



FACULTY OF SCIENCE

ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology is the study of humankind, our nature as biological, cultural, and social beings, and the changes in our ways of life from earliest times to the present day.

Well-known anthropologists include Margaret Mead, famous for her work in Samoan and New Guinea cultures, and Jane Goodall, who has made significant discoveries about primate societies. If you are interested in human biological evolution, in ancient societies, or in the diversity of peoples, cultures and languages in the contemporary world, anthropology is a good area of study for you.

At The University of Winnipeg, you can concentrate on **cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, or biological anthropology**—or you may choose an integrated program that includes all four areas. Practical experience is available through field schools as well as hands-on methods courses.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)**.

Also, please see related fact sheets on “Bioanthropology” and “Interdisciplinary Linguistics.”

SAMPLE CAREERS

A major in anthropology can lead to careers in museums and cultural heritage organizations, governmental and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and in teaching, among others. Anthropology courses are also useful if you are interested in entering careers in fields as diverse as health, law, business, information science, resource conservation, international development, and minority and ethnic relations.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introductory Anthropology is a first-year course that surveys the discipline’s main areas of specialization: archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, and biological anthropology. The course covers a wide range of topics in each area, including the fossil evidence of our early ancestors, the origins and development of technology, the relationship between language and culture, and the customs and beliefs that define everyday life in societies around the world.

Archaeology of North America is a second-year course that surveys the archaeology of North American Indigenous peoples before European contact.

Social Enterprise in the Indigenous Context is a third-year course that examines the relationship between Indigenous social enterprise and self-determination. Attitudes toward Indigenous community development from within as well as from outside Indigenous communities are discussed, as well as their implication on practices and policies.

Introduction to Forensic Anthropology covers methods used in the investigation of crime, including the analysis of skeletal remains and DNA evidence.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Indigenous People of Arctic Canada
- Languages of the World
- Human Evolution
- Public Anthropology
- Zooarchaeology
- Medical Anthropology

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

ANTH-1001(6) Introductory Anthropology OR two of the following: ANTH-1003(3) Introductory Biological Anthropology and Archaeology, ANTH-1002(3) Introductory Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics, ANTH-1005(3) Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Indigenous Focus RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6 credit hours Humanities

15-18 credit hours Electives, depending on interest

NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.

“I love the fieldwork because it makes the theory so much more meaningful.”

- Claudette Rocan (BA Anthropology), who worked in the field in Lockport, Manitoba, as part of an anthropology course. She spent six weeks digging, surveying, and cleaning artifacts in the lab.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg’s general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where The University of Winnipeg Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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