

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN ARCHAEOLOGY (STEM)

Archaeology majors at GW study a variety of subjects within the field, ranging from sociocultural anthropology, human cultural beginnings, and the archaeology of Africa to the classical Mediterranean, Middle East, and Mesoamerica. Students are exposed to the latest field and laboratory techniques and can take part in excavations at sites around the world. They also benefit from the DC area's incredible resources, including the Smithsonian Institution and Dumbarton Oaks, a leading museum and research center of Mesoamerican, Andean, and Byzantine studies. Graduates go on to careers in archaeology, education, publishing, international development and world heritage conservation, cultural heritage management, museums, cultural heritage law, library sciences, and forensic sciences.

This is a STEM designated program.

Visit the program website (<https://anthropology.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-archaeology/>) for more information.

## ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
The George Washington University  
800 21st St NW Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit [undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us](http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us) (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

## REQUIREMENTS

The bachelor of arts with a major in archaeology is an interdepartmental program offered by the Department of Anthropology (<http://anthropology.columbian.gwu.edu/>) in cooperation with the Department of Arts and Art History (<http://art.gwu.edu/>) and the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (<https://cnelc.columbian.gwu.edu/>).

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

Additional curriculum requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
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### Language requirement

Students must complete two years or demonstrate equivalent skill in one of the following foreign languages: Arabic, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, or Latin. Students should consult with their Archaeology advisor to petition to use other languages.

Students whose preparation allows them to waive this requirement are encouraged to begin study of a second language. Graduate study in archaeology usually requires knowledge of two or more languages besides English. Students planning to pursue advanced study should consult with an advisor early in their program.

### Major requirements

No course can be counted toward more than one of the following requirements:

#### Core courses

ANTH 1002	Sociocultural Anthropology
ANTH 1003	Archaeology
ANTH 3838	Theory and Practice in Archaeology
or ANTH 3838W	Theory and Practice in Archaeology

#### Field and laboratory work

One or two courses (3 or 6 credits) selected from the following:

ANTH 3832	Paleoanthropological Field Program
ANTH 3833	Field Research: New World
ANTH 3834	Field Research: Old World
ANTH 3835	Historical Archaeology Field Program
ANTH 3839	Lab Research Methods in Archaeology
ANTH 3995	Undergraduate Research (With the advisor's approval.) *
ANTH 6806	Technology (Qualified juniors and seniors with departmental approval.)

#### Anthropological archaeology

Four or five courses (12 or 15 credits) selected from the list below. Students must take at least one course marked with an asterisk. A course counted toward this requirement cannot also be counted toward the Ancient Civilizations requirement (below). A total of only one course from (ANTH 2821 or ANTH 2822) or (ANTH 3812 or ANTH 3814) can be counted toward this requirement.

ANTH 2821	Myths and Mysteries in Archaeology
ANTH 2822	Archaeology in Film and Television

ANTH 3801	African Roots from Australopithecus to Zimbabwe
or ANTH 3801W	African Roots from Australopithecus to Zimbabwe
ANTH 3802	Human Cultural Beginnings
or ANTH 3802W	Human Cultural Beginnings
ANTH 3803	Old World Prehistory: First Farmers to First Cities
or ANTH 3803W	Old World Prehistory: First Farmers to First Cities
ANTH 3805	Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands *
or CAH 3106	Art and Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands
ANTH 3806	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age *
or CAH 3104	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age
ANTH 3808	Archaeology and the Celts *
or CAH 3104	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age
ANTH 3811	Historical Archaeology
ANTH 3812	The Aztec Empire *
or CAH 3116	Aztec Empire
ANTH 3813	Archaeology of North America *
ANTH 3814	Ancient Mexican Civilizations *
or CAH 3107	Ancient Mexican Civilizations
ANTH 3823	Archaeology of Ritual and Religion
ANTH 3891	Special Topics in Archaeology

Ancient civilizations

Five courses (15 credits) selected from the list below. The selected courses must include at least one course in each of the categories listed. Courses marked with an asterisk can count in only one category.

Art history:

CAH 3101	Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece
CAH 3102	Ancient Art of the Roman Empire
CAH 3103	Art and Archaeology of Egypt and the Near East
CAH 3104	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age

or ANTH 3806	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age
CAH 3105	Topics in Ancient Art and Archaeology
or CLAS 3115	Topics in Ancient Art and Archaeology
CAH 3106	Art and Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands
or ANTH 3805	Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands
CAH 3107	Ancient Mexican Civilizations
CAH 3117	Special Topics in Precolumbian Art and Archaeology
or ANTH 3891	Special Topics in Archaeology
Classics:	
CLAS 2105	Special Topics
CLAS 2106	Mythology of the Classical World
CLAS 2107	Greek and Roman Drama
CLAS 3114	Topics in Ancient Literatures and Cultures
CLAS 3115	Topics in Ancient Art and Archaeology *
or CAH 3105	Topics in Ancient Art and Archaeology
History:	
HIST 2112	History of Ancient Greece
or CLAS 2112	History of Ancient Greece
HIST 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.
or CLAS 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.
HIST 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.
or CLAS 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.
HIST 2804	History of Ancient Israel
or CLAS 2804	History of Ancient Israel
HIST 3111	Topics in Ancient History
Archaeology of ancient civilizations:	
ANTH 2821	Myths and Mysteries in Archaeology
ANTH 3804	Origins of the State and Urban Society
ANTH 3805	Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands *

or CAH 3106	Art and Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands
ANTH 3806	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age *
or CAH 3104	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age
ANTH 3808	Archaeology and the Celts *
or CAH 3116	Aztec Empire
ANTH 3812	The Aztec Empire *
ANTH 3813	Archaeology of North America *
or CAH 3116	Aztec Empire
ANTH 3814	Ancient Mexican Civilizations *
or CAH 3107	Ancient Mexican Civilizations
ANTH 3891	Special Topics in Archaeology *
or CAH 3117	Special Topics in Precolumbian Art and Archaeology

## GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-curriculum-gpac/>) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

**Coursework (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext>) for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).

- UW 1020 (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020>) University Writing (4 credits).
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- Arts—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or cross-cultural perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Local or civic engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or physical science—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major's (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext>) page in this Bulletin.

## SPECIAL HONORS

For Special Honors in anthropology, archaeology, or biological anthropology, a major must meet the special honors requirements stated under University Regulations (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/>), have a grade-point average of 3.5 or better in courses required for the major, register for 3 credits of ANTH 3995 Undergraduate Research and write a paper of special distinction arising out of a program of directed reading or research. Students must confer with an advisor before beginning the work.

## COMBINED PROGRAM

### Combined program

- Bachelor of Arts with a major in archaeology and Master of Arts in the field of anthropology (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/anthropology/dual-ba-archaeology-ma-anthropology/>)