430	Social Science Research Methods	
ANTH A431	Field Methods in Archaeology and Bioanthropology ³	

ANTH A477	Cultural Resource Management
ANTH A480	Analytical Techniques in Archaeology and Bioanthropology ¹
ANTH A487	Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology
GEOG A470	Environmental Policy and Regulation in Alaska
or GEOG A475	Geospatial and Cartographic Techniques for the Sciences

Topical/Theoretical Courses

Complete six credits from at least two of the following courses: 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 ¹
ANTH A490B	Historical Engagements ¹
ANTH A490C	Belief and Identity ¹
ANTH A490D	Topics in the Contemporary North ¹
ANTH A490E	Culture, Environment, Place ¹

Program Electives

Complete any additional 3 credits in ANTH or GEOG. 3

Upper-Division Humanities Electives

Complete six upper-division credits in AKNS, ART, ENGL, HIST, PHIL, THR or languages. 6

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), practicum (ANTH A495), independent study (ANTH A497), or individual research (ANTH A498), or thesis (ANTH A499) courses may be applied to satisfy methodological or topical/theoretical course requirements with department approval, depending on course content.

³ ANTH A431 is infrequently offered, typically as a summer field school. Please check with the Department of Anthropology for the schedule.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 39 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:

- Be a declared anthropology major;
- Satisfy all of the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Anthropology;
- Meet the requirements for Graduation with Honors (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation/>);
- Earn a minimum GPA of 3.50 in courses specific to the anthropology major;
- 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 Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology will be able to:

- Demonstrate a familiarity with the development of anthropological thought and the contemporary concepts, theories, and application of the four subfields.
- Use anthropological perspectives to describe the past and present cultural diversity of Alaska and analyze contemporary social topics in the Circumpolar North.
- Identify ethical principles that guide anthropological practice and ethical issues encountered in anthropological research.
- Exhibit proficiency in documenting, evaluating, and communicating anthropological information.
- Explain how to apply anthropological methods and techniques to research questions and practical social problems.

Sample Plan

The academic plan below is one pathway through the degree/certificate. It includes all requirements, taking into account recommendations from program faculty. Each student’s plan may vary according to their initial course placement (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/courseplacement/>), intended course load, additional majors and/or minors, and their placement into required prerequisite courses. Any change in the plan below can have an unforeseen impact on the rest of the plan. **Therefore, it is very important to meet with your academic advisor to verify your personal academic plan.**

Please review the following terms, definitions, and resources associated with the sample academic plan below.

- Each course in the far left column links to a pop-up bubble with a course description, prerequisite requirements, and associations with

- university requirements. For example, if a course fulfills a general education requirement, you will see that in the pop-up bubble.
- **GER:** indicates a General Education Requirement (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>). GERs that also count toward degree/certificate requirements appear as a specific course in the plan. For these courses, "GER" is not indicated explicitly in the table, but if you click on the course, you will see the course's GER status in the pop-up bubble.
 - **Program Elective:** indicates a specific course selection determined by program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
 - **Elective:** indicates an open selection of 100-400 level university courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate.
 - **Upper Division Program Elective:** indicates a specific 300-400 level course selection determined by the program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
 - **Upper Division Elective:** indicates an open selection of 300-400 level courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate. These courses must be upper division in order to meet General University Requirements for the particular degree/certificate type.

First Year		
Fall		Credits
ANTH A200	Alaska Native Cultures	3
WRTG A111	Writing Across Contexts	3
GER Fine Arts		3
GER Oral Communication Skills		3
GER Quantitative Skills		3
Credits		15
Spring		
ANTH A210	Linguistic Anthropology	3
WRTG A213	Writing and the Sciences	3
GER Humanities		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Second Year		
Fall		
ANTH A202	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH A211	Archaeology	3
GER Humanities		3
GER Natural Sciences Lab		1
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		16
Spring		
ANTH A205	Biological Anthropology	3

ANTH A390B	World Cultures	3
or	or Comparative Culture Studies	
ANTH A390C		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Upper Division Program Elective (Topical/Theoretical)		3
Credits		15
Third Year		
Fall		
ANTH A390A	Arctic and Subarctic Cultures	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Upper Division Program Elective (Humanities)		3
Upper Division Program Elective (Methodology)		3
Credits		15
Spring		
ANTH A458	Applied Ethics in Anthropology	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Upper Division Program Elective (Methodology)		3
Upper Division Program Elective (Topical/Theoretical)		3
Credits		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
ANTH A410	Anthropological Theory	3
GER Integrative Capstone		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Upper Division Program Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Program Elective (ANTH, GEOG)		3
Upper Division Program Elective		3
Upper Division Program Elective (Humanities)		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		121