



Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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**ANTHROPOLOGY**

COURSE CATALOG

# 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*

M/W/F 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM  
**Dr. Shelley Smith** ([slsmith@uta.edu](mailto:slsmith@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*

T/TH 9:30 AM – 10:50 AM  
T/TH 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM  
**Dr. Julie Adkins**  
([jadkins@uta.edu](mailto:jadkins@uta.edu))

M/W/F 8:00 AM – 8:50 AM  
M/W/F 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM  
**Dr. Ritu Khanduri** ([khanduri@uta.edu](mailto:khanduri@uta.edu))

M/W 2:30 PM – 3:50 PM  
**Dr. Christian Zolniski** ([chrisz@uta.edu](mailto:chrisz@uta.edu))

Online  
**Dr. Josephine Ryan** ([jcryan@uta.edu](mailto:jcryan@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 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
**Dr. Martin Gallagher**  
([martin.gallagher@uta.edu](mailto:martin.gallagher@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 PM – 3:20 PM  
**Ms. Katrina Nuncio, M.A.**  
([katrina.nuncio@uta.edu](mailto:katrina.nuncio@uta.edu))

Online  
**Dr. Shelley Smith** ([slsmith@uta.edu](mailto:slsmith@uta.edu))



# Foundation Courses

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## **ANTH 3310 LATINOS IN THE US**

Examines the Latino experience in the U.S. from an interdisciplinary perspective. Discusses the commonalities and cultural differences among various Latino groups, and focuses on important contemporary Latino issues such as education, employment, family and gender, identity, immigration, and politics.

M/W 1:00 PM – 2:20 PM

**Dr. Christian Zlolniski** ([chrisz@uta.edu](mailto:chrisz@uta.edu))

## **ANTH 3339 URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY**

Examines main issues, theoretical approaches and ethnographic methods used by anthropologists working in cities. Also discusses relevant contemporary topics such as growth of global cities, gentrification, poverty and inequality, and the economic, social and cultural integration of international immigrants in U.S. cities.

T/TH 12:30 – 1:50 PM

**Dr. Julie Adkins** ([jadkins@uta.edu](mailto:jadkins@uta.edu))

## **ANTH 4460 ZOOARCHAEOLOGY**

The study of faunal remains from archaeological contexts to understand past human economic strategies and ecological circumstances. Topics include skeletal and taxonomic identification, taphonomic processes, mortality profiles, biometric analyses, and human behavioral ecology. Lab component is required.

T/TH 2:00pm – 3:20 PM

**Dr. Naomi Cleghorn** ([Cleghorn@uta.edu](mailto:Cleghorn@uta.edu))

## **ANTH 3341 RESEARCH METHODS IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

This course is an introduction to ethnographic research, also known as “fieldwork”. Students have the opportunity to conduct research in a local micro-community, where they will practice various ethnographic techniques used by cultural anthropologists. They will learn how to take sensorial fieldnotes, conduct participant observation, interviews, focus groups, and take surveys. In the final part of the course, we will discuss the intimate relationship between ethnographic research and ethnographic writing. Throughout the course, we will pay particular attention to the politics and ethics of fieldwork.

T/TH 11:00 AM – 12:20 AM

**Dr. Amy Speier** ([Speier@uta.edu](mailto:Speier@uta.edu))



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## ANTH 3375 NEANDERTHALS AND THE ICE AGE WORLD

Explores the archaeological record of Neanderthals, early modern humans, and their contemporaries. Topics include new genetic and isotopic analyses, ancient environments, early art and symbolism, and how the Paleolithic is imagined in modern society.

T/Th 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM

[Dr. Naomi Cleghorn \(Cleghorn@uta.edu\)](mailto:Cleghorn@uta.edu)

## ANTH 3346 ANTHROPOLOGY OF TOURISM

Examines the cultural practices of travel and the impact of tourism on both host and guest communities. Various forms of tourism are addressed including, but not limited to, ethnic, historical, regional, health and medical, and ecotourism. Themes of the "tourist gaze" authenticity, identity, consumption, ritual, borders, and pilgrimage will be explored.

T/TH 9:30 AM – 10:50 PM

[Dr. Amy Speier \(speier@uta.edu\)](mailto:speier@uta.edu)

## ANTH 3345 / COMM 3345 VISUALIZING CULTURE: MEDIA, IDENTITY, AND POLITICS IN THE GLOBAL WORLD

Introduces students to key concepts in Visual Anthropology. This course highlights the contribution of anthropological methods in theorizing the visual in everyday life for the construction of nationalist, gender, ethnic, and class identities. Readings are drawn from diverse geographical regions. Visual material discussed in class may include ethnographic films, art, graphic novels, comics, illustrated magazines, virtual exhibitions and soap operas. Assignments include a writing and research component, and team-based exercises.

M/W/F 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

[Dr. Ritu Khanduri \(khanduri@uta.edu\)](mailto:khanduri@uta.edu)

## ANTH 3329 CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN CULTURES

A comparative study of African communities with an emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa. Covers regional cultural geography and history as well as ethnography of specific communities. Explores both the challenges facing contemporary African nations as well as emerging solutions. Includes exposure to African art, literature, music, cinema, and food

M/W/F 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

[Dr. Joci Ryan \(Jcryan@uta.edu\)](mailto:Jcryan@uta.edu)



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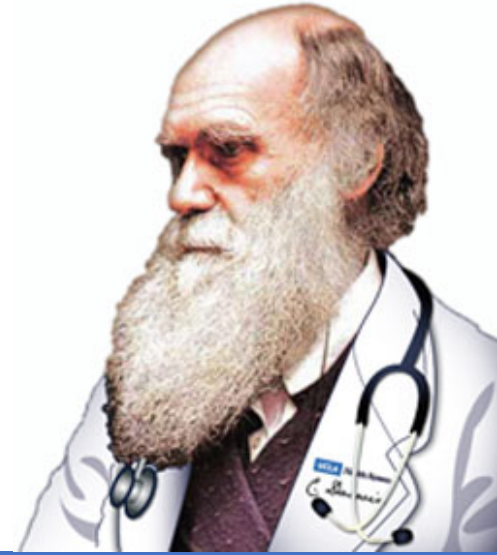
**ANTH 3307**

## **EVOLUTIONARY MEDICINE**

The application of evolutionary theory to the practice of medicine from an anthropological perspective. Topics include diet/paleodiets, sleep habits, infectious diseases, the developmental origins of health and disease, mental health, women's health and reproduction, and aging/senescence, among others. Evolution, and Hominin Evolution.

M/W/F 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

**Dr. Shelley Smith** ([slsmith@uta.edu](mailto:slsmith@uta.edu))



**ANTH 2359**

## **MYTHS AND MYSTERIES IN ARCHAEOLOGY**

This course will critically examine pseudoscience, cult archaeology and creationism from a scientific perspective. Through the close examination of case studies we will dispel archaeological myths and mysteries which are often depicted as fantastic or cult archaeology. This course will demonstrate that a strong adherence to scientific investigation can uncover facts about prehistory that are as interesting as the myths.

T/TH 12:30 PM – 1:50 PM

**Ms. Katrina Nuncio, M.A.** ([Katrina.Nuncio@uta.edu](mailto:Katrina.Nuncio@uta.edu))



**ANTH 3355**

## **RISE OF CIVILIZATION**

The development of complex cultures from village farming societies in various regions of the Old and New Worlds. The civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Mesoamerica, among others, will be treated, along with general questions concerning the rise, development, and collapse of early civilizations.

M/W 4:00 PM – 5:20 PM

**Dr. Martin Gallagher** ([martin.gallagher@uta.edu](mailto:martin.gallagher@uta.edu))

**ANTH 3301**

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHOD AND THEORY**

Explores core concepts, critiques of past applications, and current challenges of theory and practice in archaeology. Topics include history of archaeological thought, processual and actualistic approaches, ethnoarchaeology, evolutionary archaeology, stewardship of the archaeological past, and post-processual critiques..

T/TH 2:00 PM – 3:20 PM

**Dr. Kelsey Hanson** ([Kelsey.hanson@uta.edu](mailto:Kelsey.hanson@uta.edu))

# Biological Anthropology & Archaeology

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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.**

M/W 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

**Ms. Andrea Jenkins, M.A ([Andrea.Jenkins@uta.edu](mailto:Andrea.Jenkins@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:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/DepartmentofSociologyandAnthropology@bookings.uta.edu/bookings/>

**To find out more about advising email [anthropology@uta.edu](mailto:anthropology@uta.edu) or go by the main office UH 430.**

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

### **AND, TALK WITH A FACULTY MEMBER!**

Dr. Amy Speier, Program Director  
[speier@uta.edu](mailto:speier@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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