

# Program Change Request

## Viewing: ANTH-BS : Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

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Are you making changes to the Academic Program Assessment Plan only? Changes to Program Student Learning Outcomes are part of the Academic Program Assessment plan.

No

Status Active

Completed Workflow

A. ANTH Chair  
B. AS Curriculum Committee

What type of change is this? Minor

College UAA Coll of Arts & Sciences

Department Anthropology

Program Title Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

Program Type Baccalaureate Degree

(first level)

Program Type Bachelor of Science

(second level)

Effective Catalog 2021 - 2022

### Program Requirements and Description

Anthropology is the holistic, comparative study of human diversity. The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Anthropology provides students with a solid foundation in the contemporary theory, practice and application of the discipline and an understanding of global human diversity with a special emphasis on the cultures, lifeways and contemporary social issues of Alaska and the Circumpolar North. The program prepares students in intercultural fluency, critical thinking and research skills through coursework, applied research experiences and fieldwork. Graduates find opportunities in laboratory sciences, international development agencies, governmental agencies, museums, non-profit organizations, publishing and many other fields. Many graduates also pursue graduate degrees in anthropology, medicine, public health, behavioral sciences, forensics and other fields.

### Admission Requirements

Complete the [Application and Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees](#).

### Graduation Requirements

- Complete the [General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees](#).
- Complete the [General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees](#).
- Complete the following major requirements: ~~requirements below~~

#### Core Courses

<a href="#">ANTH A202</a>	Cultural Anthropology	3
<a href="#">ANTH A205</a> & <a href="#">A205L</a>	Biological Anthropology and Biological Anthropology Laboratory	4
<a href="#">ANTH A210</a>	Linguistic Anthropology	3
<a href="#">ANTH A211</a> & <a href="#">A211L</a>	Archaeology and Archaeology Laboratory	4
<a href="#">ANTH A410</a>	Anthropological Theory	3
<a href="#">ANTH A458</a>	Applied Ethics in Anthropology 1	3

#### Ethnographic Courses

<a href="#">ANTH A200</a>	<b>Alaska Native Cultures</b>	<b>3</b>
<a href="#">ANTH A390A</a>	Arctic and Subarctic Cultures 1	3

Complete one of the following:

<a href="#">ANTH A390B</a>	World Cultures 1	3
or <a href="#">ANTH A390C</a> <a href="#">ANTH A390C</a>	Comparative Culture Studies <del>Comparative Culture Studies 1</del>	3

#### Methodology Courses

Complete six credits from at least two the following: 2		6
<a href="#">ANTH A415</a>	Applied Anthropology	
<a href="#">ANTH A430</a>	Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology	
<a href="#">ANTH A431</a>	Field Methods in Archaeology and Bioanthropology	
<a href="#">ANTH A477</a>	Cultural Resource Management	
<a href="#">ANTH A480</a>	Analytical Techniques in Archaeology and Bioanthropology 1	
<a href="#">ANTH A487</a>	Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology	

#### Topical/Theoretical Courses

Complete six credits from at least two of the following: 2		6
<a href="#">ANTH A411</a>	Archaeological Theory	
<a href="#">ANTH A452</a>	Culture and Human Biodiversity	
<a href="#">ANTH A454</a>	Culture and Ecology	
<a href="#">ANTH A455</a>	Culture and Health	

<a href="#">ANTH A464</a>	Culture and Globalization
<a href="#">ANTH A490A</a>	Health, Ritual and Science 1
<a href="#">ANTH A490B</a>	Historical Engagements 1
<a href="#">ANTH A490C</a>	Belief and Identity 1
<a href="#">ANTH A490D</a>	Topics in the Contemporary North 1
<a href="#">ANTH A490E</a>	Culture, Environment, Place 1

#### Anthropology Electives

Complete any additional 3 credits in anthropology. 3

#### Statistics Course

**Complete one of the following:** 4

[STAT A253](#) Applied Statistics for the Sciences 4

or [STAT A307](#) Probability and Statistics

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#### Upper-Division Natural Sciences Electives

Complete six upper-division credits in BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, or PHYS. 6

Total 54

1 Specific topical emphases for these courses vary by offering. See catalog course descriptions for details.

2 Other upper-division selected topics ([ANTH A490](#)), independent study (ANTH A497), or individual research (ANTH A498) courses may be applied to satisfy methodological or topical/theoretical course requirements with advisor approval, depending on course content.

**A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 42 credits must be upper-division.**

## Honors in Anthropology

The **BS award of honors in Anthropology** recognizes **distinguished outstanding** achievement by undergraduate majors in the study of **anthropology by conferring programmatic honors in Anthropology**. **In order to receive honors in Anthropology, To be eligible for departmental honors**, a student must **meeting satisfy** the following requirements:

- Be a declared anthropology major.
- Satisfy all of the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Anthropology.
- Meet the requirements for [Graduation with Honors](#).
- Earn a grade point average of 3.50 or above in courses specific to the anthropology major.
- Complete a senior thesis project (taken as [ANTH A499](#)), based on library, laboratory or field research resulting in a substantial, thesis-quality paper defended before the anthropology faculty. The course may be taken on a one-semester (3-credit) or two-semester (6-credit) basis.

**E-Learning:** **50-99%** ~~1-49%~~ available via e-learning

#### Discuss e-Learning:

**Lab courses (ANTH A205L, ANTH A211L, and ANTH A480) are not typically offered by e-learning. Students could complete all but these requirements via e-learning or hybrid delivery. Although every class is not offered by e-learning, courses that meet each of the program requirements (i.e., other core, ethnographic, methodology, and topical/theoretical) are offered at least every other year via e-learning or hybrid delivery. Special Courses are typically offered yearly at each level (200, 300, and 400) via e-learning. Special accommodations for distance delivery (e.g., conference call-in) delivery of required courses not typically offered via e-learning (e.g., conference call-in) will also be considered on an individual basis.**

#### Justification for Action:

During our regular program assessment, three issues arose: 1) assessment of theoretical knowledge in anthropology (SLO2) was hard to treat separately from key disciplinary concepts and ideas (SLO1); 2) there was not enough developmental coursework required on our program's emphasis on Alaska and the Circumpolar North; and 3) the fourth SLO was really double-barreled including both communicating anthropological information and anthropological understanding of Alaska and the Circumpolar North. The changes proposed are 1) to merge theoretical knowledge into our first learning outcome; 2) to make explicit that A200 is required as a developmental course for engagement in 300-level ethnography courses; and 3) to create a distinct learning outcome specific to Alaska and the Circumpolar North. We have also cleaned up the other learning outcomes, added a preface to the program in the catalog, and clarified the e-learning opportunities for the BS.

**Do you want to change Program Student Learning Outcomes or Assessment plan?** Yes

#### Student Learning Outcomes:

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

**Anthropology, Anthropology is the holistic, comparative study of human diversity, consists diversity on a cross-cultural basis, aimed at achieving both scientific and humanistic understandings of four subfields: the human condition. Anthropology is comprised of four subfields: archaeology, sociocultural anthropology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, archaeology, and linguistic anthropology. anthropological linguistics. The BA/BS degrees develop student knowledge of provide students with a solid general foundation in the discipline by emphasizing these**

four subfields, their theories, methods, applications, subfields in developing understanding of different cultures and relevance to understanding global human diversity with an emphasis on the cultures, people, peoples, especially those within Alaska and social issues of Alaska the Circumpolar North, as well as different anthropological methods and the Circumpolar North theories.

Students graduating with a baccalaureate degree in anthropology should be able to: **B.A./B.S.**

- A. in Anthropology will be able to: Describe current understandings about human behavior and language, cultural processes, the evolution of humans, biocultural diversity, and trajectories of cultural change. Demonstrate a familiarity with the development an understanding of anthropological thought theoretical approaches in anthropology, their foundations, and the contemporary concepts, theories, and application of the four subfields. the issues they are designed to address.
- B. Explain ethical practice in anthropological research and issues encountered in the discipline. Use anthropological perspectives to describe the past Exhibit proficiency in documenting, evaluating, and present cultural diversity of communicating anthropological information, including perspectives relevant to Alaska and analyze contemporary social topics in the the Circumpolar North.
- C. Identify Explain ethical principles that guide practice in anthropological practice research and ethical issues encountered in anthropological research. the discipline.
- D. Exhibit proficiency in documenting, evaluating, Apply anthropological methods and communicating anthropological information. techniques to research questions and practical problems.
- E. Explain how to apply anthropological methods and techniques to research questions and practical social problems.

Assessment Plan

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