ANTHROPOLOGY (AN)

AN 2100 Foundations of Anthropology (4)
Introduction to the study of people and cultures around the world through the 4 divisions of anthropology (cultural, linguistic, bio-physical, and archaeology). Topics include the diversity of modern human beliefs and behaviors regarding the body, food, economy, sustainability, gender, kinship, politics, and religion, as well as their evolutionary and historical origins. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 2210, AN 2250, AN 2300. Falls and Springs. (GACO)

AN 3035 Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs (4)
Examines archaeological evidence for the rise of civilization in Egypt. Topics include the history of exploration, art and architecture, social history, mumification, burial rites and gods. Emphasis is on pyramids, the Valley of the Kings, the tomb of Tutankhamun, the Temples of Karnak and Luxor, as well as some of the latest discoveries. Also examines popular misconceptions about Egypt. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3030. Fall of odd years. Prerequisite(s): AN 2100 or AN 2210 or AN 2250.

AN 3045 Ancient Mexico: Mayas, Aztecs, and Olmecs (4)
Examines the archaeological and ethnohistorical data for the existence of high civilizations in Mesoamerica such as the Olmec, Maya and Aztec. Traces the prehistory from earliest people into the historic era of Spanish conquest and domination. Fall of even years. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3040. Prerequisite(s): AN 2100 or AN 2210 or AN 2250.

AN 3115 Environmental Anthropology: Culture, Ecology, and Conservation (4)
Examines culture as a human adaptation to nature, with attention to how societies around the world succeed or fail to live sustainably. Explores human-nature interactions in non-Western contexts, such as present-day traditional societies in developing countries and industrialized nations. Case studies investigate the role of culture in creating and solving environmental programs including population pressure, biodiversity loss, and climate change. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3110. Springs. Prerequisite(s): AN 2100 or AN 2210 or SO 2220.

AN 3205 Anthropology of Religion, Ritual, and Myth (4)
Examines human belief systems from cultures around the world, from major world religions to local and animistic traditions. Introduces anthropological analysis of selected topics, such as origins and functions of religion, rituals, myths, shamanism, voodoo, witchcraft, altered states of consciousness, healing, death customs, and modern fundamentalism and syncretism. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3200. Unscheduled.

AN 3210 Topics in Anthropology (3)
Examines specialized areas in anthropology which are not covered in regularly scheduled courses. Prerequisite(s): AN 2210.

AN 3215 Topics in Anthropology (4)
Examines specialized areas in anthropology which are not covered in regularly scheduled courses. Prerequisite(s): AN 2100 or AN 2210.

AN 3265 Archaeology of Early American Life (4)
Introduces students to the study of historical archaeology, explores various topics from earliest colonial settlement through to artifacts of today and exposes one to the different techniques and methods used. Field trips and some outdoor classes are part of the course. Concentrates on the New England region. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3260. Spring of even years. Prerequisite(s): upper-level student.

AN 3295 Great Discoveries in Archaeology (4)
Examines some of the greatest discoveries made at archaeological sites throughout the world. This overview of world prehistory emphasizes how civilization arose independently in several parts of the world, but it also presents some of the greatest discoveries from later time periods. Demonstrates the types of questions that archaeologists ask and shows how cultures are reconstructed using the fragmentary remains in the archaeological record. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3290. Springs. Prerequisite(s): AN 2100 or AN 2210 or AN 2250.

AN 3405 Anthropology of Sub-Saharan Africa (4)
Surveys anthropological research on African peoples from the early 20th century to the present day on such topics as religion and witchcraft, social change and urbanization, sustainability, development, migration, and globalization. Contemporary challenges of the continent are contextualized in light of historical trends such as slavery and colonialism. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3400. Spring of odd years. (GACO)

AN 3415 Native American History and Culture (4)
Discusses and analyzes traditional Indian cultures from an anthropological perspective which includes patterns of subsistence, social organization and ideology. Culture change, conflict and the contemporary status of native groups are considered within the context of national political and legal policies. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3410. Falls. Prerequisite(s): AN 2100 or AN 2210 or SO 2220.
AN 3505 Illness, Wellness, and Healing (4)
Concepts of illness, wellness, and healing reflect the societies and cultures in which they are found. Compares ways in which a variety of Western (e.g., France, Germany, United States) and non-Western (South American, African) societies and cultures think about and institutionalize health and illness. Selected topics include: changing health and nutritional status from human prehistory to the present, social and cultural definitions of health and illness, ritual healing practices, ethnomedicine, the relationships of social organization and stratification to health and illness; and the social and personal construction of medical knowledge. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3500. Falls and Springs. (INCO) (INCP) (WECO)
Prerequisite(s): (AN 2100 or AN 2210) or (SO 2220 or SO 2225).

AN 3605 Forensic Anthropology (4)
An introduction to Forensic Anthropology, which is the scientific study of the human skeleton and its application to the law. This includes the study of age, gender, stature, abnormalities, disease, pathologies, and trauma, along with all of the other evidence that can be learned from the study of human remains. Intensive handling and analysis of human bones. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 3600. Springs.

AN 3620 Archaeological Field Methods (2-9)
Provides an opportunity to acquire field experiences - survey, mapping, excavation, material analysis - at land or underwater sites from the Prehistoric or Historical periods. Summers.

AN 4415 Methods of Social Research (4)
Students learn how to critically evaluate studies in anthropology and sociology, and to design and plan a study of social phenomena of their own. Skills learned include theory, application and construction, operationalizing variables, evaluating strengths and weaknesses of research methodologies, determining causality, sampling, hypothesis formulation and testing, data collection and analysis, and proposal writing. Not open to students who have earned credit for AN 4410. May be taken as SO 4415. Fall of even years. (TECO)
Prerequisite(s): MA 2300 or SS 3705 or SW 3705.

AN 4605 Seminar: Theory, Practice, and Careers (4)
Capstone course for majors; provides an overview of anthropological and sociological methodology and theory and their application to careers. Heavily emphasizes research and the practical applications of anthropology and sociology. Spring of odd years. Prerequisite(s) to: (AN 4400 or SO 4400) or (AN 4410 or SO 4410) or (AN 4415 or SO 4415) and Junior or Senior standing as a major. (WRCO)

AN 4610 Internship (1-12)
Students engage in work programs and thereby apply knowledge gained from major and minor courses, areas or concentrations. Qualifications to be an intern are determined by the Department Chair and a faculty member who acts as a supervising professor. Once placed, student interns have both an immediate supervisor and a supervising professor. With permission.

AN 4910 Independent Study (1-4)
Provides a more intense background in some aspect of anthropology through reading and research, supplementing previous courses or broadening the student’s knowledge in some subject area not presently covered by AN courses. Consent required of the instructor who will supervise the independent study and the Department Chair.