

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANTHROPOLOGY THIS FALL?



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Department of Sociology and Anthropology



Anthropology

Fall 2021

ANTH 1306 INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology is the study of humanity, past and present, and around the world. In this overview of the discipline you will learn about archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics. Anthropology imparts invaluable core knowledge about human cultural and biological history, lending itself flexibly as a tool to refine your interests and expand the curiosity you bring to higher education. The goal of this course is to build anthropological knowledge you can use for the rest of your life.

This course is intended for non-majors.

Fulfills the Social and Behavioral Sciences UTA Core requirement.

Online - Asynchronous
Instructor TBA

MWF 11:00- 11:50 AM
Dr. Luis Plascencia



ANTH 2339 INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY*

How do we know what happened in the past when we don't have any written or oral records of what occurred? The answer is archaeology--the scientific study of the past through the material remains of past human activity. In this course you will learn about the changing social, cultural, and environmental dimensions of the human past and the methods and theories archaeologists use to uncover this past.

****Required course for BA in Anthropology.***
Fulfills the Social and Behavioral Sciences UTA Core requirement.

ANTH 2307 BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY*

Biological (or physical) anthropology is the study of human variation and evolution. This course provides the foundation for further study of human variation, evolution, anatomy, and is recommended for anyone with an interest in a career related to human biology, including forensics, medicine, and archaeology. Included within the discipline is the subfield of primatology. Anthropologists study non-human primates both for their own sakes and for the insights they provide into the evolution of humans. Three broad topical areas are covered in this course: Genetics, human variation & adaptation; Primate anatomy, behavior, & evolution; and Hominin evolution.

****Required course for BA in Anthropology***

Counts toward COLA's certificate in Medical Humanities

TTH 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM
Dr. Naomi Cleghorn (Cleghorn@uta.edu)



TTH 9:30 – 10:50 AM
Dr. Naomi Cleghorn (Cleghorn@uta.edu)

MWF 1:00 – 1:50 PM
Dr. Ashley Lemke (Ashley.Lemke@uta.edu)

ANTH 2322 GLOBAL CULTURES*

This course introduces students to key anthropological concepts. Readings for this course will focus on diverse geographical areas and incorporate a critical appreciation of the discipline of anthropology to understand cultural variation and cultural constructions of reality. Through a mix of lectures, films, and discussions this course is also designed to encourage students to develop an analytical approach to their own everyday practices.

****Required course for BA in Anthropology.***

Fulfills the Language, Philosophy, and Culture UTA Core requirement.

Online – Asynchronous
Dr. Amy Speier (Speier@uta.edu)

MWF 9:00 – 9:50 AM
Dr. Amy Speier (Speier@uta.edu)

MWF 11:00 – 11:50 AM
Dr. Joci Ryan (jcryan@uta.edu)

MWF 1:00 – 1:50 PM
Dr. Luis Plascencia (Luis.Plascencia@uta.edu)

T/TH 7:00 – 8:20 PM
Dr. Isabel Montemayor (Isabel.Montemayor@uta.edu)



Foundation Courses



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ANTH 3300

DEBATES IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Explores core concepts, critiques of past applications, and current challenges of theory and practice in cultural anthropology.

Course limited to 20 seats – enroll early!

Fulfills the Theory requirement for the BA in Anthropology.

T/TH 12:30 – 1:50 PM

Dr. Christian Zolniski (chrisz@uta.edu)

ANTH 3316 / MAS 3316 / SOCI 3360 LATINO HEALTH ISSUES

Counts toward COLA's certificate in Medical Humanities

T/TH 5:30-6:50 PM

Dr. Isabel Montemayor (Isabel.Montemayor@uta.edu)

A U.S. cross cultural examination of issues in Latino Health and relevant health practices. The course will explore, through both a sociological and anthropological lens, the current cultural landscape of Latino health. We will pay close attention to the Latino threat narrative, acculturation histories of major Latino ethnic enclaves in the U.S. as well as health care status, trends and responses with regard to this group. Most minority health research gives little attention to the socio-economic and institutional factors contributing to ill-health and disease patterns in the Latino community. This course will include political, social, cultural, economic, environmental, and biological factors associated with differences in health status and disease frequency among the Latino population.

ANTH 3332 FOOD AND CULTURE

This course considers the relationship of food and culture as it affects human biology and health, influences the course of human history and shapes our experience as individuals and as members of communities. The scope of the course will be broad, including food production, exchange, and consumption from biological, cultural, ecological and political-economic perspectives. We will also address food patterns and beliefs in terms of history, meaning, and symbolism. We will spend some time on topics such as the development of cuisines, food preferences, food and economic development, world hunger, food and religion, globalization, and food bioterrorism.

M/W 1:00 - 2:20 PM

Dr. Amy Speier (Speier@uta.edu)



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ANTH 3336

ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION

This course surveys religion, ritual, and supernatural belief systems in various cultures around the world. We focus on some of the conceptual and theoretical issues that lay at the foundation of the cross-cultural study of religion. Through readings, films, lectures, classroom discussion, and independent research, students will explore the enormous variety of religious behavior and religious belief around the world.

T/TH 2:00 – 3:20 PM

[Dr. Carrie Perkins](#)

ANTH 3366/ WOMS 3366

SEX, GENDER AND CULTURE

This course is an exploration of anthropological perspectives on sex and gender in a variety of cultural contexts. Topics to be covered include the relationship between biology and culture, the cultural construction of gender and sexuality, and ways in which belief systems, institutions, and material culture reflect and incorporate gender issues. We will also consider colonialism and development through the lens of gender and consider the impact of gender and sexuality on anthropological fieldwork. Class instruction will include lectures, discussion, video, and internet resources.

MWF 10:00 – 10:50 AM

[Dr. Joci Ryan](#) (jcryan@uta.edu)

This course will explore transnational feminist frameworks and the heterogeneous processes used in the cultural construction of gender in a global context. Framed by the critiques of “universal sisterhood” by Third World feminists, this course challenges the conventional Western claim that feminism began here and then spread elsewhere. Centering non-Western perspectives, we analyze the intersectional inequalities experienced by women in different cultural contexts and explore the workings of power and gender that shape the lives of women around the world.



Special Topics in Anthropology

ANTH 3390/ WOMS 4305

Transnational Feminism

T/TH 3:30 – 4:50 PM

[Dr. Donna Akers](#) (donna.akers@uta.edu)

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ANTH 3308

FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY

Forensic anthropology is an applied subfield of biological anthropology that provides expert analysis of skeletal remains from a medico-legal setting by utilizing methods developed from skeletal biology, archaeology, and the forensic sciences. Students will gain an understanding of the forensic anthropologist's role in death investigations and be introduced to the theory and applied techniques utilized to recover and identify individuals. This course will be taught entirely online, through UTA's Canvas site.

Dr. Christian Crowder, a Board Certified Diplomat of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, has experience in the US and internationally, and is currently the forensic anthropologist for the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office.

Meets Online - Asynchronous

Dr. Christian Crowder
(christian.crowder@uta.edu)



ANTH 3354

ANTHROPOLOGY OF HUNTING

This course covers a broad range of topics, exploring subsistence hunting through time. We begin with our early human ancestors; we will discuss prehistoric hunter-gatherers as well as modern sport hunting. Topics include issues of meat and diet across different cultures today and in the past, and how hunter-gatherer subsistence behavior exists in the contemporary world. The course touches on issues related to environmental studies, sustainability, and animal extinction.

Counts toward the Environmental and Sustainability Minor

MW 2:30 – 3:50 PM

Dr. Ashley Lemke
(Ashley.Lemke@uta.edu)



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Special Topics in Anthropology

ANTH 3390 / ART 3319

ART & ARCHITECTURE OF INDIA

Explores the art and architecture of the Indian subcontinent, covering prehistoric periods, the Indus Valley culture, the Vedic Period, early through historic Buddhist and Hindu states, Islamic states/empires, the Colonial period, and contemporary art of independent India.

M/W 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Dr. Leah McCurdy

leah.mccurdy@mavs.uta.edu



Special Topics in Archaeology

ANTH 4358 / ART 4396

ARTS OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA WITH MAPS SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

An examination of the art and architectural traditions of cultures within and south of the Sahara Desert of Africa. Emphasis is on indigenous visual traditions prior to Muslim and European contact and contextualizing our understanding through anthropological perspectives. This course incorporates critical considerations of the biases involved in the study of sub-Saharan arts. May include participation with local African arts and archival collections and various campus collections to undertake experiential analysis of primary sources.

T/TH 9:30 – 10:50 AM

Dr. Leah McCurdy

leah.mccurdy@mavs.uta.edu

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ANTH 1200 / SOCI 1200

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

A first year experience course for new students and new transfer students interested in a career in the social sciences. Provides the necessary foundation for success in a college environment while balancing personal and/or work obligations. Orients students to life on campus, demonstrates how to leverage campus resources to achieve career and academic goals, and emphasizes engagement outside the classroom through collaborative and co-curricular opportunities.

Fulfills the University requirement for UNIV 1101 or UNIV 1131.

MW 1:00 – 1:50 PM

LaDorna McGee (ladorna@uta.edu)



FIELD SCHOOLS

Attending a field school is a great way to learn more about anthropology and prepare yourself for the job market and for graduate school. These links have more information. The UTA Anthropology Program usually offers field school and field research experience in the summer in Texas and in South Africa. You can also check out the links below for other opportunities.

[American Anthropological Association](#)
[Society for American Archaeology](#)
[National Association for the Practice of Anthropology](#)
[Texas Archaeological Society](#)

JOBS FOR ANTHROPOLOGISTS

Learn about the exciting jobs anthropologists are doing around the world:

<http://www.thisisanthropology.org/>
<http://www.aaanet.org/profdev/careers/>
<http://careers.saa.org/jobs/>

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The Anthropology BA requires:

- ANTH 2307 Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 2322 Global Cultures
- ANTH 2339 Introduction to Archaeology
- 1 approved ANTH approved Methods course
- 1 approved ANTH approved Theory course
- 1 advanced (3000/4000 level) SOCI elective;
- 22 additional hours of approved ANTH electives.
- 6 hours of MODL language in addition to the COLA requirement.

Contact the department advisor for the list of approved courses for method, theory, and electives. Up to 6 hours of field school credit can be applied to the ANTH electives.

Interested in majoring in anthropology? Schedule an appointment with the undergraduate advisor:

Ms. LaDorna McGee, M.A.
ladorna@uta.edu UH 434

To schedule an Advising Appointment, please go to:
<https://ugadvising.acuityscheduling.com>

Walk-In Hours:

Monday Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Wednesday Thursday Friday 8:00 – 10:00 AM

Appointment Hours:

Monday Tuesday 8:00 – 2:00 PM

Wednesday Thursday Friday 10:00 – 4:00 PM

If you have questions about scheduling an appointment, please call 817-272-2661.

AND, TALK WITH A FACULTY MEMBER!

Dr. Naomi Cleghorn, Program Director
Cleghorn@uta.edu

MINOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The Anthropology minor (6 courses/18 hours total) can be fulfilled by successfully completing two of the following three courses: ANTH 2307: Biological Anthropology, ANTH 2322: Global Cultures, ANTH 2339: Principles of Archaeology, Plus any other four ANTH courses, at least two of which must be at the advanced level (3000 or above).

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Degree Requirements