

# Anthropology

Degree: A.A. - Social Science  
A.S. - General Science

Area: Behavioral & Social Sciences  
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American River College offers the basic lower division courses in anthropology. Anthropology serves as an excellent background to many other behavioral sciences. It also helps students better understand people and the world around them.

## Career Options

Anthropology is a basic component for careers as an anthropologist, anthropology instructor, museum curator, population analyst, urban planner, transcultural nurse, health researcher, and environmental impact analyst.

Some career options may require more than two years of college study.

## General Science

### Requirements for Degree Major

18 units of transfer level course work in science in addition to other graduation requirements

Two laboratory courses must be included, one in a physical science and one in a biological. Courses may be selected from anatomy, astronomy, bacteriology, biology, botany, chemistry, geology, physical anthropology, physical geography, physical science, physiology, physics and zoology. See ARC graduation requirements.

## Social Science

### Requirements for Degree Major

18 units of transfer-level work in addition to other graduation requirements.

Courses taken must be in at least four of the following areas: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology (except Psychology 335), and Sociology.

## ANTH 300 Physical Anthropology 3 Units

Formerly: ANTH 1

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

An introduction to the science of physical anthropology; topics covered are: the scientific method; principles and mechanics of evolution; evidence of evolution; geologic dating; living primates; the fossil evidence for human evolution; evolution in modern populations. (CAN ANTH 2) AA/AS area 3A; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B

## ANTH 301 Physical Anthropology Laboratory 1 Unit

Formerly: ANTH 11

Prerequisite: None

Corequisite: ANTH 300.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LAB

This course is an introductory laboratory course designed to provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the methods of the science of biological anthropology while investigating topics in laboratory and field situations. Topics covered in the course are: the scientific method; sources of biological variation and forces of evolution; human osteology; human variation; taxonomy and comparative osteology of the primates, and fossil evidence for human evolution. AA/AS area A; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B

## ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology 3 Units

Formerly: ANTH 2

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102, or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the varieties of customs, traditions and forms of social organizations in both western and non-western societies. The main focus of the course is to examine non-western cultures and the social experiences of development. This course provides valuable background to students interested in multicultural perspectives and/or anticipating involvement in global business opportunities or travel. (CAN ANTH 4) AA/AS area C2 & F; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4

## ANTH 315 Cultures in Focus 3 Units

Formerly: ANTH 13

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

An examination of the cultures of the "Third World" with emphasis on development problems. The course examines the historical and cultural context of development. Technological changes are examined as they impact ideological aspects of culture. Problems of overpopulation, underemployment, famine, etc., are discussed in their cultural context. AA/AS area C2; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4

**ANTH 320 Introduction to Archeology and World Prehistory 3 Units**

*Formerly: ANTH 3*  
*Prerequisite: None*  
*Advisory: ENGWR 102, or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.*  
*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*  
*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

The course introduces students to the theories, concepts, and methods employed by the archaeologist in the study of human pre-history. The course emphasizes the development and diverse evolution of social and cultural systems. It explores the problems and achievements of non-literate and traditional cultures, diverse communities, and social classes over time based on a comparison of a wide range of archaeological examples from all over the world. (CAN ANTH 6) AA/AS area C2; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4

**ANTH 330 Magic, Witchcraft and Religion 3 Units**

*Formerly: ANTH 12*  
*Prerequisite: None*  
*Advisory: ENGWR 102, or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.*  
*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*  
*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

A cross-cultural study of the forms and functions of supernatural beliefs and associated rituals in various societies of Africa, Asia, aboriginal Australia, Oceania, South America, native North America and elsewhere. Emphasis is on understanding beliefs and rituals within their given social contexts, but also on broad comparison to derive insight into the general functions of beliefs and rituals in human life. AA/AS area C2; CSU area D3

**ANTH 333 American Indians of California 3 Units**

*Formerly: ANTH 14*  
*Prerequisite: None*  
*Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116, or ESLR 320, ESLW 320, or placement through assessment process.*  
*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*  
*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course surveys the sociocultural systems of California Indians from the prehistoric period to present. In addition to offering an overview of the diversity and complexity of aboriginal California, it includes environmental adaptations, material culture, social structure, ideology, and response to change. AA/AS area C2 & F; CSU area D3; ICETC area 4

**ANTH 480 Honors Physical Anthropology 3 Units**

*Formerly: ANTH 1H*  
*Prerequisite: 3.0 or better cumulative GPA, ENGWR 300 or 480 with a grade of "C" or better.*  
*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*  
*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is an in depth introduction to the science of physical anthropology. This seminar style honors course approaches the topical material through class discussion which encourages problem solving techniques focusing on current anthropological issues. Weekly topical issues will be presented in a case study format. Critical thinking skills are emphasized in responding to these issues. The following topics are included in the course: evolutionary theory, heredity, human variation, taxonomy and behavior of the living primates and the fossil evidence of human evolution. AA/AS area 3A; CSU area B3; IGETC area 5B

**ANTH 494 Topics in Anthropology 1-3 Units**

*Formerly: ANTH 40*  
*Prerequisite: None*  
*Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320.*  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours: 18-54 hours LEC*

Concentrated study of current anthropological issues. Topics will reflect contemporary issues and problems in the areas of cultural and physical anthropology, as well as in archaeology. Issues in the area of physical anthropology will be approached from a biological and ecological perspective; issues in cultural anthropology and archaeology will be approached from a multi-cultural and international platform. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 units.