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Welcome to the Anthropology major!

Anthropology is the practice of studying cultures and people within those particular cultures. We have a diverse department that encompasses the many fields of anthropology: Socio-cultural, Archaeological, and Physical Anthropology. Each of our faculty is on the cutting edge of Anthropological research and we have some of the most world renowned Anthropologists teaching in our department.

Declaring the Major

To declare Anthropology as your major start by going to the following website: <http://advising.ucsc.edu> and downloading the Declaration of Major Form. Fill out the first section with your College Advisor and have your College Advisor sign off on the form. Next, come to the Anthropology Department office during our regular office hours (listed on our website) to speak with the Undergraduate Advisor or a Peer Advisor to discuss your study plan. After planning out your Anthropology courses you are required to meet with a faculty member in the department and have them sign your form – this is also a good opportunity to talk to faculty about future careers, graduate school, research, etc. Lastly, bring your form to the Undergraduate Adviser who will finalize your Anthropology major.

Advising within the Anthropology Department

The Anthropology Department has Peer Advisors who are available for advising during regular department office hours. Peer advisors are junior and senior Anthropology Majors who have completed an extensive amount of courses within the department. They can advise on issues such as: declaring the major, course offerings, major progression, office hours of Anthropology

professors, and general questions related to Anthropology.

The Anthropology Undergraduate Advisor is also available for advising including help with transfer coursework, declaring the major, graduation checks, EAP applications, field-study and internship inquiries, and any questions you may have regarding the department.

Anthropology Faculty are also available for advising during their office hours to help students with general questions about the major, independent studies, field studies, graduate school advise and advise pertaining to projects that students can do while obtaining their undergraduate degree. Faculty office hours change each quarter and are posted on the department website.

Lower Division and Upper Division Requirements

Our lower division courses rarely have any prerequisites. However, our upper division courses almost always have prerequisites that students must meet prior to enrolling in the course. The main prerequisites for our upper division courses are: Anthropology 1, 2 and 3. In addition, being a Declared Anthropology Major is a prerequisite for some of our upper division courses. Some of our upper division courses have additional prerequisites as well. Please see the UCSC General Catalog for a list of the prerequisites for specific courses.

The following lower division courses are required for the major:

Anthropology 1: Intro to Human Evolution

Anthropology 2: Intro to Cultural Anthropology

Anthropology 3: Intro to Archaeology
Anthropology 4: Public Life & Contemporary
Issues **OR** one course from the Anthro 80 series

There are nine upper division courses that are required for the Anthropology Major. These include one course from each of the following four areas: Ethnography, Theory, Socio-cultural, and Physical Anthropology OR Archaeology. In addition, students are required to take four additional upper division Anthropology Electives, which are any upper division Anthropology courses that the student chooses to take. The final upper division requirement for the Anthropology major is the Senior Comprehensive Requirement, which can be satisfied by completing one of the following: an Anthropology Senior Seminar, a Senior Thesis (plus a fifth upper division elective), or petitioning to take an approved Anthropology Graduate Seminar.

Getting Started in the Major

The first courses that you want to take in order to get started with the Anthropology major are the introductory courses: Anthro 1, 2, 3 and either Anthro 4 or an Anthro 80's series course. After you have completed the lower division courses for the major you can start taking upper division courses. Some upper division Anthropology courses can be taken before completing all of the lower division courses, however it is recommended that students complete the lower division courses first. A list of the Tentative Anthropology Curriculum for the current academic year is posted on the department website.

Transfer Coursework

For transfer students it is very important that you send a copy of your unofficial transcript for your Anthropology courses to our department. The only courses that we accept from community colleges are the equivalent of our Anthro 1, 2 and 3. You can check Assist.org to see which courses at your community college are equivalent to our Anthro 1, 2 and 3. In addition, our

department will accept up to 2 upper division Anthropology courses from another four-year university. If you have taken any Anthropology courses at a four-year university you must petition for these courses to count towards the major requirements – please contact the Anthropology department for further information on the petition process.

Other components of the Anthropology Department

While completing your courses for the Anthropology major you will also have many other opportunities available to you. We currently have a Field Study and Internship Coordinator who can provide you with information about getting involved in field-studies and internships. Our department also provides opportunities for students to participate in Independent Studies with Anthropology Faculty. Independent Studies are a way to work more closely with a particular professor and get a chance to do real world anthropological work. Finally, we have a Lab Manager who coordinates all of the labs within the department. After taking a brief orientation students can start working in the labs by preparing specimens for classes, working on special projects, updating the osteological collection, and much more.

To be Prepared

The first thing you should do as a new Anthropology student is to download the Anthropology Undergraduate Handbook from the department website (<http://anthro.ucsc.edu>) and read through it carefully! It is highly recommended that you attend one of the department orientations. When you attend orientation bring a copy of your unofficial transcripts for any Anthropology courses you have taken (this is mainly for transfer students) and be sure to come with questions. Department orientation is your opportunity to get all of the questions about the major and department answered.