

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

If you're looking to immerse yourself in the study of human difference and diversity, a GW Anthropology degree will signify that you can synthesize diverse types of data about human beings in ways that are highly sought after in a variety of careers. Graduates have gone on to successful careers in education, health care, international development, business, the performing arts, and research.

Inside the classroom, you'll learn from an engaged community of professors and researchers about human origins and anatomy, the broad range of approaches to gender, social class, race, material culture, and linguistic variation. Outside the classroom, you'll have access to one of the world's greatest collections of hominoid fossils and skeletal specimens through our partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

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

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications may 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 Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

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>).

The following curriculum requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite courses:		
ANTH 1001	Biological Anthropology	

ANTH 1002	Sociocultural Anthropology
ANTH 1003	Archaeology
ANTH 1004	Language in Culture and Society

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Required courses in other areas:

Two-year proficiency in a single foreign language, as demonstrated by completion of four semesters of college-level language study or the equivalent

6-12 credits of coursework in related departments approved by the advisor. Recommended for sociocultural emphasis are courses in economics, history, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology; for archaeological emphasis, courses in American studies, art history, geography, geological sciences, and history; for emphasis in biological anthropology, courses in anatomy, biological sciences, chemistry, and physical geography; for emphasis in linguistic anthropology, courses in linguistics and in speech and hearing science. Courses in statistics are strongly recommended for all anthropology majors

Requirements for the major:

In addition to the four prerequisite courses, 24-36 credits in anthropology courses, including:

ANTH 2008	Foundations of Anthropological Thought
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At least one course from three of the following four categories:

Sociocultural anthropology (ANTH 2500s, 2700s, 3500s, and 3700s)

Linguistics (ANTH/LING 3600s)

Biological anthropology (ANTH 2400s and 3400s)

Archaeology (ANTH 3800s)

An approved methods course in any category, including but not limited to the courses listed below. (Methods courses can be double-counted as courses in their subject categories.)

ANTH 3406	Advanced Human Osteology
ANTH 3531	Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology
ANTH 3602	Ethnographic Analysis of Speech
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 6806 Technology

In addition, a senior capstone experience is required; it may be met by taking ANTH 4008, ANTH 3995 (for 3 credits), or an approved 6000-level course. Qualified seniors may enroll in graduate-level courses with the permission of the instructor.

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>). 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.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean's Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/>).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts 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.

- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- 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 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).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may 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.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors in anthropology, archaeology, or biological anthropology, students must 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

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