Overview

Discover how an anthropology bachelor’s degree can enhance your employment marketability, and how far reaching a career in anthropology really is. Become an asset in any industry. Gain an understanding of cultural differences, skills in working with underserved populations, and the tools to think critically about the world around you. Colorado State University’s online bachelor’s degree completion program in anthropology offers the best of the arts and sciences, living at the intersection of humanities and social and natural science.

Through a curriculum built on cultural relativism, our anthropology major will teach you how to keep your own experiences from influencing your perception of other cultures and give you a thorough understanding of humans’ place and interaction in our natural world, including:

- Perspectives on people and their cultures (past and present), and an awareness of their social, political, economic, and environmental systems
- Knowledge of and respect for the similarities and differences that characterize human societies in the world and key theoretical ideas that anthropologists use to comprehend these
- The relationship between theory, methods, and data
- Cultural differences and how to identify gaps in services for organizations providing services to minority cultures

Unique to Colorado State’s online anthropology bachelor’s degree is the option for students to attend one of three summer field schools in person. These experiences are not required, but are available as a valuable, hands-on supplement to what you’ll learn during your online courses.

- Paleontology Field School
- Archeology Field School
- Ethnographic Field School

Delivery

Online

Credits

120 credits
Previous college credits must be transferred into the program.

Tuition

$444 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame

Varies based on intensity of study and previous coursework

Degree Awarded

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Offered By

College of Liberal Arts

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Curriculum

All University Core Curriculum (AUCC) – 31 credits

Students are required to complete a total of 31 core curriculum credits, and are strongly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor in selecting these. Colorado State University recommends the following courses as part of the 31 required AUCC credits for the anthropology degree:

• ANTH 100 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 cr.)
• ANTH 120 – Human Origins and Variation (3 cr.)
• ANTH 121 – Human Origins and Variation Laboratory (1 cr.)
• ANTH 140 – Introduction to Prehistory (3 cr.)
• ANTH 200 – Cultures and the Global System (3 cr.)

Anthropology Department Courses – 31 credits

Students should consult their advisor to ensure that the courses chosen will meet the degree program requirements.

General Anthropology
• ANTH 313 – Modernization and Development (3 cr.)
• ANTH 400 – History of Anthropological Thought (3 cr.)
• ANTH 493 – Capstone Seminar (1 cr.)

Archaeology
• ANTH 350 – Archaeology of North America (3 cr.)

Biological Anthropology
• ANTH 330 – Human Ecology (3 cr.)
• ANTH 343 – Applied Medical Anthropology (3 cr.)
• ANTH 370 – Primate Behavior and Ecology (3 cr.)

Cultural Anthropology
• ANTH 318 – Peoples and Cultures of the Southwest (3 cr.)
• ANTH 338 – Gender and Anthropology (3 cr.)
• ANTH 412 – Indians of North America (3 cr.)
• ANTH 415 – Indigenous Ecologies and the Modern World (3 cr.)
• ANTH 449 – Participatory Monitoring & Evaluation (3 cr.)

Geography
• GR 100 – Introduction to Geography (3 cr.)
• GR 311 – GIS for Social Scientists (3 cr.)
• GR 320 – Cultural Geography (3 cr.)
• GR 330 – Urban Geography (3 cr.)

Additional Requirements

Social Science Courses beyond AUCC requirements – 9 credits
Natural Science Courses beyond AUCC requirements – 7 credits
Humanities Courses beyond AUCC requirements – 6 credits
Electives – 36 credits

Minimum Admission Requirements

• Previous college credit must be transferred into the program, and minimum credits required can vary depending on previous coursework completed
• 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.5 cumulative GPA preferred) from all coursework previously completed
• Satisfy admission requirement in mathematics

Completion Requirements

• A minimum of 120 credits are required
• Of these 120 credits, a minimum of 42 must be upper-division (300 and 400-level), with a minimum of 30 upperdivision credits completed through Colorado State University
• The number of courses needed for completion of the program depends on the number of transfer credits awarded and fulfillment of the All University Core Curriculum and degree coursework requirements