



Department of Sociology and Anthropology
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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ANTHROPOLOGY

COURSE CATALOG

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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 AM – 1:50 AM
Dr. Shelley Smith (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)

M/W/F 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM
M/W/F 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM
Dr. Ritu Khanduri (khanduri@uta.edu)

Online - Asynchronous
Dr. Josephine Ryan (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

T/TH 2:00 PM – 3:20 PM
Dr. Ashley Lemke
(Ashley.Lemke@uta.edu)

M/W 2:30 PM – 3:50 PM
Dr. Martin Gallagher
(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

M/W/F 10 – 10:50
Ms. Katrina Nuncio, M.A.

Online - Asynchronous
Dr. Shelley Smith (slsmith@uta.edu)



Foundation Courses

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ANTH 3334

ANTHROPOLOGY OF SOUTH ASIA

This course offers an anthropological perspective on contemporary South Asia by building on three interconnected conceptual frameworks: culture, power, and history. This course encourages a critical engagement with the construction of knowledge of South Asia in anthropological scholarship. While being attentive to the dialectic between “area studies” and “theory” this course also offers students an opportunity to reflect, discuss, and analyze material drawn from research on various parts of the subcontinent i.e. India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Burma (Myanmar), and Bhutan.

M/W/F 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Dr. Ritu Khanduri (khanduri@uta.edu)



ANTH 3336

ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION

The course is an exploration of such features of world religions as shamanism, magic, religious movements, and beliefs and practices regarding witchcraft. Attention will also be given to theories of the origin of religion as well as to concepts of sacred space and sacred time. In addition, we will seek to understand the symbolism in certain rituals. The emphasis in the course will be on traditional religions of nonwestern cultures. Nonwestern cultures are those which are not derived from Western Europe. Navajo and Eskimo cultures, for example, are nonwestern. Special attention will be given to data gathered when the traditions were relatively intact, that is, before the cultures were subjected to extensive contact with Western civilization.

T/TH 12:30 - 1:50 PM

Dr. Julie Adkins (jadkins@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 PM

Dr. Amy Speier (Speier@uta.edu)

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ANTH 3346

ANTHROPOLOGY OF TOURISM

Tourism is among one of the world's largest industries, generating trillions of dollars in revenues and employing millions. It is heavily relied upon as an economic strategy for developing countries. This course will examine the cultural practices of travel and the impact tourism has on both host and guest communities. Tourism has been a central dimension of globalization, and it can be used as a lens to reflect on many questions about identity and heritage, commoditization, historical and cultural representation, authenticity and ownership, neoliberalism, inequality, gender relations, environmental sustainability, and more. We will examine various forms of tourism, including, but not limited to: ethnic, historical, regional, and ecotourism. We will pay close attention to health and medical tourism, a growing phenomenon in today's global world. Themes of the gaze, authenticity, identity, consumption, ritual, borders, and pilgrimage will be considered throughout the term



T/TH 9:30 AM – 10:50 AM

Dr. Amy Speier (speier@uta.edu)



ANTH 3348

ANTHROPOLOGY OF MIGRATION

This course focuses on the expanding field of migration studies in social and cultural anthropology. It traces the history of migration studies in anthropology, discusses the major theoretical contributions of anthropologists to the interdisciplinary field of migration, and addresses key contemporary topics in migration studies including globalization, transnational communities, gender, identity, and citizenship. The course heavily relies on ethnographic case studies of different immigrant populations in the U.S. written by anthropologists in the recent past.

M/W 2:30 PM – 3:50 PM

Dr. Christian Zolniski (chrisz@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)

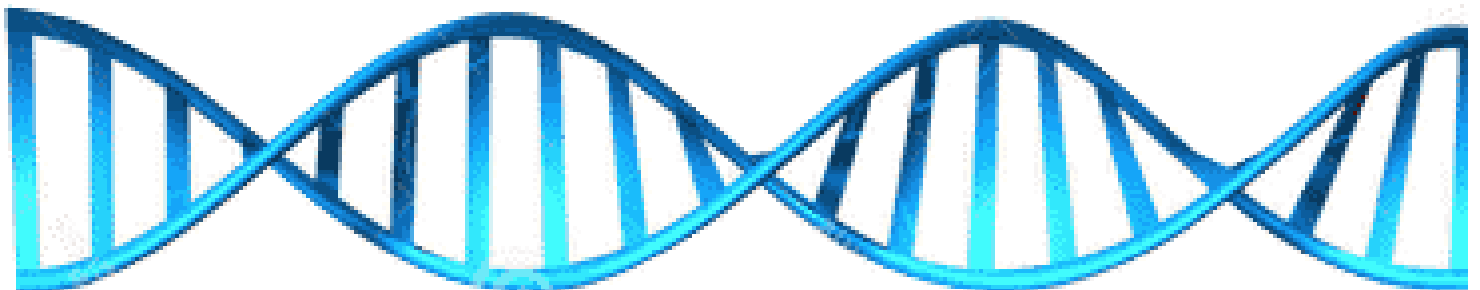
ANTH 3369

MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

This course will offer a general introduction to the field of medical anthropology/medical sociology. Medical anthropologists study the relationships among culture, society, the environment, disease, health, and healing. Specific topics include the cultural construction and organization of medical systems, patients and healers, health and development, global disparities in health and disease, nutritional anthropology, biocultural aspects of disease, bioethical debates, and practical applications of medical anthropology. Instruction is via lecture, reading, video, internet materials and class discussion.

T/TH 3:30 PM – 4:50 PM

Dr. Josephine Ryan (jcryan@uta.edu)



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ANTH 3355

RISE OF CIVILIZATIONS

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)



ANTH 3356

MESOAMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Covers cultural developments in Mesoamerica through the rise of complex societies and the Spanish conquest. Topics include the emergence of Olmecs, Zapotecs, Maya, Toltecs, and the Aztecs, and explore the factors that contributed to their appearance and decline. New discoveries within the field of Mesoamerican archaeology will be examined.

M/W/F 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

Ms. Katrina Nuncio, M.A. (Katrina.Nuncio@uta.edu)

ANTH 3359

STONE TOOLS

Covers the evolution of stone tools from the first modified stone objects to the use of stone tools in complex societies such as the ancient Maya and Egyptians. Introduces students to lithic analysis and manufacture, emphasizing hands-on learning.

T 5:30 PM – 8:20 PM

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

ANTH 4460

ZOOARCHAEOLOGY

This course introduces students to the important issues and analytical techniques of zooarchaeology, including taphonomic processes (that is, how faunal assemblages are formed and altered), quantification of skeletal elements, distinctions between major taxonomic groups, season of death, interpretation of mortality profiles, application of optimal foraging theory, and biometric data analysis. Laboratory sessions complement lectures and provide hands-on instruction in skeletal identification. Students learn how to identify bones and teeth, how to distinguish between some major taxonomic groups, and how to identify evidence of bone alteration by various taphonomic processes (i.e., butchery, burning, acid dissolution, weathering, and carnivore gnawing). Using an archaeological assemblage, students work in small groups to analyze some of these processes. We also discuss field and laboratory methods, including documentation and conservation.

T/TH 2:00 PM – 3:20 PM | Lecture

T/TH 3:30 PM – 4:20 PM | Lab

Dr. Naomi Cleghorn (Cleghorn@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.

M/W 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

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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](http://www.americananthro.org/)
[Society for American Archaeology](http://www.saa.org/)
[National Association for the Practice of Anthropology](http://www.nacpa.org/)
[Texas Archaeological Society](http://www.tas.org/)

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 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. 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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