

ANTHROPOLOGY (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)

Department: Anthropology (<http://louisville.edu/anthropology/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): ANTHBA

Program Information

The Anthropology major at the University of Louisville includes 200-level and 300-level courses in Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Cultural Anthropology; a Methods course in one sub-discipline; ANTH 475, which enables majors to apply Anthropology in real-world situations; and ANTH 508, the capstone course that provides a fundamental understanding of the ideas that underlie Anthropology.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	36-38
	Supporting Courses	32
	Minimum Total Hours	121

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Accelerated BA/MA in Anthropology

Undergraduate students interested in participating in an accelerated dual bachelor's/ master's degree offered through the Soaring Scholar program (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/academics/programs/soaring/>) must first meet with their Academic Advisor and be accepted into the program. Once accepted, students will receive an official admission letter outlining program policies and details. They will then work with their department and academic advisor to register for classes each semester, ensuring they meet the milestones and academic progress requirements of the Soaring Scholar program.

A Soaring Scholar student is considered an undergraduate student until their bachelor's degree is conferred. In their final undergraduate semester, they are expected to apply for admission to their respective master's program.

Anthropology majors who are considering pursuing a master's degree (MA) in Anthropology can speed up the process by applying some of their undergraduate credit hours toward a master's degree. Students accepted into the Accelerated BA/MA program take three graduate courses (9 credit hours) as an undergraduate that apply toward both the bachelor's degree and the eventual master's degree.

Interested students should apply to the program during their Junior year (i.e., when they have accumulated 60-90 hours of credit). Students must complete both the department's internal application for permission to participate in the accelerated BA/MA program and the Graduate School's application for admission to the Master of Arts program. Students must have at least a minimum overall Anthropology GPA of 3.3 and meet all other requirements for admission to the Master of Arts in Anthropology program (including at least 18 credit hours of Anthropology with at least nine (9) hours at the 300 level or higher). Students must retain a 3.0 GPA in Anthropology during their senior year to remain in the program.

Department Admission Requirements

Admission to the BA in Anthropology requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink (<https://ulink.louisville.edu/>).

Accelerated BA/MA in Anthropology

Students apply to the Accelerated BA/MA program toward the end of their junior year. Applicants should have completed at least 18 credit hours in Anthropology (ANTH) coursework, with at least nine (9) credit hours are the 300 level or higher. Students must have at least a 3.3 GPA in these and any other ANTH courses.

Students must first complete the internal application form requesting departmental permission to participate in the accelerated program. After obtaining the department's approval, the student applies for admission to the Graduate School (<https://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/>). Complete applications include:

1. GRE scores
2. Names of referees
3. Unofficial transcript
4. Statement of Purpose.

Upon admission to the accelerated program, students will select courses in consultation with their advisor and the Anthropology Director of Graduate Studies (DGS).

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) *		31
The following courses are required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirement:		
ANTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology - S (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or ANTH 207	Principles of Biological Anthropology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 204	Archaeology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or ANTH 206	Principles of Archaeology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
Foreign Language ¹		12
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences ²		9
WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above ³		
Minimum Total Hours		22

Program/Major Requirements*

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Anthropology		
ANTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology - S (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4

or ANTH 207	Principles of Biological Anthropology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 204	Archaeology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4
or ANTH 206	Principles of Archaeology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 475	Engaged Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ANTH 508	History of Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Methods (Select one of the following):		3
ANTH 509	Archaeological Theory and Methods - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
ANTH 510	Methods in Biological Anthropology - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or ANTH 512	Methods in Skeletal Forensics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 511	Ethnographic Methods - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Archaeology (select one of the following):		3
ANTH 304	Prehistoric Archaeology Europe - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 311	Emergence of Human Culture - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 312	Rise of Civilization	
ANTH 322	Archaeology of North America - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 326	African Archaeology	
ANTH 328	Environmental Archaeology	
ANTH 329	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 330	Urban and Historic Archaeology	
ANTH 364	Special Topics in Archaeology	
ANTH 377	Field Methods in Archaeology	
ANTH 378	Lithic Technology	
ANTH 379	Ceramic Analysis	
ANTH 380	Ice Age People: Colonization of the Americas - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 381	Geoarchaeology	
ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
ANTH 529	Zooarchaeology	

ANTH 530	Human Impacts on Past Environments
ANTH 578	Lithic Technology
ANTH 579	Ceramic Analysis
ANTH 582	Kentucky Archaeology
Biological Anthropology (select one of the following):	
ANTH 303	Human Origins
ANTH 307	Darwin
ANTH 308	Primates
ANTH 327	The Human Skeleton
ANTH 351	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 353	Evolutionary Anthropology
ANTH 354	Anthropology of Infectious Disease
ANTH 356	Dental Anthropology
ANTH 355	Black Death: The Pandemic that Changed Human History
ANTH 363	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology
ANTH 374	Forensic Anthropology Field School
ANTH 410	Skeletal Forensics
ANTH 535	Nutritional Anthropology
ANTH 540	Health and Civilization
ANTH 563	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology
Cultural Anthropology (select one of the following):	
ANTH 309	Sex, Gender and Culture
ANTH 310	Race, Culture, Identity
ANTH 313	Studies in Ethnomusicology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 314	Introduction to Japanese Society - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 315	The Anthropology of Europe - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 317	Contemporary Chinese Society - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 318	African-American Cultural Traditions
ANTH 319	Cultures of the Middle East
ANTH 320	Indigenous Peoples of North America - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 321	American Indian Women
ANTH 323	Cultures of Africa - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 324	Iberian Anthropology

ANTH 325	The Anthropology of Latin America - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 331	Anthropology of Religion
ANTH 332	Ecology, Politics and Culture
ANTH 333	Globalizing Inequalities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 337	Nationalism, Violence, and the State
ANTH 338	Anthropology of Refugees
ANTH 339	The Anthropology of Space and Place
ANTH 342	Museums, Culture and Nationhood
ANTH 343	Language and Culture - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ANTH 344	Anthropology of Clothing
ANTH 346	Sustainability: Anthropological Perspectives
ANTH 347	Global Capitalisms
ANTH 348	State & Empire
ANTH 349	Modes of Consciousness
ANTH 352	Food and Body Politic
ANTH 362	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 507	Space, Place and Culture
ANTH 522	Ecology, Politics and Culture
ANTH 534	Food and Farm Movements in the Americas
ANTH 536	The American South: History, Culture, Political Economy
ANTH 562	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology Electives	
Select three courses from any elective category above or from the following:	
ANTH 361	Special Topics in Anthropology
ANTH 384	Anthropology of Death
ANTH 401	Cooperative Internship in Anthropology
ANTH 430	Practicum in Anthropology Education
ANTH 450	Readings and Research
ANTH 451	Independent Study
ANTH 499	Senior Honors Thesis
ANTH 517	Anthropology of China
ANTH 528	Animals and Humans
ANTH 531	Anthropology of Water
ANTH 549	Modes of Consciousness

Minimum Total Hours 36-38

Code Title Hours
Supporting Courses

Electives in the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanities (other than Anthropology) ⁴ 21

Minimum Electives ⁵ 9-11

Minimum Total Hours 32

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

*Students in the accelerated BA/MA program should visit the Flight Plan tab for more recommended courses in year 4.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing one of the following:		
ANTH 475	Engaged Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 508	History of Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
¹ Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language ² In addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above ³ May be incorporated into other degree requirements ⁴ 15 hours must be at the 300-level or above. ⁵ Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.		
Flight Plan		
Year 1		
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Qualitative Reasoning - QR		3
ANTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Elective		2
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)		3
ANTH 202 or ANTH 207	Biological Anthropology - S (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Principles of Biological Anthropology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4
Hours		16-17
Year 2		
Fall		
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language 1		4

ANTH 204 or ANTH 206	Archaeology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Principles of Archaeology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4
General Elective		3
Hours		16-17
Spring		
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Perspectives - AHP1		3
Foreign Language 2		4
Cultural Anthropology Course		3
Humanities or Natural Science Elective		3
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)		3
Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
Foreign Language 3		4
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
Archaeology Course		3
ANTH 475	Engaged Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		16
Spring		
Foreign Language 4 (if needed to total 12 hours of foreign language) or General Elective		3
Humanities or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Biological Anthropology Course		3
Anthropology Elective		3
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 509	Archaeological Theory and Methods - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 510	Methods in Biological Anthropology - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
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ANTH 512	Methods in Skeletal Forensics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
Humanities or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
Anthropology Elective (300 level or above)		3
ANTH 508	History of Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		15
Spring		
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		3

General Elective	3
Anthropology Elective	3
Hours	12
Minimum Total Hours	121-123

Accelerated BA/MA

The Flight Plan for the Accelerated BA/MA follows the first three years of the BA.

Year 4		
Fall		Hours
Humanities or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
Anthropology Elective (500 level or above)		3
ANTH 508	History of Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		15
Spring		
Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		3
Anthropology Elective (500 level or above)		3
ANTH 612	Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Anthropology	3
Hours		12
Minimum Total Hours		27

NOTE: 1) Students in Soaring Scholar program may not take 608 or any of the 600-level research design courses.

NOTE: 2) 508 and all undergraduate culminating courses (509-12) will not count toward Soaring Scholar Program.

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
- To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
- To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)

Accelerated BA/MA in Anthropology

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