

Anthropology Course Descriptions (Summer 07 – Spring 09)

- ANTH 1102/1102H, Introduction to Anthropology** – Anthropology is the comparative study of humankind. It draws materials from the widest possible range of peoples, cultures and time periods to discover and explain the similarities and differences among the people of the world. Perspectives from cultural anthropology, archaeology, linguistics and physical anthropology are included. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 3131, World Archaeology** – An introduction to the archeology of the Old and New Worlds, examining significant cultural developments with a particular focus will be on the development of farming and complex societies. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 3331/6130, Cultural Anthropology** – An exploration of the nature, structure, and dynamics of human culture systems through the examination of a variety of cultures from around the world, including our own. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 3531, Biological Anthropology** – Examines the interaction of biological and cultural forces in shaping human behavior and physical diversity. Key areas of study include human evolution, primatology and the physical diversity of modern populations. Three hours credit.
- ANTH/LING 3533, Introduction of Language** – A general introduction of the nature and structure of language and its role in society. Three hours credit.
- ANTH/LING 3337, Language, Power and Politics** – Comparative evaluation of language in social organization of politics, economic policy and law as aggregated by race, culture, ethnicity, class, group ideology, and gender. Emphasis on social policy management and minority/linguistic rights. Three hours credit.
- ANTH/LING 3838, Language and Law** – focuses on language as the nuclear component for analyzing law and its application in social management. Three credit hours.
- ANTH 3091/LING/AAS/WRIT 3030, Gullah and Geechee Language and Culture** – Introduces the language, culture, folklore of the Gullah/Geechee people of the coastal SC and GA through readings, discussion, films, and hands-on experience. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4131/6131, North American Archaeology** – An introductory course on the archeology of North America. Concentrates on the prehistory and protohistory of Native Americans as well as introducing students to the history of North American archeology. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4132/6132, Southeastern Archaeology** – A study of the prehistoric cultures of the Southeast U.S., including their patterns of subsistence, economy, social and political organization, art, and architecture. The relationship between culture and environment in producing culture change is emphasized. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4135/6135, Mesoamerican Archaeology** – An examination of the prehistoric cultures of Central America beginning with the Paleo-Indians and culminating with the Aztec and Maya. Materials covered included the art, iconography, architecture, religion, economy, social and political organization of the Olmec, Mixtec, Toltec, Maya and Huastec Civilizations. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4231/6231, Methods and Theory in Archaeology** – Examination and application of current topics in archeology relating to excavation strategy and interpretation. Analysis of various theoretical approaches as well as field techniques. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4232/4232S/4262/6262, Archaeology Field Session** – On-site participation in the excavation of an archeological site including training in the physical training techniques of the extractive processes of archeological excavation. Experience in excavation, analysis, recording and interpretation of archaeological materials is provided. 3 or 6 hours credit.
- ANTH 4233/6233, Zooarchaeology** – An introduction to the analysis of animal remains from archaeological sites. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4235/6235, Advanced Archaeological Analysis** – Advanced course in the analysis of archeological sites and materials. In depth examination of certain types of archeological materials, and learn about conservation of archeological materials. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4337/6337, Folklife/Folk Religion** – A survey of ritual, sacred narrative, storytelling, art, music, and other expressive forms found in folk communities. Examines the creation and persistence of religious tradition in informally constituted settings, both in the United States and internationally. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4431/6431, European Cultures** – An examination the differences and similarities among European peoples and the effects of social, political, and economic changes on their cultures from an anthropological perspective. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4435/6435, Middle Eastern Cultures** – An ethnological examination of the diverse peoples and cultures of the Middle East. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 4890, Directed Individual Study** – Independent study under faculty supervision. One- three hours credit.
- ANTH 5131/5131G, Historical Archeology** – An introduction to the field designed to provide a background in basic research methods in historical archeology and ethnohistory. Emphasis will be placed on regional studies of the southeast United States. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 5133/5133G, Georgia Archeology** – A basic background in archeology, specifically centered on the state of Georgia. It examines the archeological record from earliest times through the antebellum period in an attempt to place Georgia in the larger archeological setting of the southeastern United States. Three hours credit.
- ANTH/WGST 5331/5331G, Gender and Anthropology** – Theories and case examples of gender studies from selected cultures will be examined using insights from physical anthropology, archeology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 5337/5337G, Ethnographic Methods** – Introduction to the qualitative research methods used by cultural anthropologists to describe and explain contemporary cultures. Emphasizes hands-on training in participant observation, interviewing, etc. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 5431/5431G, North American Indians** – Focuses on the lifeways of Native North Americans from the time of European contact through the present, promoting understanding of the nature and variety of traditional Native American cultures, and of the changes they have undergone. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 5432/5432G, Southeastern Indians** – A study of the lifeways of the native peoples of Southeastern United States from late prehistoric period to the present. Their patterns of family life, economy, politics, religion, and ceremony are examined to understand their cultures, appreciate their accomplishments, and obtain insights into the nature of human cultural behavior. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 5437/5437G, Cultures of Africa** – A comparative study of the lifeways of African peoples south of the Sahara. Traditional cultures, contemporary development, and the course of culture change in various regions are examined. Three hours credit.
- ANTH /LING 5530/5530G, Sociolinguistics** – The principles and methods used to study language as a sociocultural phenomenon. These are examined both from the linguistic viewpoint and the social scientific viewpoint. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 5091/5091G/LING 3030, Language and Culture** – Focuses on the complex relationship between language and culture through reading, observation and research. Three hours credit.
- ANTH 5091/5091G/LING 3030/WGST 3090 – Language and Gender** – Focuses on the role of language in the performance and interpretation of gender across cultures through reading, observation and research. Three hours credit.
- ANTH ???/SOCI 6637 – Social Theory** – Examines the role of theory in the scientific endeavor and explores a number of social science theoretical perspectives. Three hours credit.