

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 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 department 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 45 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 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 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 21 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	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
ANTH Major Requirements	40	24 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	20	*Check prerequisites for individual courses
Estimated General Electives	11 - 31	General Elective credit hours will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	45 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 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 ^M	3
	ANTH 3101 ^{PE} , 3121 ^{PE} , 3301 ^{PR} or 3512 ^{PE}	3
	General Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	15	

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 Second 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 Second Language Semester II	5
	CLAS Social Science	3
Total Credit Hours	14	

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	ANTH Upper-Division course	3
	CLAS Nat/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	

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