

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ANTHROPOLOGY THIS FALL?



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Department of Sociology and Anthropology



Anthropology

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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**

UTA CORE CLASS:
Life and Physical Sciences

Counts toward COLA's certificate in Medical Humanities

T/TR 11 AM – 12:20 PM
Dr. Naomi Cleghorn (Cleghorn@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.**

UTA CORE CLASS:
Language, Philosophy, and Culture

M/W/F 9 – 9:50 AM
M/W/F 10 – 10:50 AM
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M/W/F 11 – 11:50 AM
Dr. Joci Ryan (jcryan@uta.edu)

M/W/F 1 – 1:50 PM
Online - Asynchronous
Dr. Amy Speier (Speier@uta.edu)

T/TR 12:30 – 1:50 PM
Dr. Ritu Khanduri (Khanduri@uta.edu)



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.**

UTA CORE CLASS:
Social and Behavioral Sciences

M/W/F 10 – 10:50 AM
Ms. Katrina Nuncio, M.A.
(Katrina.Nuncio@uta.edu)

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.

UTA CORE CLASS:
Social and Behavioral Sciences

T/TH 2:00 – 3:20 PM
Ms. Katrina Nuncio, M.A.

Online - Asynchronous
Dr. Shelley Smith (slsmith@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 8 – 9:30 AM

Dr. Ritu Khanduri (Khanduri@uta.edu)

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 2:30 – 3:50 PM

Dr. Amy Speier (Speier@uta.edu)



ANTH 3338

COMPARATIVE KINSHIP AND FAMILY SYSTEMS

Variation in kinship and family systems from crosscultural and evolutionary perspectives. Structure, function, and dynamics of kinship and family systems as adaptations to diverse ecological, social, and historical circumstances. Implications of this approach for understanding kinship and family in American society also addressed.

MWF 10:00 – 10:50 AM

Dr. Joci Ryan (jcryan@uta.edu)



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ANTH 3349

ANTHROPOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION

The forces of economic globalization now reach every corner of the world to the point that few societies have been untouched by their impact. This course examines the forces that drive globalization and their repercussions upon local communities around the world. It examines how economic globalization affects the lives of real people in developing and industrialized countries as well as in small-scale societies traditionally studied by anthropologists.

T/TR 12:30 – 1:50 PM

Dr. Christian Zolniski (chrisz@uta.edu)

Special Topics in Anthropology

ANTH 3390/ WOMS 4305

TRANSNATIONAL FEMINISM

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.

SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE

T/TH 3:30 – 4:50 PM

Dr. Donna Akers (donna.akers@uta.edu)



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ANTH 3311.001 / BIOL 3313 / HONR

HUMAN ADAPTATION AND THE CONCEPT OF RACE

In this course, the study of modern human biological variation is placed in the context of the history of the race concept. In the first half of the course, we will review changing perspectives on human variation, focusing especially on the last 250 years. In the second half of the course, we examine physiological adaptations to environmental stresses among a variety of human populations and the implications of recent genetic research. Part history of science and part biology, this course explores how anthropologists today and in the past have viewed variation within our species.

MWF 11:00 – 11:50
[Dr. Shelley Smith](#)
(slsmith@uta.edu)



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 Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, has experience in the US and internationally, and is currently the forensic anthropologist for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

ONLINE

[Dr. Christian Crowder](#) (christian.crowder@uta.edu)

ANTH 4406 / BIOL 4406

HUMAN OSTEOLOGY

A complete understanding of the human skeleton is essential to the study of any sub-field of biological anthropology, including bioarchaeology, human anatomy, paleoanthropology, forensic anthropology, primatology, and related fields. This class is an intensive introduction to the structure, physiology, and functional morphology of the human skeletal system, with a laboratory emphasis on identification of whole and fragmented bones. Students study the skeleton in the context of muscular, vascular, neurological, and other systems. In addition, students are briefly introduced to bioarchaeological issues, including the analysis of sex, age, and health. This class is also recommended for students planning a career in the health professions.

Course limited to 20 seats – enroll early!

***Fulfills Method requirement for BA in Anthropology.
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T/TH 12:30 – 1:50 PM (Lecture – section 001)
T/TH 2:00 – 2:50 PM (Lab – Required, section 002)
[Dr. Naomi Cleghorn](#) (Cleghorn@uta.edu)

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ANTH 3371

ARCHAEOLOGY OF GREECE

Material evidence relevant to our understanding of classical Greek culture and society from the collapse of the Mycenaean Empire through the Hellenistic Period (ca. 1200-31 B.C.). Examination of the magnificent (temples, sculpture, athletic monuments, ships) and the mundane (domestic architecture, pottery, crafts, coinage, inscriptions, architecture and artifacts of civic life, burials). Archaeological evidence will be considered in light of contemporary historical sources.

M/W 4 – 5:20 PM

Martin Gallagher (Martin.Gallagher@uta.edu)

Special Topics in Courses in Archaeology

ANTH 4358.001 / ART 3316

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AND NEAR EASTERN ART

We explore the major art and architectural history of ancient Egypt, including relationships to the Near East and Mesopotamia. Religious, political, economic, and social ideologies feature prominently in discussions of art traditions. We also critically consider ways that the ancient Egyptian past is used and/or misused today.

M/W 2:30 – 3:50 PM **Dr. Leah McCurdy** (leah.mccurdy@mavs.uta.edu)

ANTH 4358.002 / ART 3320

ART OF THE ANCIENT AMERICAS

Explores the art, architecture, and archaeology of the Americas from the Paleoindian period through European colonization across North, Central, and South America. Students critically consider the biases of scholarship, colonial legacies, and contemporary perspectives.

M/W 5:30 – 6:50 PM **Dr. Trenton Barnes**

ANTH 4358.003 / ART 4396

ARTS OF THE SILK ROADS

From glittering murals nestled among the dunes and oases of Central Asia, to the majestic Buddhist sculptures of cave-temples along the Eastern coast of China, this course explores the rich artistic traditions that spread across the Old Silk Roads during the medieval period. Together, we will travel through the major cultural and artistic hubs of the Silk Roads, unpacking global and historical contexts across Asia through the remarkable enduring monuments of the period. As we progress through time and space, we will also consider important contemporary issues surrounding the Silk Roads. These include the ownership of cultural heritage, repatriation of antiquities, and the legacy of the Silk Roads in global trade.

T/TR 9:30 – 10:50 AM

Dr. Fletcher Coleman (Fletcher.Coleman@uta.edu)

These courses taught under the special topics number (ANTH 4358). Look for the different section numbers!



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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 11 – 11:50 AM

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

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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