Anthropology

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Mission

The mission of the Department of Anthropology is to research and teach about
global human diversity and distinctiveness from the distant past to the present.
Anthropology applies practical tools and theoretical concepts to understanding
many aspects of the human condition. This includes culture, contemporary
society, the evolution and biology of humans, and language. Anthropology
provides cross-cultural, environmental, and global perspectives on past and
present human behavior. Our mission is to apply anthropological concepts to
the resolution of important social, cultural, and environmental problems of our
times. The Department of Anthropology offers graduate students the Master of
Arts (M.A.) or Master of Science (M.S.) degrees with specialization in applied
anthropology, archaeological science, ecological anthropology, forensics,
language preservation, medical anthropology, and oral history.

Goals

Students who have completed a graduate degree in Anthropology at Idaho State
University should be able to:

1. Read and understand anthropological theories and methods at a professional
   level.
2. Understand current debates within the field and critically evaluate the
   professional literature.
3. Use a comparative approach to theorize about the similarities and differences in the human condition across space and through
time.
4. Design and carry out research and application of methods and theories at a
   professional level.

Measurable Outcomes

The Thesis or Special Project should show the following competencies based on
the learning objectives:

1. Write a proposal using research methods and the application of theory to
   contemporary social issues.
2. Perform quantitative and/or qualitative analysis of data appropriate to the
   chosen sub-discipline.
3. Competently conceive, conduct, and write research and applications of
   anthropology at a level suitable for publication.

Admission Requirements

The student must apply to, and meet all criteria for admission to the Graduate
School. In addition the student must provide:

1. A letter of application, including areas of interest and professional goals;
2. Three letters of recommendation;
3. Undergraduate transcripts and transcripts of any previous post-graduate
coursework;
4. Minimum grade point average of 3.0;
5. Total GRE scores that average at least the 50th percentile for admission;
6. An undergraduate degree in anthropology is not required for acceptance
   into the program; however, students without upper division coursework in
   sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, and human origins equivalent to
   ANTH 5501, ANTH 5503, ANTH 5530, and an upper division linguistic
   anthropology course will be required to take these courses or approved
   readings courses before enrolling in content-respective graduate seminars.

Option 1: Master of Arts in Anthropology

General Requirements

A minimum of 30 credits must be taken, including 15 at the 6600-level or higher
and the following required courses:

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Additional 12 credits of graduate level courses approved by the
student's advisor are also required. Two semesters of foreign
language may need to be completed if relevant to research plans, or
equivalent competence must be demonstrated. This will be decided in
consultation with the thesis adviser.

Total Credits 30

Additional Requirements for the M.A. in Anthropology

1. Each student must develop a proposed program of study specifying the
courses that will complement the program of study and be approved by the
student's graduate advisor.
2. Students completing the M.A. in Anthropology with an MPH degree
   may apply up to 9 credits to both degrees with advisor approval in both
   programs.
3. To maintain Classified status, students must register for a minimum of 6
   credits in the Fall and Spring Semesters of the first year.
4. One must demonstrate proficiency in a second language, computer
   programming, geographic information systems (GIS), or statistics. This
   requirement will complement the student's program of study and will be
   evaluated by the student's primary advisor.
5. Student must write a Master's thesis or submit a manuscript. Either option
   requires a formal oral examination that the student must pass to graduate.

Option 2: Master of Science in Anthropology

General Requirements

A minimum of 30 credits must be taken, including 15 at the 6600-level or higher
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STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES FOR Medical Anthropology Certificate Course Requirements:

GPA in the courses) from the following list of possible courses. The certificate is granted upon completion of 12 credits of classwork (with a 3.0 GPA in the courses) from ISU concurrently.

In order to receive this certificate, a student must complete a graduate degree to students of the social sciences and to those students who wish to combine learning in the field of Global Health research. This certificate is of interest to students with the desire to understand and problem solving. The class content reflects current, on-going global health crises. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5501 History and Theory of Sociocultural Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Survey of the development of anthropology, various schools of thought, important personalities, and concepts that have contributed to anthropology over time.

ANTH 5502 Ecological Anthropology: 3 semester hours.

ANTH 5503 History and Theory in Archaeology: 3 semester hours.
History of the development of current methods and theory in archaeology and contemporary applications. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5504 Material Culture Analysis: 3 semester hours.
Methods and analyses used in archaeology and anthropology to understand the relationship between objects and culture. COREQ: ANTH 5505.

ANTH 5505 Analytical Techniques Laboratory: 1 semester hour.
Analytical techniques laboratory to accompany ANTH 5504. Students will complete an assigned project in material culture analysis. COREQ: ANTH 5504.

ANTH 5506 American Indian Health Issues: 3 semester hours.
An overview of health concerns, both current and past, of American Indian people, and the biological and sociocultural factors which influence health status.

ANTH 5507 Anthropology of Global Health: 3 semester hours.
How cultures define health and illness, and how these definitions ultimately influence the health status of individuals.

ANTH 5508 Topics in Medical Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Rotating topics, including international health issues, ethno-psychiatry, ethnomedicine and non-western healing systems. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. PREREQ: ANTH 5507 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5509 Clinical Medical Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Explores the culture of biomedicine and the beliefs of patients. Topics include doctor/patient communication, cultural competency, cultural construction of risk, critiques of high-tech medicine and the international pharmaceutical industry.

ANTH 5510 Cultural Resources Management: 3 semester hours.
Introduction to CRM reviewing historic preservation and federal legislation as they pertain to archaeology; practical experience insite survey and recording. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5511 Advanced Global Health: 3 semester hours.
This class uses medical anthropology theories and approaches to explore and analyze current global health issues. Emphasis is on trans-disciplinary approaches to understanding and problem solving. The class content reflects current, on-going global health crises. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5513 Old World Archaeology: 3 semester hours.
Prehistory of the Old World. Precise areal focus and periods may vary. Includes broader theory and exposition. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. PREREQ: ANTH 2203 or permission of instructor.
ANTH 5514 New World Archaeology: 3 semester hours.
Examination of the prehistory of the Americas with emphasis on the North American continent. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. PREREQ: ANTH 2203 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5520 Applied Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Introduction to the use of theories, methods, practices, and ethnographic findings of anthropology to solve human and environmental problems in academic, professional and global contexts. Special emphasis on future research and anthropological career trajectories. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5522 Globalization: 3 semester hours.
An examination of issues surrounding the intersection of anthropology and globalization. Emphasis on the social scientific study of the intensity of flows of capital, labor, commodities, and ideologies across national borders. Cultural, political, and economic connections and transformations are interpreted through an ethnographic lens. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5525 Food and Culture: 3 semester hours.
A global examination of the role of food in human culture. Among topics considered are the ways food shapes and reflects identity, how food habits develop and change through cultural interaction, ritual uses of food, diet and health, drawing on historical and modern case studies. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5526 Reading and Writing Ethnography: 3 semester hours.
This course explores both contemporary and historical ethnographic writings that are foundational to the discipline. Students also engage in learning the art of ethnographic writing by producing short pieces of their own during the semester. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5529 Survey of Primates: 3 semester hours.
Evolution and adaptations of fossil and extant non-human primates through their anatomy, behavioral ecology, and adaptive diversity, including a history of primate/human interactions. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5530 Human Evolution: 3 semester hours.
Examines relevant topical issues/problems in human evolution from a bioanthropological, ecological and demographic perspective, including paleoanthropology, evolutionary genetics, and the impact of health, nutrition, and disease in human populations. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. PREREQ: ANTH 2230 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5531 Special Topics in Biological Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Rotating review of topics dealing with issues in biological anthropology. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5532 Human Osteology: 3 semester hours.
Provides a comprehensive, working knowledge of the human skeletal system presented in a laboratory context, including identification of individual bones, osteogenesis, pathologies, demography and the applications of knowledge and techniques in real world settings. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. PREREQ: ANTH 2230 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5534 Forensic Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
An introduction to forensic anthropology, an applied field within the larger discipline of biological anthropology, that analyzes human skeletal remains recovered from medico-legal contexts. The course will cover theoretical foundations and methodologies associated with forensic anthropology and will provide students with an informed appreciation for the field, as well as knowledge regarding the roles, responsibilities, and limitations of a forensic anthropologist. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5536 Human Variation: 3 semester hours.
This course is designed to investigate the biological basis of human diversity, the meanings we apply to race, and how race is perceived. Topics covered include the origin and mechanisms of human population variation, the nature of racial and racist studies in both historical and social contexts, and the question of race as a valid subject of scientific inquiry. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5538 Human Growth and Development: 3 semester hours.
This course covers the phenomenon of human growth, how growth and development can be measured, the molecular basis of growth, secular changes, genetic and environmental effects on growth, plasticity of the human phenotype, and applications to forensic age estimation in subadults. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5539 Principles of Taphonomy: 3 semester hours.
Effects of processes which modify organisms between death and the time the usually fossilized remains are studied. Emphasis on vertebrates. Equivalent to BIOL 5539 and GEOL 5539.

ANTH 5540 Qualitative Research Methods: 3 semester hours.
Study of qualitative research methods. Data gathering techniques and data analysis will be covered. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. PREREQ: ANTH 2250 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5550 Sociolinguistics: 3 semester hours.
Study of the patterned covariation of language and society, social dialects and social styles in language; problems of bilingualism, multilingualism, creoles and language uses. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. Equivalent to ENGL 5588. PREREQ: ANTH 1107, ENGL 2281, or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5552 American Indian Verbal Arts: 3 semester hours.
Analysis of current theories in the study of oral literature and ethno-poetics, focusing on the oral traditions of American Indians.

ANTH 5554 Survey of American Indian Languages: 3 semester hours.
History of scholarship, analysis and classification of American Indian languages with emphasis on the languages of a particular phylum or geographical area.

ANTH 5555 Phonetics: 3 semester hours.
Introduction to descriptive linguistics focusing on phonetics and phonetic phenomena of English and the other languages of the world. Extensive practice in perception and production of such phenomena. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. Equivalent to LANG 5555. PREREQ: ANTH/LANG 1107.

ANTH 5556 Phonology and Morphology: 3 semester hours.
Phonological theory and analysis; current theories in morphology. Phonological rules, representations, underlying forms, derivation, justification of phonological analyses; morphological structure, derivational and inflectional morphology; relation of morphology to phonology. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. Equivalent to LANG 5556. PREREQ: ANTH/LANG 1107.
ANTH 5558 Historical Linguistics: 3 semester hours.
The methods and theories of the historical study of language. The comparative method, internal reconstruction, linguistic change over time, genetic typology of languages, and application of prehistory.

ANTH 5559 Linguistic Field Methods: 3 semester hours.
Practical experience in linguistic analysis of a language using data elicited from a native speaker. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

ANTH 5563 Applied Statistics in Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Practical applications of commonly used statistical analyses in anthropology.

ANTH 5564 Advanced Analytical Methods in Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Examination of and practical experience in applying advanced quantitative, qualitative, and laboratory methods and analyses. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. PREREQ: ANTH 5563 or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5572 Native American Arts: 3 semester hours.
Survey of Native American arts and industries, including prehistoric, ethnographic, and contemporary venues.

ANTH 5574 Topics in Indian Education: 3 semester hours.
Rotating review of topics dealing with issues in Indian education. Consult current schedule of classes for exact course being taught. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

ANTH 5576 Seminar in Am Indian Studies: 3 semester hours.
Advanced level course with critical examination, readings, discussion and presentation of selected issues facing American Indians. PREREQ: 9 credits of American Indian Studies or permission of instructor.

ANTH 5578 Federal Indian Law: 3 semester hours.
Examination of tribal governments; their relationship with the federal government; sovereignty, jurisdictional conflicts over land and resources; and economic development. Equivalent to POLS 5578.

ANTH 5579 Tribal Governments: 3 semester hours.
Complex legal position of Indian tribes as self-governing entities; principles of inherent powers; governmental organization, lawmaking, justice, relation to state and federal government. Equivalent to POLS 5579.

ANTH 5580 Varieties of American Language: 3 semester hours.
In-depth study of various dialects of American English, including historical evolution of different dialects, effects of migration on dialects, and influences of non-English immigrant languages on development of American English. Field work studying the Snake River dialects of Idaho. Equivalent to ENGL 5580.

ANTH 5581 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Selected topics in social, political, economic, and religious systems/organizations. Intensive survey of literature and analysis of relevant materials. See current schedule of classes for exact course titles. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. May be repeated for up to 9 credits with different course topics. PREREQ: Permission of instructor.

ANTH 5582 Independent Problems in Anthropology: 1-3 semester hours.
Investigation of an anthropological problem chosen by the student and approved by the staff. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

ANTH 5583 Field Research: 3 semester hours.
Practical experience in field research. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

ANTH 5585 Anthropology of War and Violence: 3 semester hours.
Survey of war and violence from evolutionary foundations through modern representations. The course covers violence and war among chimpanzees, the genetics and biochemistry of violence, the role of evolution in making humans aggressive, and the history and ethnography of violent conflict around the world.

ANTH 5586 Archaeology Field School: 1-9 semester hours.
Practical field and laboratory training in archaeological excavation techniques and methods of analysis. May be repeated to a total of 9 credits.

ANTH 5587 Ethnographic Field School: 1-6 semester hours.
Supervised fieldwork in cultural anthropology in a given ethnographic setting where students and faculty work on a specific set of field problems. May be repeated to a total of 6 credits.

ANTH 5589 Topics in American Indian Studies: 3 semester hours.
Rotating review of topics dealing with issues in American Indian studies. Consult current schedule of classes for exact course being taught. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. May be repeated with different topics.

ANTH 5590 Topics in Folklore: 3 semester hours.
Focused study of an issue in folklore or a particular genre of folklore, including history of the scholarship concerning that issue or genre. Rotating topics. May be repeated up to 9 credits with different topics. Equivalent to ENGL 5590.

ANTH 5591 Archaeology Laboratory Analysis: 3 semester hours.
Directed analysis of archaeological remains and report writing. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

ANTH 5594 Visual Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Documentary and ethnographic filmmaking techniques including story structure, interviewing, audio and lighting, camera handling, composition, Pov, and editing. Anthropological critiques of visual representation. Students create their own short film for a final project.

ANTH 5595 Department Colloquium: 1 semester hour.
Presentations of current research issues in Anthropology by faculty and students. May be repeated.

ANTH 5599 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
This is an experimental course. The course title and number of credits are noted by course section and announced in the class schedule by the scheduling department. Experimental courses may be offered no more than three times. May be repeated.

ANTH 6605 Seminar in Linguistic Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Discussion of theories, methods, and results in linguistic anthropology.

ANTH 6610 Seminar in Medical Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Discussion of current topics within the various specializations of medical anthropology.

ANTH 6615 Seminar in Biological Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Discussion of theories, methods, and results in biological anthropology.

ANTH 6625 Seminar in Sociocultural Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Discussions of theories, methods, and results in sociocultural anthropology.

ANTH 6635 Seminar in Archaeology: 3 semester hours.
Studies in current theories, methods, and results in archaeological anthropology.

ANTH 6641 Research Project: 1-6 semester hours.
The student will pursue original research under staff guidance. The final report will result in a publishable manuscript. May be repeated. Graded S/U.

ANTH 6642 Practicum in Teaching Anthropology: 3 semester hours.
Directed preparation of an anthropology course with a review of course materials, format, teaching techniques, films, and other aids. The trainee will participate in a supervised teaching experience.

ANTH 6649 Independent Study: 1-4 semester hours.
Independent research under the guidance of faculty. May be repeated.

ANTH 6650 Thesis: 1-6 semester hours.
May be repeated. Graded S/U.
ANTH 6655 Internship in Applied Anthropology: 3-6 semester hours.
Supervised experience in the development and implementation of an anthropological project.

ANTH 6699 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
This is an experimental course. The course title and number of credits are noted by course section and announced in the class schedule by the scheduling department. Experimental courses may be offered no more than three times. May be repeated.