

# ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTHR)

**What is Anthropology?** It is the study of the biological basis of human evolution, genetic variation within the human species and patterns of global cultural change.

**Studying Anthropology at College of Alameda** exposes you to cutting edge coursework looking at the evolution of human biological structures, population genetics, and cultural selection factors, which contribute to human variation and change. Additionally, coursework from this department meets requirements for University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) systems' lower-division transfer credits, and also meets UC lower-division major and CSU general education requirements. We also give major consideration to contemporary bioscience trends and their consequent impact on health care and technological change.

**Careers in anthropology include:** anthropologist, archaeologist, artifacts conservator, curator, ethnologist, Foreign Service officer, immigration service official, international aid agencies official, international business employee, multicultural education instructor, museum curator, park ranger, park service official, professor/teacher, refugee worker, researcher, social science teacher, social worker, travel consultant, and urban planner.

Upon completion of Anthropology Program at College of Alameda, students will gain the following knowledge and skills that have been established under the **Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)**:

1. Analyze specific bio-culture patterns, concepts and research strategies.
2. Comprehend and apply anthropological theories, terms, and concepts to written text.
3. Address, analyze and amplify an emerging Cultural and Physical Anthropological perspectives that the past, present and future are inextricably linked. These emerging academic, career and environmental perspectives must be better understood by current and future generations.

## ANTHR 1

### Introduction to Physical Anthropology

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Study of human beings and their ancestors: Emphasis on relationships to other mammals, physical record of evolution, and processes responsible for evolution. 2202.00

AA/AS area 1; CSU area B2; IGETC area 5B

## ANTHR 1L

### Physical Anthropology Laboratory

1 unit, 4 hours laboratory (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisite or corequisite: Anthr 1

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Adjunct laboratory to ANTHR 1: Emphasis on working with replicas of bones and visits to museums and zoos to study primate behavior and hominid evolution. 2202.00  
CSU area B3; IGETC area 5C

## ANTHR 2

### Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

World prehistory as reconstructed from the archaeological and physical evidence of cultural beginnings through the early agricultural civilizations of Africa, America and Euro-Asia: Archaeological methods, techniques and problems. 2202.20

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

## ANTHR 3

### Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Cross-cultural analysis of social and cultural factors of human behavior in the recent past and present. 2202.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

## ANTHR 7

### Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Comparative study of religion, magic, and supernatural beliefs and practices: Dynamics and function of religion and magic in human societies. 2202.00

**ANTHR 19****Anthropology of Sex and Gender**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Formation of sexual and gender identities from a cross-cultural, cross-societal perspective: Biological and historical understandings of male/female difference. Female body, alternative sexualities, female power in the public sphere, mother-child relations and gender-related violence. Consideration of contemporary, globalized societies and gendered behavior in smaller-scale societies. 2202.00

AA/AS Area 2

**ANTHR 21****Introduction to Forensic Anthropology**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Introduction to recovery, analysis and identification of human physical remains in medico-legal context. 2202.00

**ANTHR 48AA-FZ****Selected Topics in Anthropology**

.5-5 units, 0-5 hours lecture, 0-15 hours lab (GR or P/NP)

Acceptable for credit: CSU

See section on Selected Topics. 2202.00

**ANTHR 49****Independent Study in Anthropology**

.5-5 units, .5-5 hours lecture (GR)

Acceptable for credit: CSU

See section on Independent Study. 2202.00

**ANTHR 55****Native American Cultures**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Survey of ways of life of North American Indian cultures in different geographical areas of North America prior to European contact. 2202.00

**ANTHR 248AA-FZ****Selected Topics in Anthropology**

.5-5 units, 0-5 hours lecture, 0-15 hours lab (GR or P/NP)

See section on Selected Topics. 2202.00

