

# ■ Anthropology

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Anthropology is within the Behavioral Science program. While a separate major is not offered in anthropology, the B.S. degree in Behavioral Science is strongly grounded with Anthropology course offerings.

Anthropology as a synthesizing discipline examines the lifestyles, values, and world view of other peoples, including topics such as ethnic identity in varied cultural settings and cultural change in past and contemporary cultures. All of the anthropology courses address one or more of the following goals of the Behavioral Science program:

- 1) The scientific method and its application in the field of anthropology and sociology:
- 2) The diversity of peoples and cultures--other ways of seeing and understanding the world:
- 3) How social forces shape our individual perception and behavior:
- 4) The relationship between self-examination and the nature of the group and of group dynamics:

Anthropology Minor: Students who major in any discipline involving cross-cultural interaction, such as Asian studies, communications, criminology and criminal justice, international studies, management political science and psychology should consider a minor in anthropology to complement their primary area of study.

Pre-minor requirements: AN 200 and SO 200 or PSY 101.

Minor requirements: 12 semester hours of upper division courses in anthropology.

## Course Descriptions

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### Anthropology (AN)

#### AN 200 Cultural Anthropology (3)

This course looks at human groups, with the major goal of developing a greater awareness of the role of culture in human experience. Specifically the course is intended to help each of us to gain greater awareness of our own implicit assumptions, beliefs and values with the goal of developing a greater and more sympathetic appreciation of alternative ways of looking at and relating to the world. Concepts covered include: the nature of culture; basic concepts and principles for analyzing cultural behavior; relation of culture to society and individual; cultural patterns, integration, and dynamics, theories relating to culture; cultural stability and change. This course meets the student learning outcomes: 1) the scientific method and its application; 2) human and cultural diversity. Course offered annually in the Fall semester.

#### AN 210 Archaeological Methods and Analysis (3)

Archaeology is the study of cultures and societies through their material remains. This course will provide a general introduction to techniques and analysis practiced in real archaeological projects. It is designed to serve as the foundation class for further coursework in archaeology or as the training course prior to participating in actual archaeology field projects. It also serves as a basic course for individuals in fields where archaeological techniques and procedures are an important part of their work, especially forensic science and historical research. This course meets the student learning outcomes: 1) the scientific method and its application; 2) human and cultural diversity; 4) the relationship between the self and the group. Offered every spring. Course offered annually in the Spring semester.

## **English 102 and COM 101 are prerequisites for all upper division courses**

### **AN 340 Contemporary Peoples of Hawai'i (3)**

This course is designed to assist the student in developing an appreciation for the cultural diversity of contemporary Hawai'i. This includes increased knowledge of the historical and contemporary inter-group dynamics that allow for multiethnic co-existence. Topics will include: the unique mixing process that melds different ethnic groups into a new and distinctive local culture; the stereotyping process and its operational impact on interpersonal relations; conflicting cultural value systems; and the process of adaptation and adjustment. This course meets the student learning outcomes: 2) human and cultural diversity; 3) social and individual dynamics; 4) the relationship between the self and the group. Course offered annually in the Fall semester. Fulfills Global Awareness course requirement. Prerequisite: AN 200, PSY 101, or SO 200.

### **AN 350 Cultures of Oceania (3)**

The goal of this class is to develop an understanding and awareness of the island Pacific and the peoples that inhabit the areas of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia. Anthropological approaches will be used to look at traditional cultures, contemporary social issues and to predict future problems in the area along with possible solutions. Topics covered will include: migration; regional patterns of social organization; issues of land tenure; and the effects of contact with Western society. This course meets the student learning outcomes: 2) human and cultural diversity; 3) social and individual dynamics; 4) the relationship between the self and the group. Course offered annually in the Spring semester. Fulfills Global Awareness course requirement. Prerequisite: AN 200, PSY 101, or SO 200.

### **AN 357 East Asian Societies (3)**

This course consists of an examination of traditional and contemporary Japanese and Chinese societies. The course emphasis is on the traditional societies and the process of cultural change. Topics will include: the importance of examining past cultural history when interpreting contemporary societies; how patterns of social ritual reinforce social relationships; how culture defines social behavior; To provide some understanding about the world's single largest population group (at over 1/5 of the world's population) and the tremendous cultural differences within the term East Asian. This course meets the student learning outcomes: 2) human and cultural diversity; 3) social and individual dynamics; 4) the relationship between the self and the group. Course offered annually in the Fall semester. Fulfills Global Awareness course requirement. Prerequisite: AN 200, PSY 101, or SO 200.

### **AN 360 Native American Societies (3)**

This course is intended as an introduction to Native American peoples and cultures. A major emphasis of the class will be the -process of acculturation to modern Euro-American value systems and ethnic identity. Topics will include: the complex diversity of cultures subsumed under the title 'American Indians'; increased awareness of the complex relationships of the Anglo-American power structure as it has impacted Native America; ethnocentrism, stereotyping and its impact on acculturation; contemporary issues of ethnic and Indian identity in modern Native American populations. This course meets the student learning outcomes: 2) human and cultural diversity; 3) social and individual dynamics; 4) the relationship between the self and the group. Course offered annually in the Spring semester. Fulfills Global Awareness course requirement. Prerequisites: AN 200 or permission of instructor..

### **AN 480 Special Topics (1-4)**

Selected topics in anthropology to be announced. Past offerings include Contemporary American Cultures and the summer Archaeology Field School. Prerequisites vary according to topic.

### **AN 487 Internship (3)**

See SO 487

### **AN 494 Senior Thesis Research (3)**

See SO 494. Course offered annually.

### **AN 498 Senior Thesis Writing (3)**

See SO 498. Course offered annually.