

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Anthropology is the cross-cultural study of humanity in all its facets—biological, cultural and linguistic—and over time. Our small but exceptional program produces theoretically sophisticated practitioners at the intersection of health, politics and the environment, regardless of time or place. The department's training provides entry to a variety of careers in archaeology, education, community service, public health, public administration, development, and international affairs and business.

The major in anthropology begins with introductory courses designed to acquaint students with the basic history, methods, and perspectives of the discipline. Introductory courses are followed by an upper division core which focuses principally on a more advanced, and principally theoretical, survey of the major fields of anthropology -- archaeology, cultural anthropology, and biological/physical anthropology. Students round out their majors by choosing from a variety of elective courses featuring in-depth, topical, and theoretical investigations into specific dimensions of the human experience.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) Building 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

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Visit the department website [here](#)

North Classroom 4002 A

303-315-7333 (email is best)

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Anthropology B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 40 ANTH credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 24 upper division (3000-level and above) ANTH credit hours. Most upper division courses have lower division pre-requisites.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C-(1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 21 ANTH credit hours with CU Denver faculty.

LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
ANTH Major Requirements	40	24 semester hours must be upper-division
ANTH Required Courses		
ANTH 1302 Introduction to Archaeology	4	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences
ANTH 1303 Introduction to Biological Anthropology	4	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab
ANTH 2102 Culture and the Human Experience	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences
Complete Three (3) of the following:		
ANTH 3101 Foundations of Cultural Anthropology	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 2102
ANTH 3121 Language, Culture, and Communication	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 2102
ANTH 3301 World Prehistory	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 1302 recommended
ANTH 3512 Human Evolution	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 1303
ANTH Major Electives		
	20	*Check prerequisites for individual courses
Estimated General Electives	11 - 31	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Program Hours:	120	45 semester hours must be upper-division

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3
	ANTH 2102 ^C	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities / First-Year Seminar	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring	CRS	
	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	ANTH 1302 ^C	4
	CU Denver Core Social Science	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	16

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	ANTH 1303 ^C	4
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	ANTH 3101 ^{PE} , 3121 ^{PE} , 3301 ^{PR} or 3512 ^{PE}	3
	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16	

Spring	CRS	
	ANTH 3101 ^{PE} , 3121 ^{PE} , 3301 ^{PR} or 3512 ^{PE}	3
	General Elective	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3
	CLAS Humanities	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	ANTH 3101 ^{PE} , 3121 ^{PE} , 3301 ^{PR} or 3512 ^{PE}	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester I	5
	ANTH Upper-Division course	3
Total Credit Hours	14	

Spring	CRS	
	ANTH Upper-Division course	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester II	5
	CLAS Social Science	3
Total Credit Hours	14	

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	ANTH Upper-Division course	3
	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4
	ANTH Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16	

Spring	CRS	
	ANTH Upper-Division course	3
	ANTH Upper-Division course	3
	ANTH Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	