



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Anthropology is the study of humankind in all of our complexity—past and present, home or abroad, in our cultural behaviors and in our genes. In an era of escalating global connections and conflicts, no other discipline prepares you better to be a citizen of the world than Anthropology.

Anthropology comprises the entire human experience, including societies, cultures, and behaviors. It considers human beings as biological and social entities and seeks to explain both diversities and commonalities of peoples and cultures. Through research and analysis, you can understand the elements that bind people together, including human origins, ideologies, language, health, art, faith, social justice, and technology.

You will gain a variety of skills and practical research methods which will be applied in laboratory and field studies to investigate complex and multifaceted topics. You can find anthropologists in every corner of the globe and in every type of industry—whether at Google, Netflix, museums, nonprofits, zoos, the National Park Service, or the Centers for Disease Control. With a focus on understanding human behavior, cultural difference, and human nature—past and present—Anthropology gives you the tools to make a difference in the world.

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 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

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030
303-315-7100

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

Anthropology Major Advising

[CLAS Major & Minor Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 4002
303-315-7328

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

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

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor 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 35 ANTH credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 upper division (3000-level and above) ANTH credit hours. Most upper division courses have lower division prerequisites.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 15 ANTH credit hours with CU Denver faculty.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect [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		CLAS Graduation Requirements
ANTH Major Requirements	35	18 credit 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 a minimum of nine credit hours from the following courses:		
ANTH 3101 Foundations of Cultural Anthropology	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 2102 with a C- or higher
ANTH 3121 Language, Culture, and Communication	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 2102 with a C- or higher
ANTH 3301 World Prehistory	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 1302 recommended
ANTH 3512 Human Evolution	3	*Prerequisite: ANTH 1303 with a C- or higher
ANTH Major Electives		
	15	*Check prerequisites for individual courses
Estimated General Electives	45 - 51	General Elective credit hours will vary. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Consult with CLAS Academic Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	30 credit 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 certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Year 1 - 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	3
General Elective / First-Year Seminar	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 1 - 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 2 - Fall	CRS
ANTH 1303 ^C	4
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab ^M	3
ANTH 3101 ^{PE} , 3121 ^{PE} , 3301 ^{PR} or 3512 ^{PE}	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 2 - Spring	CRS
ANTH 3101 ^{PE} , 3121 ^{PE} , 3301 ^{PR} or 3512 ^{PE}	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
ANTH 3101 ^{PE} , 3121 ^{PE} , 3301 ^{PR} or 3512 ^{PE}	3
ANTH Elective	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
ANTH Upper-Division course	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	4
Total Credit Hours	13

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
ANTH Upper-Division course	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
ANTH Upper-Division course	3
ANTH Elective	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended