

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The GW anthropology program is designed for students looking to immerse themselves in the study of human difference and diversity. Inside the classroom, students in the program 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, they have access to one of the world's greatest collections of hominoid fossils and skeletal specimens through partnerships with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

An anthropology degree from GW signifies the ability to 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, healthcare, international development, business, the performing arts, and research.

Visit the program website (<https://anthropology.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-anthropology/>) 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](https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us) (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

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

The following curriculum requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prerequisite courses:</b>		
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 2800s and 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
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ANTH 3531	Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology
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ANTH 3602	Ethnographic Analysis of Speech
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ANTH 3832	Paleoanthropological Field Program
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ANTH 3833	Field Research: New World
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ANTH 3834	Field Research: Old World
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ANTH 3835	Historical Archaeology Field Program
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ANTH 3839	Lab Research Methods in Archaeology
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ANTH 6806	Technology
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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 (<https://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://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/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 (<https://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 (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext>) page in this Bulletin.

## 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

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