

ANTHROPOLOGY AND CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (BA)

Department Website (<https://as.nyu.edu/anthropology/>)

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Program Description

Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology is one of the country's leading graduate and undergraduate centers for cultural anthropology, archaeology, linguistic anthropology, and biological anthropology—the four principal subfields studied in the undergraduate curriculum. The department considers its greatest assets to be the various individual areas of faculty expertise: archaeological specialties such as medieval archaeology and European, Near Eastern, and South Asian prehistory; biological anthropology areas such as molecular primatology, primate behavioral ecology, and paleoanthropology; linguistic anthropology foci such as discourse analysis and language socialization; and sociocultural anthropology specialties such as the ethnography of North America, Africa, India, China, the Near and Middle East, Russia and the former Soviet Union, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, Australia, and the South Pacific. Major theoretical emphasis is on the systems of thought and symbolic representation of the self and society; the relation between female and male domains of interaction; changing patterns of social organization and hierarchy within small-scale societies, urban settings, and bureaucratic institutions; medical anthropology; evolutionary approaches to the study of primate and human origins; religion; art; science studies; race and ethnicity; and the problem of ethnographic representation in film and other media.

Departmental resources include an extensive film and video collection as well as teaching and research labs for archaeology, linguistic anthropology, and biological anthropology, which can be used for research by advanced undergraduates. A departmental colloquium series and an undergraduate student association welcome undergraduate participation. Formal and informal cooperative arrangements with museums, zoos, and other academic institutions in the greater New York City area place at students' disposal a group of anthropological scholars, materials, and resources unparalleled in the country.

Classical Civilization

Department of Classics

The Department of Classics explores all aspects of the Greek and Roman worlds, including their languages and literatures, art and archaeology, history, philosophy, religion, politics, economics, and law. We also feature courses on comparative studies of the ancient world beyond the Mediterranean, and the modern reception and transformation of classical literature, art, and philosophy. This broad interdisciplinary approach to these cultures that have had a major role in shaping Western values and thought provides an excellent undergraduate education. Similar to other liberal arts majors in Philosophy, History, or English, our graduates go on to careers in education, law, medicine, business, politics, and the media.

Classroom instruction is supplemented by a variety of activities. In addition to film screenings, lectures, and field trips sponsored by a lively Classics Club, students have access to the superb collections of antiquities at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, the American Numismatic Society, and the Pierpont Morgan Library, as well as to the department's own collection of antiquities. Finally,

opportunities for travel and study abroad are available in Greece, Italy, and other Mediterranean sites.

Honors Program

A degree in the joint major in Anthropology and Classical Civilization is awarded with honors to selected students who apply for admission to the program through the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Anthropology during their junior year. Honors candidates are expected to meet all the requirements for the major and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.65, both overall and in the major.

Students in the honors program must complete a total of 44 credits, which is 4 more credits than the standard major. These include:

- A graduate-level course in Anthropology, which counts as an elective.
- Two semesters of Independent Study in the fall and spring of the student's senior year, each 2 credits, which support honors thesis research and together may count as one elective within the Anthropology portion of the major.
- The two-semester Honors Seminar sequence in the fall and spring of the student's senior year, ANTH-UA 901 (fall) and ANTH-UA 902 (spring), which are 2 credits each but may not count as electives.

In addition to coursework, students must complete a senior honors thesis based on original research, developed under the supervision of a faculty adviser. The thesis is completed as part of the honors seminar and independent study sequence.

To apply for Honors, students must complete and receive approval on the Petition to Enroll in Honors Program form, which is available on the Department of Anthropology's website. Additionally, students must submit and receive approval on the Petition to Enroll in an Independent Study form to register for independent study credits with their faculty thesis adviser.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

The joint major in Anthropology and Classical Civilization consists of five 4-credit courses (20 credits) in the Department of Anthropology and another five 4-credit courses (20 credits) in the Department of Classics (all completed with a grade of C or better; courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined below.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4

Major Requirements		
<i>Anthropology Courses</i>		
ANTH-UA 1	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology ²	4
Select four Anthropology electives ³		16
<i>Classics Courses</i>		
Select five Classics courses ³		20
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		44
Total Credits		128

¹ The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

² Formerly Culture, Power, Society.

³ Chosen in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies in each department.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
ANTH-UA 1	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
Foreign Language I		4
Texts and Ideas		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
Anthropology Major Elective (1 of 4)		4
Foreign Language II		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
Anthropology Major Elective (2 of 4)		4
Classics Major Elective (1 of 5)		4
Foreign Language III		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
Anthropology Major Elective (3 of 4)		4
Classics Major Elective (2 of 5)		4
Foreign Language IV		4
Physical Science		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
Anthropology Major Elective (4 of 4)		4
Classics Major Elective (3 of 5)		4
Life Science		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Classics Major Elective (4 of 5)		4
Other Elective Credits		4
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Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
Classics Major Elective (5 of 5)		4
Other Elective Credits		4

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Credits	16
8th Semester/Term	
Other Elective Credits	4
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Credits	16
Total Credits	128

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have developed:

- 1. An understanding of the ways in which anthropologists and classicists approach the study of the ancient world.
- 2. Knowledge of the methods that anthropologists and classicists use to study antiquity, including the study of ancient languages and archaeological research.
- 3. The ability to conduct independent research using some combination of the study of ancient texts, archaeological excavation, laboratory methods, archival research, and technology.
- 4. Effective oral and written communication skills.
- 5. An appreciation of the diversity of ancient studies, including Greek and Roman antiquity, the ancient Near East and Asia, and ancient societies in Africa, Oceania, and the Americas.

Policies

Program Policies

Double Counting Courses

Majors may share (double count) two courses with a second major (or a minor) with permission from the other department/program.

Transfer Courses

If the College of Arts and Science accepts transfer of credits for an anthropology course(s) taken at another university, students may petition to apply the equivalent of no more than two courses (8 credits) toward the major. Students must present the Director of Undergraduate Studies with a copy of the syllabus and reading list for each course. The Department’s Undergraduate Curriculum Committee will then review the course and decide if it is appropriate to count toward the major. For all students, at least three of the five anthropology courses for this major must be taken within the department.

Grading

In order to count a course toward the major, students must receive a minimum grade of C. Pass/Fail courses may not be counted toward the major.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).