

ANTHROPOLOGY - BACHELOR OF ARTS

The undergraduate anthropology major takes a holistic and comparative approach to the study of humanity in all places and times. It is spans the natural and social sciences, and challenges students to develop advanced skills in communication, critical thinking, and qualitative and quantitative research methods. This major requires 36 credits, including upper-division core courses in archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, anthropological theory, and a capstone class focused on professional development. It also requires a one year proficiency in a foreign language or equivalent/placement.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework. *Note: A grade of "C-" or better is required for all courses taken for the major. Students may not take any of these courses S/U.*

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
or ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
Select one English course from the following list ¹		3
ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	
ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication	
ENGL 2215G	Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i> ²		3
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		3-4
Any Mathematics course found in Area II will meet the requirement, excluding MATH 2134G ²		
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics (recommended)	
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> ^{3,4}		10-11
Area III: Laboratory Sciences (4 credits)		
ANTH 1135G	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	
& ANTH 1135L	and Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab (recommended, not required)	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)		
The following are recommended but not required.		
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
ANTH 2140G	Indigenous Peoples of North America	
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits)		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ²		3
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ²		3
<i>General Education Elective</i> ²		3-4
Viewing A Wider World ⁵		6

Departmental/College Requirements		
ANTH 301	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 315	Archaeological Method and Theory	3
ANTH 350	Anthropological Theory	3
ANTH 355	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 399	Professionalism & Practice in Anthropology	3
ANTH 301, ANTH 315, and ANTH 355 may be taken in any order that best suits the student's interests.		
<i>Departmental Electives</i>		
Select additional electives in anthropology to bring total credits in major to 36, including 27 upper-division.		15
Second Language Requirement: (required- see below)		
Electives, to bring the total credits to 120		49-52
Students must graduate with 48 upper-division.		
Total Credits		120

- ¹ A grade of C- or better must be earned.
- ² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses
- ³ Students taking nine or more credits in a specific subject area, even though the courses are not designated as General Education courses, will have met the general education requirements for that subject area.
- ⁴ All students must take one Area III: Laboratory Science (4 credits), one Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science Course (3 credits) and one additional course in either area (3-4 credits) in order to complete the requirement.
- ⁵ Students must complete two Viewing the Wider World Courses (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) (VWW) for a total of 6 credits. One VWW must be from outside of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the second must be from outside of Anthropology. A student may substitute three credits taken as study abroad for one of the VWW course requirements.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, all majors must reach a one year proficiency in a foreign language (through 1120 level, completed with a C- or better) or equivalent/placement. The options to complete these requirements are listed below. The number of credits that a student needs to take may vary depending on what level of language proficiency they already possess. Please speak with an advisor for more information as to which courses you will need to take to fulfill the second language requirement for this degree. Please note that language immersion courses are available through the Office of Experiential Learning and Education Abroad.

Option 1:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following sequences:		
FREN 1110	French I	3-14
& FREN 1120	and French II	
& FREN 2110	and French III	
& FREN 2120	and French IV	
GRMN 1110	German I	3-14
& GRMN 1120	and German II	
& GRMN 2110	and German III	
& GRMN 2120	and German IV	

JAPN 1110 & JAPN 1120 & JAPN 2110 & JAPN 2120	Japanese I and Japanese II and Japanese III and Japanese IV	3-14
SPAN 1110 & SPAN 1120 & SPAN 2110 & SPAN 2120	Spanish I and Spanish II and Spanish III and Spanish IV	3-14
PORT 1110 & PORT 1120	Portuguese I and Portuguese II	3-6

For Heritage Speakers:

SPAN 1210 & SPAN 1220 & SPAN 2210	Elementary Spanish for Heritage Learners I and Spanish for Heritage Learners II and Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3-9
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Option 2:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete the following sequence for American Sign Language (with a C- or better):		
SIGN 1110	American Sign Language I	3
SIGN 1120	American Sign Language II	3
SIGN 2110	American Sign Language III	3

Option 3:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Challenge the 1120 or 2120 level for the following courses:		
FREN 2120	French IV	3
or GRMN 2120	German IV	
or JAPN 2120	Japanese IV	
or SPAN 2120	Spanish IV	
<i>OR</i>		
Challenge the 1120/2210 level for the following courses:		
PORT 1120	Portuguese II	3
or SPAN 2210	Spanish for Heritage Learners III	

Option 4:

Pass a three-credit, upper-division course (numbered 300 or above) taught in a second language by the department of Languages and Linguistics.

Option 5:

Obtain college certification of completion of two years of a second language at the high school level with a grade of C- or higher in the second-year level.

Option 6:

By obtaining certification of a working knowledge of a Native American language from the American Indian program director.

Option 7:

By obtaining, from the head of the Department of Languages and Linguistics, certification of a working knowledge of a second language if such language is not taught at NMSU.

Option 8:

In the case of a foreign student who is required to take the TOEFL exam admission, the dean will automatically waive the second language requirement.