ANTHROPOLOGY (BS)

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 Science 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): ANTHBS

Program Information

Anthropology is the study of what it means to be human: from the study of culture and social relations, to human biology and evolution, to languages, to music, art and architecture, and to vestiges of human habitation. It considers such fascinating questions as how peoples' behaviors changes over time, how people move about the world, why and how people from distant parts of the world and dissimilar cultures are different and the same, how the human species has evolved over millions of years, and how individuals understand and operate successfully in distinct cultural settings.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology will allow students to develop skills to understand and critically evaluate numerical data. The degree will strengthen the students' major, preparing them for graduate research and the job market.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	ion Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu /general-education-requirements/) ¹	/ 31
College/School	Requirements	13-15
Program/Major	Requirements ¹	39-41
Supporting Cou	ırses	34
Culminating Un	dergraduate Experience (Graduation requiremen	nt) 3
Minimum Total	Hours	122

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.

Accelerated BS/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 BS/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 BS/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.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BS 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/).

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

Accelerated BS/MA in Anthropology

- Applicants should have completed at least 18 hours in Anthropology, with at least 9 hours at a 300 level or higher, with a 3.3 GPA in these and any additional Anthropology courses.
- 2. Students will apply toward the end of their 6th semester, or in the semester in which they will have completed 90 credit hours; this initial application form, available upon request, is in-house.
- 3. To complete the application, students will need to provide names of referees, an unofficial transcript, and a short statement of purpose.
- Upon admission, students will select courses in consultation with their advisor and the DGS.
- 5. Students may apply the same 9 hours of courses at a 500 or 600 level to both their BS and MA degree. The instructor will confirm in writing that the student carried out the course's graduate level requirements.
- 6. Admitted students must maintain a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. across their coursework during their 7th and 8th semester-equivalents.
- 7. Students will formally apply for admission to the Graduate School at the beginning of the semester in which they will graduate.
- 8. Students may pursue either the thesis or experiential option within the MA program.
- 9. All other requirements for the BS and MA programs remain the same.

The Anthropology MA comprises 30 hours: 6 capstone project + 9 core requirements + 15 electives. The option to take 9 hours in the BS/MA reduces the duration of graduation school by a full semester.



General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	on Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ general-education-requirements/) *	31
3	urses are required by the program and can satisfy eneral Education Requirement:	
ΔNTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2	

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 207Principles 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 206Principles 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
GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
Foreign Language ¹		6-8
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences ²		6
WR-two approved courses at the 300-level or above ³		
Minimum Total Hours		13-15

Program/Major Requirements*

Code Department of Ar	Title nthropology	Hours
ANTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) 4	3
ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology - S (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) ⁴	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/) 4	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/) 5	3
Select one cours	e from the following:	3
ANTH 376	Quantitative Analysis in Anthropology	
BIOL 350	Biostatistics	
PSYC 205	Making Sense of Data - QR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) ⁴	
PSYC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ general-education-requirements/)	
Methods (select	one of the following):	3
ANTH 509	Archaeological Theory and Methods - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) 5	
ANTH 510	Methods in Biological Anthropology - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) 5	
ANTH 512	Methods in Skeletal Forensics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) 5	
ANTH 511	Ethnographic Methods - WR (https://	

catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) ⁵ **ANTH 526** Archaeology as Practice 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/generaleducation-requirements/), SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) **ANTH 314** Introduction to Japanese Society - D2 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/), SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) **ANTH 315** The Anthropology of Europe - SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-

education-requirements/)

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ANTH 317	Contemporary Chinese Society - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://	ANTH 322	Archaeology of North America - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	ANTH 326	African Archaeology	
	education-requirements/)	ANTH 328	Environmental Archaeology	
ANTH 318	African-American Cultural Traditions	ANTH 329	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 319	Cultures of the Middle East	ANTH 330	Urban and Historic Archaeology	
ANTH 320	Indigenous Peoples of North America - D1	ANTH 364	Special Topics in Archaeology	
	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://	ANTH 377	Field Methods in Archaeology	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	ANTH 378	Lithic Technology	
	education-requirements/)	ANTH 379	Ceramic Analysis	
ANTH 321	American Indian Women	ANTH 380	Ice Age People: Colonization of the Americas - SE	3
ANTH 323	Cultures of Africa - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ general-education-requirements/)	
	education-requirements/), SB (https://	ANTH 381	Geoarchaeology	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
	education-requirements/)	ANTH 529	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 324	Iberian Anthropology	ANTH 530	Human Impacts on Past Environments	
ANTH 325	The Anthropology of Latin America - D2	ANTH 578	Lithic Technology	
	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/	ANTH 579	Ceramic Analysis	
	general-education-requirements/), SB (https://		opology (select one of the following):	3
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	ANTH 303	Human Origins	3
ANITHOO	education-requirements/)	ANTH 303	Darwin	
ANTH 331	Anthropology of Religion	ANTH 307	Primates	
ANTH 332	Ecology, Politics and Culture	ANTH 308	The Human Skeleton	
ANTH 333	Globalizing Inequalities - WR (https://	ANTH 327 ANTH 353		
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) ⁵	ANTH 353	Evolutionary Anthropology	
ANTH 337	Nationalism, Violence, and the State		Anthropology of Infectious Disease	
ANTH 338	Anthropology of Refugees	ANTH 355	Black Death: The Pandemic that Changed Humar History	1
ANTH 339	The Anthropology of Space and Place	ANTH 356	Dental Anthropology	
ANTH 342	Museums, Culture and Nationhood	ANTH 363	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 343	Language and Culture - AH (https://	ANTH 374	Forensic Anthropology Field School	
744111040	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	ANTH 410	Skeletal Forensics	
	education-requirements/)	ANTH 535	Nutritional Anthropology	
ANTH 344	Anthropology of Clothing	ANTH 540	Health and Civilization	
ANTH 346	Sustainability: Anthropological Perspectives	ANTH 563	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 347	Global Capitalisms	Anthropology Ele		9
ANTH 348	State & Empire		rses from any elective category above or from the	
ANTH 349	Modes of Consciousness	following:	raca from any elective category above or from the	
ANTH 351	Medical Anthropology	ANTH 361	Special Topics in Anthropology	
ANTH 352	Food and Body Politic	ANTH 401	Cooperative Internship in Anthropology	
ANTH 362	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 430	Practicum in Anthropology Education	
ANTH 507	Space, Place and Culture	ANTH 450	Readings and Research	
ANTH 522	Ecology, Politics and Culture	ANTH 451	Independent Study	
ANTH 534	Food and Farm Movements in the Americas	ANTH 499	Senior Honors Thesis	
ANTH 562	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 528	Animals and Humans	
	ect one of the following):	ANTH 531	Anthropology of Water	
ANTH 304	Prehistoric Archaeology Europe - SBH (https://	Minimum Total H		39-41
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	Code		Hours
ANTH 311	Emergence of Human Culture - SBH (https://	Supporting Cour		
catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) Electives in the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanit (other than Anthropology) ⁴		15		
ANTH 312	Rise of Civilization	(St. o. than And		



Six additional ho	urs of foreign language	6
Minimum Elective	es	13-15
Minimum Total H	ours	34
Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Under	ergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)	
Requirement fulfi	lled by completing one of the following:	3
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/)	

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

*Accelerated BS/MA Requirements

During semesters 7 & 8, with their advisor's consent, students may take for graduate credit any 500 or 600 level course with two exclusions: 1) Specific UG degree requirements ANTH 508 and a Methods course and 2) MA core courses ANTH 608 and a Research Design class. Both the latter are more suitable for students in their first official year of the MA Program. With this caveat, course selection depends on the student's particular needs and interests.

- ¹ Completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken.
- 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 Fulfills General Education requirement
- ⁵ Fulfills WR requirement

Flight Plan

Year 1		
Fall		Hours
GEN 101	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		3
	Hours	16
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: Perspective - SBH	Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical	3
Social Sciences, Na	atural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3

ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology - S (https://catalog.louisville.edu/	3-4
or ANTH 207	undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Principles of Biological Anthropology - B (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	
	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
General Elective		2
	Hours	15
Spring		
	: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Perspectives - AHP1	3
Foreign Language	2	4
General Elective	. 10	3
	atural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3
Select one of the fo	•	3
ANTH 376 BIOL 350	Quantitative Analysis in Anthropology Biostatistics	
PSYC 205	Making Sense of Data - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PSYC 301 or SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics or Introduction to Social Statistics	
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
	Hours	16
Year 3		
Fall		
Foreign Language	3	4
	atural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3
(300 level or above)	
General Elective		3
Archaeology Cours		3
ANTH 475	Engaged Anthropology - CUE (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
	Hours	16
Spring		
General Elective		3
Humanities or Natu	ural Science Elective (300 level or above)	3
Biological Anthrop	ology Course	3
Anthropology Elect	tive	3
Select one of the fo		
	ollowing:	3
ANTH 509	Archaeological Theory and Methods - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
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ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
	Hours	15
Year 4		
Fall		
Humanities or Nati	ural Science Elective (300 level or above)	3
Social Sciences, N (300 level or above	atural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3
General Elective		3
Cultural Anthropolo	ogy Course	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
Spring	Hours	15
Social Sciences, N (300 level or above	atural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Anthropology Elect	tive	3
	Hours	12
	Minimum Total Hours	121-122

Accelerated BS/MA

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

Year 4

Fall		Hours
Humanities or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science, Hu (300 level or above	umanities, or Natural Science Elective (not Anthropology)	3
Cultural Anthropol	ogy Course	3
Anthropology Elec	tive (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, N	latural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (300 level or above)	3
General Elective		3
Anthropology Elec	tive (500 level or above)	3
ANTH 612	Seminar. Contemporary Issues in Anthropology	3
	Hours	12
	Minimum Total Hours	27

*Accelerated BS/MA Requirements

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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:

- 1. Log into your ULink account.
- 2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- 3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. 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)

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Insert table or text outlining specific graduate courses to be taken as part of the accelerated option or process for selecting shared coursework here.