ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.

Anthropology is the study of humans. The anthropological endeavor involves both the sociocultural and biological aspects of humankind. The study of anthropology requires a holistic approach; it is comprehensive, inclusive and integrates information from many different areas of study through ethnographic, biological, cross-cultural, archaeological and sociological inquiries.

An anthropological perspective — including an examination of the similarities and differences among human groups, cultures and societies both locally and worldwide — emphasizes the concepts of cultural relativism, multicultural perspectives and globalization processes that are vital to many areas of study at Saint Louis University.

By participating in anthropology courses in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, students will be further prepared to successfully function in and partake of an interconnected world. The major and minor degrees in anthropology are designed to complement any other major at the University.

The anthropology program also supports an active Anthropology Club and houses the Eta Chapter of Lambda Alpha, the national anthropology honor society. Both organizations are engaged in numerous outreach programs at SLU and within the greater St. Louis community.

Curriculum Overview

Key program components include a rigorous social science curriculum focused on the subfields of cultural anthropology, biological anthropology and archaeology; lab courses that provide a hands-on learning dimension; practical applied experiences through fieldwork opportunities and independent research projects; and connections made with the larger community via internships, study abroad opportunities and a senior capstone project.

Students choose an emphasis in one of four subfields of anthropology:

- Cultural/social anthropology: the study of human cultures in the present or recent past
- Physical/biological anthropology: the study of humans from a biological and evolutionary perspective
- Linguistic anthropology: the interdisciplinary study of how language influences social life
- Archeology: the study of the ancient and recent human past through excavation, analysis and interpretation of material remains

One characteristic that sets anthropology apart from other fields of study is its holistic approach. It is comprehensive, inclusive and integrates information from many different areas of study through ethnographic, biological, cross-cultural, archaeological and sociological inquiries.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Fieldwork takes place within and outside the U.S. This allows students to experience other cultures in a unique, firsthand way and gain a greater appreciation for cultures different from their own. Faculty are pleased to offer SLU students dynamic courses and fieldwork opportunities in the upcoming months and years that will enrich their classroom learning, as well as their lives.

The Archeology Lab provides an excellent workspace for students to explore and contribute to the science of archaeology. Each semester, the lab provides hands-on opportunities for students to explore prehistoric and historic lithics, ceramics and other materials, and to develop student-initiated research projects.

The Urban Lab makes the city of St. Louis a classroom. Through coursework, internships and field schools, you’ll have the chance to conduct original research on urban culture, inequality and development.

Careers

SLU’s anthropology graduates are prepared to successfully function in an interconnected world. The major and minor degrees in anthropology are designed to complement any other major. Alumni of the anthropology program have the following careers:

- Archaeological technician
- Corporate anthropologist/market research
- Foreign Service officer
- Preservation assistant
- Documentary filmmaker
- International development
- Mission organizer

Admission Requirements

Freshman

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php). Saint Louis University also accepts the Common App.

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test. Beginning with the 2021-22 academic year, undergraduate applicants will not be required to submit standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) in order to be considered for admission. Applicants will be evaluated equally, with or without submitted test scores.

Begin Your Application (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Transfer

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php).

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.
International Applicants

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php).

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships**: Awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid**: Provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of foundational anthropological concepts and theory across the various subfields (e.g., cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology).
2. Graduates will demonstrate an understanding of anthropological research, methodology and analysis.
3. Graduates will demonstrate an ability to dissect and critically analyze existing anthropological research.

Requirements

Anthropology students must complete a minimum total of 31 credits for the major.

- A maximum of two (2) Sociology courses may count toward the Anthropology major.
- A maximum of two (2) Anthropology, Sociology, and/or Forensic Science courses may count toward both the Anthropology and Sociology majors.

### Code | Title                              | Credits
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### Core Requirements (p. 2)         | 57-66
### Required Courses                 |  
ANTH 2200 Cultural Anthropology      | 3
ANTH 2210 Biological Anthropology    | 4
& ANTH 2215 and Biological Anthropology Lab |  
ANTH 2240 Archaeology                | 3
ANTH 3200 Anthropological Theory     | 3
ANTH 4870 Capstone in Anthropology   | 3
### Electives                        | 15
Students will select five courses from the following list. One must be a methods course, marked with (*).

- ANTH 1200 Introduction to Anthropology
- ANTH 3240 Anthropology of Sex & Gender
- ANTH 3260 Peace and Conflict
- ANTH 3270 Climate Change & Environmental Futures
- ANTH 3280 Forensic Anthropology
- ANTH 3290 Native Peoples of North America
- ANTH 4240 Primate Social Behavior (*)
- ANTH 4530 Urban Ethnography: Cities in a Global Perspective (*)
- ANTH 4540 Environmental Impact
- ANTH 4710 Field Recovery Methods
- ANTH 4720 Archaeological Lab Method (*)
- ANTH 4800 Research Activity: Supervised (*)
- FRSC 2600 Survey of Forensic Science
- SOC 1180 World Geography
- SOC 2000 Research Methods (*)
- SOC 3230 Gender and Society
- SOC 3360 Racial and Ethnic Relations
- SOC 3430 Marriage and the Family
- SOC 4015 Quantitative Research Methods
- SOC 4025 Qualitative Research
- SOC 4800 Research Activity: Supervised
- SOC 4930 Special Topics
- SOC 4980 Advanced Independent Study

### General Electives                 | 23-32
Total Credits                       | 120

Continuation Standards

Students who major in anthropology must maintain a 2.00 GPA in courses for the anthropology major.

### Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

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Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses [numbered below 1000]).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete Major Requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or elective credits to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Nation, Identity and Literature (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements as equivalents to Department of English courses.

In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements:
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete department/program-specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course    Title                          Credits

Year One                          

Fall   
ANTH 1200 Introduction to Anthropology 3
ENGL 1900 or ENGL 1940 Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research or Advanced Writing or Rhetoric & Research Strategies 3
MATH 1200 College Algebra (or higher) 3
THEO 1000 Theological Foundations 3
HIST 1110 Origins of the Modern World to 1500 3

Credits 15

Spring  
SOC 2000 Research Methods 3
Foreign Language 2010 (if qualified) 3
PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality 3
HIST 1110 Origins of the Modern World to 1500 3
Natural Science: BIOL, CHEM, EAS, FRSC, or PHYS 4

Credits 16

Year Two                          

Fall   
ANTH 2200 Cultural Anthropology 3
Theology 2xxx 3
Literature ENGL 2xxx 3
PHIL 2050 Ethics 3
Natural Science: BIOL, CHEM, EAS, FRSC, or PHYS 4

Credits 16

Spring  
ANTH 2210 Biological Anthropology 4
& ANTH 2215 and Biological Anthropology Lab
Theology 3xxx 3
Literature 3-4xxx 3
Philosophy 3-4xxx 3
FPA 1xxx 3

Credits 16

Year Three                          

Fall   
ANTH 2240 Archaeology 3
ANTH Elective 3
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