

ANTHROPOLOGY

The Anthropology program at Oxnard College offers a selection of lower division courses in physical anthropology, cultural anthropology, gender, cross-cultural psychology, peoples of the world, prehistory, linguistics and archaeology. Anthropology is an excellent transfer degree, as it is a broad field with both biological and social scientific methods. Anthropology's central questions have to do with where humans came from, where they are going, who they are, what their nature is and how cultures vary.

Students who have completed courses or A.A. degrees in anthropology have transferred to Stanford, UCLA, UCSB, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCSD, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, USC, CSU Chico, CSU Northridge, CSU Channel Islands, SUNY, New York University, Pepperdine and many other places.

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Career Opportunities

Teacher	International Business
Forensic Anthropologist	Criminology
Documentary Filmmaker	Marketing
Environmental Science	Non-profit business
Public Policy Professor	Lawyer
Curator	Archaeologist
Park ranger	Politics
Event Organizer	Social work
Linguist	Translator
Neuroscientist	College Administration
Management Consultant	

Faculty

Full-Time	Part-Time
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◆ Anthropology

Associate in Arts Degree

Required Courses:	Units
ANTHR101 Physical Anthropology	3
ANTHR102 Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTHR103 Introduction to Archaeology	3
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Required Additional Courses:	Units
Complete a minimum of 9 units from the following:	
ANTHR104 Archaeological Field Methods	3
ANTHR105 Women, Culture and Society	3
ANTHR106 Culture and Personality	3
ANTHR107 Introduction to Native America	3
ANTHR110 People and Cultures of the World	3
ANTHR113 Ancient Civilizations of the Americas	3
ANTHR115 Introduction to Linguistics	3
ANTHR189C Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft	3
ART R102 Art History I	3
HIST R100A History of World Civilizations I	3
IDS R101A History of Ideas and Evolution of Culture I	3

IDS R102	Science, Technology, and Human Values	3
MATH R105	Introductory Statistics	4
PHIL R108	Mythology	3
PSY R103	Statistics for Behavioral Science	3
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	Total Required Units	18

Anthropology Courses

ANTHR101—Introduction to Physical Anthropology 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

The human species, its origin and present biological variations, based on current evolutionary theory, fossil evidence, primate behavior, population genetics, and comparative vertebrate evolution; origin of culture and its interaction with our unique human form, intelligence, emotions, and sexuality. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: ANTH 2)

ANTHR102—Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Study of human society with emphasis on nature and significance of culture in human life; comparisons, drawn largely from non-Western, non-industrial societies, illustrate diverse solutions to universal human problems; evolution and future of human cultures. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: ANTH 4)

ANTHR103—Introduction to Archaeology 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Anthropological study of world prehistory and evolution of culture from its earliest known origins through the appearance of civilizations as revealed by archaeological record; nature of archaeological evidence and its analysis. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: ANTH 6)

ANTHR104—Archaeological Field Methods 3 units

1 hour lecture, 6 hours lab weekly

Introduction to archaeological theory and methods in the field and laboratory. Emphasis on actual site excavation and laboratory analysis. Field trips and/or fees may be required. Course may be taken four times. (2)

Transfer credit: CSU

ANTHR105—Women, Culture and Society 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Course leads to understanding of women in a global, cross-cultural context. Women are examined alongside men, but with a focus on the feminine half of life. Biology, economics, psychology, spirituality and world views are the principle ethnographic topics. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTHR106—Culture and Personality 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Comparative study of the relationship between culture and individual psychological processes. Child training and psycho-dynamics in non-Western cultures. Psychology of culture change. Personality disorders and psychotherapy studied cross-culturally. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R107—Introduction to Native America 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

Survey of Native American cultures, including prehistory, adaptations, and social, political and religious beliefs. The effects of European contact and the situations of contemporary Native Americans considered. Field trips may be required. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R108—Cultures of the Pacific 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

The four major areas of Australia, Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia will be explored. Cultural geography, prehistory, physical anthropology, navigational techniques, languages, and contemporary ethnography will be core topics. Adaptive significance of native cultures of each region will be presented. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R109—Culture and History of the Philippines 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

Introduction to understanding and appreciation of the peoples of the Philippines, set against their historical, ecological, linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Field work in the local community will be part of the course. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R110—People and Cultures of the World 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

Comparative study of human culture and elements of culture. Selected cultures studied and compared from anthropological perspectives. Emphasis on traditional societies and phenomena of culture change resulting from contact with modern societies. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R113—Ancient Civilizations of the Americas 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

Presentation and discussion of evidence and theories related to the origins and development of civilizations of the New World from the perspective of archaeology, prehistory, and anthropology. Data, interpretations, and theoretical models will be considered dealing with the early civilizations and proto-civilizations in Mesoamerica, South America, and North America. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R114—African-American Ethnology 3 units

Prerequisites: None. General or cultural anthropology preferred, but not required.

3 hours lecture weekly

An anthropological exploration of the ethnohistorical development of African lifestyles in the New World. Special emphasis will be on the African-American in the U.S. Fieldwork in the local community will be part of the course. (Same as AFAM R101)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R115—Introduction to Linguistics 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

Current thinking on language and linguistics from a variety of perspectives. Course provides an introduction to historical linguistics, language change, language learning, bilingualism, pidgins and creoles, sociolinguistics, gender and language, and brain and language. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R189—Topics in Anthropology ½-3 units

Lecture and/or lab as required by unit formula

Courses considering specialized, specific topics in Anthropology which are not covered in the general Anthropology offerings. Course may be taken four times.

Transfer credit: CSU

ANTH R189B—Egyptology: Ancient Egyptian Culture and Civilization 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

An introduction to the study of ancient Egyptian culture from the perspectives of anthropology, archaeology, and ethnohistory. Although the Archaic, Pre-Dynastic, and Post-Dynastic periods will be discussed, the main emphasis of the course is on the fluorescent culture of Dynastic Egypt, the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R189C—Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

Introduction to magic, witchcraft, and sorcery as practiced by primitive, archaic, and classical cultures, comparisons with practices around the world today and a study of the intimate connection with ancient and modern religion. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

ANTH R189D—Experiences in Native American Culture 3 units
3 hours lecture weekly

Course teaches Native American culture using Native teaching methods. The integration of traditional verbal styles with non-verbal styles of learning (which could include dance, walks, contemplation, craft, art) is at the heart of the course. Students will accomplish some kind of specific craft or art project. Course may be taken three times. (2)

Transfer credit: CSU

ANTH R198A-Z—Short Courses in Anthropology ½-10 units

Lecture and/or lab hours as required by unit formula

Courses and/or workshops in selected areas of Anthropology to meet specific needs of college or community as requested and required. Field trips may be required. May be repeated for a maximum of 10 units. (2)

Transfer credit: CSU

ANTH R199—Directed Studies in Anthropology 1-3 units

Prerequisites: A course in the specific field.

Lecture and/or lab hours as required by unit formula

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge of Anthropology on an independent basis. Assigned problems will involve library, lab, and field work. Course may be taken two times.

Transfer credit: CSU