

Anthropology is the study of people, and there are four sub-fields in this discipline:

1. **Biological Anthropology** is the study of humans across all time periods and all places. It includes the study of the emergence and evolution of humans and primates and seeks to understand modern human variation.
2. **Archaeology** is the study of ancient ways of life and cultures through the examination of the material people left behind, such as pottery, stone tools, bones of food animals, art and building foundations.
3. **Socio-cultural Anthropology** involves the study of social patterns and practices across cultures. It explores how people live in particular places and how they organize, govern, and create meaning.
4. **Linguistic anthropology** is the study of language and its use.

The Department of Anthropology offers courses spanning the first three of the sub-fields of anthropology; courses in Linguistics may be offered by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages. Students in the Anthropology program are required to take some courses in each area, to introduce the student to the whole field of anthropology. This emphasizes the holistic theory behind these ways of studying human development and culture. Anthropology courses are a valuable part of a liberal arts education and provide a strong academic foundation for students proceeding to graduate studies or professional programs.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeologists study past people through the material they left behind. They explore how past peoples lived and how their lives changed over time through:

- the food they ate, the tools they used and the structures they built
- their social organization and adaptations
- their world views

Most archaeologists either work in the private sector, with an institution, such as a museum or university or a government agency. They excavate and interpret sites, study previously excavated material and enforce legislation to protect archaeological sites.

BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Biological anthropologists study the complex interaction between biology, environment and behavior in both past and modern human populations and in living primates. At Brandon University the focus is on bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology.

- Bioarchaeology is the study of past peoples through their skeletal remains and includes identifying age at death, sex, ancestry, stature, diet, and the presence of disease and trauma
- Forensic Anthropology is the application of archaeological and biological anthropological techniques to medico-legal investigations such as found human remains and unexplained deaths.

SOCIO-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Socio-cultural anthropologists use socially and politically engaged methods to study social patterns, practices and beliefs within and across cultures. They explore people's experience of life and the ways social and cultural life is organized, governed and given meaning.

Socio-Cultural anthropology at BU focuses on issues of:

- Gender • Health & Medicine • Religion
- Political & Power • Violence, Conflict & Warfare
- International Development
- Ethnographic Research Methods
- Applied Anthropology

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

By completing a degree in anthropology at BU you will build important skills such as:

- Critical & analytical thinking
- Problem solving
- Written & verbal communication
- Research design & execution
- Data collection & analysis

CAREERS

Most full-time professional socio-cultural anthropologists, biological anthropologists and archaeologists have at least one post-graduate degree. A B. A. in anthropology prepares you for graduate school and is excellent preparation for professional programs, such as medical school and law school and related fields.

Socio-cultural anthropology prepares you for:

- Employment as an applied social scientist with Canadian and global private, non-governmental organizations and government agencies, including work in policy development and analysis, or citizenship and immigration.
- Social advocacy and activism, such as community- or organization-based cultural translation or 'brokerage'
- Careers in international development and humanitarianism.
- Expert case reports and witnessing for legal claims and in court cases.

Students interested in socio-cultural anthropology are strongly recommended to take courses on anthropological and ethnographic theory and research methods, medical anthropology, applied anthropology, political anthropology, and anthropology of religion as well as other regional ethnography and issue-based anthropology courses.

Archaeology prepares you for:

- Cultural resource management work involving sites that could be damaged by construction activities
- Museum work involving the study, curation and display of archaeological material
- Government work enforcing heritage legislation that protects archaeological sites

Students interested in archaeology are strongly recommended to take the courses on the identification and interpretation of archaeological materials and the reconstruction of ancient history. These include introductory artifact analysis, pottery analysis, zooarchaeology, archaeological method and theory, regional prehistory, archaeological science and the archaeological field school.

Biological anthropology can help prepare you for:

- Forensic anthropology
- Careers in human & primate biology
- Archaeology & museum careers

Research design on behalf of various agencies

Further education in public health, forensic science, medical school, law school and related fields

Students interested in biological anthropology should take biological anthropology, human osteology, forensic anthropology, osteobiography, zooarchaeology, palaeopathology, juvenile osteology & bioarchaeology and the history of physical anthropology.

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Degree Programs in Anthropology

3 year B. A. Program Outcomes: Students graduating with a 3-Year B.A. in Anthropology from Brandon University will possess a solid understanding of the key principles of anthropology and of how each subdiscipline contributes to our knowledge of living and past cultures and populations. Students must achieve a grade point average of 2.00 in courses for both their Anthropology Major and their chosen Minor. **Note:** Students wishing to pursue a career in Anthropology are advised to pursue a 4 year degree.

Sample Program Schedule for a 3 year B. A. in Anthropology (with an 18 credit hour minor)

FIRST YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
12:153 Intro to Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3	Additional Anthropology course	3
12:173 Intro to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology	3	Minor requirement course	3
Minor requirement course	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Humanities requirement	3	Additional elective ³	3
Additional elective ³	3	Additional elective ³	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

SECOND YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3	Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3
Additional Anthropology Course	3	Additional Anthropology course	3
Minor requirement course	3	Minor requirement course	3
Humanities requirement	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Additional elective ³	3	Additional elective ³	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

THIRD YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
300 or 400 level Anthropology course	3	300 or 400 level Anthropology course	3
Additional Anthropology Course	3	Additional Anthropology Course	3
Minor requirement course	3	Minor requirement course	3
Additional elective ³	3	Additional elective ³	3
Additional elective ³	3	Additional elective ³	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

¹**Methods course requirement:** One of either 12:193 Introduction to Artifact Analysis, 12:270 Applied Anthropology, 12:292 Ethnographic Research Methods, 12:293 Social Research Methods I or 12:342 Archaeological Field School

²**Theory course requirement:**

One of either 12:353 An Introduction to Archaeological Method and Theory or 12:396 History of Anthropological Theory

³ Any course from the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science or certain courses from other faculties, see section 5.2.2.1 of the current university calendar for exceptions.

4 year B.A. Program Outcomes: A 4 year degree in Anthropology provides students with a strong methodological and theoretical foundation in the discipline. Students should select courses in all subdisciplines of anthropology but are able to emphasize on one subdiscipline. Students with 4 year degree may be required to take supplementary undergraduate courses prior to admission into an Anthropology M.A. program. Students must achieve a grade point average of 2.00 in courses both for their Anthropology Major and their chosen Minor.

Sample Program Schedule for a 4 year B. A. in Anthropology (with a 21 credit hour Minor)

FIRST YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
12:153 Intro to Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3	Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3
12:173 Intro to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology	3	Minor requirement course	3
Minor requirement course	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Humanities requirement	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

SECOND YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3	Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3
Additional Anthropology course ³	3	Linguistic requirement ⁴	3
Minor requirement course	3	Minor requirement course	3
Humanities requirement	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

THIRD YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3	Additional Anthropology course ³	3
Minor requirement course	3	Minor requirement course	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

FOURTH YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
400 level Anthropology course ³	3	400 level Anthropology course ³	3
300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
Minor requirement course	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

¹ **Methods course requirement** - Six credits from the following: 12:270 Applied Anthropology, 12:292 Ethnographic Research Methods, 12:293 Social Research Methods I, 12:294 Social Research Methods II, 12:342 Archaeological Field School, 12:354 Zooarchaeology, 12:359 Pottery Analysis, 12:383 Osteobiography, 12:388 Advanced Ethnographic Research Methods, 12:441 Rural Museum Archaeological Outreach, 12:442 Juvenile Osteology & Bioarchaeology

² **Theory course requirement** - Six credits from the following: 12:257 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, 12:353 An Introduction to Archaeological Method and Theory, 12:354 Zooarchaeology, 12:396 History of Anthropological Theory, 12:442 Juvenile Osteology & Bioarchaeology, 12:450 Contemporary Anthropological and Ethnographic Theory, 12:454 Introduction to Archaeological Science, 12:475 Advanced Archaeological Method and Theory, 12:483 History of Physical Anthropology

³ **Anthropology – 27 credit hours** of which 15 must be at the 300/400 level and 6 must be at the 400 level
Or Archaeology – 21 credit hours of which 15 must be at the 300/400 level and 6 must be at the 400 level, **plus 12:193 Introduction to Artifact Analysis** and **one** prehistory course 12:290, 12:291 or 12:360.

⁴ Either 12:176 Introduction to Linguistics I or 12:177 Introduction to Linguistics II (If unavailable, another Anthropology course)

⁵ Any course from the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science or certain courses from other faculties, see section 5.2.2.1 of the current university calendar for exceptions.

4 year B.A. (Honours) Program Outcomes: A 4 year Honours degree in Anthropology gives students a very strong methodological and theoretical foundation and an understanding of how anthropological research is conducted within a particular subdiscipline. It is suitable for students wishing to continue on to graduate school. It is strongly recommended for students wanting to pursue a post-graduate degree in archaeology and biological anthropology. Depending on their interests, a combined honours degree (see below) may be beneficial for students wishing to pursue a post-graduate degree in socio-cultural anthropology. Eligibility for the 4-Year honours program is contingent upon a 3.0 grade point average in Anthropology courses and written permission from the Department Chair. Students must achieve a grade point average of 2.00 in courses for their chosen Minor.

Sample Program Schedule for a 4 year B. A. (Honours) in Anthropology (with a 21 credit hour Minor)

FIRST YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
12:153 Intro to Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3	Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3
12:173 Intro to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology	3	Minor requirement course	3
Minor requirement course	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Humanities requirement	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

SECOND YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3	Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3
Additional Anthropology course ³	3	Linguistic requirement ⁴	3
Minor requirement course	3	Minor requirement course	3
Humanities requirement	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

THIRD YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
Minor requirement course	3	Additional Anthropology course ³	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Minor requirement course	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

FOURTH YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
14:499 Advanced Topics in Anthropology	3	12:498 Thesis	3
400 level Anthropology course ³	3	400 level Anthropology course ³	3
300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
Minor requirement course	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

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Zooarchaeology, 12:359 Pottery Analysis, 12:383 Osteobiography, 12:388 Advanced Ethnographic Research Methods, 12:441 Rural Museum Archaeological Outreach, 12:442 Juvenile Osteology & Bioarchaeology

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4 year B. A. (Combined Honours) in Anthropology and another discipline

The Combined Honours program can prepare students for graduate studies in Anthropology, but some institutions may require students with a Combined Honours degree to take supplementary undergraduate courses prior to admissions to an Anthropology M.A. program. Students thinking of graduate studies in Anthropology should consult with the Department before choosing the Combined Honours route. The recommended program for students intending to pursue graduate studies in archaeology and biological anthropology is the 54 credit hour Honours degree.

Students pursuing a combined major must take at least 42 credit hours in each of two subjects, with a minimum of 3.00 GPA in both majors, although individual programs may require more. Please see the appropriate combined subject listings in the calendar for specific requirements. Students must receive formal admission to the program from both of the Departments or Programs responsible for the combined major subjects. **Note:** no minor required.

Students pursuing the 4-Year (Combined Honours) Major in Anthropology must complete a minimum of **42 credit hours**. No Honours Thesis is required. A minimum of 2.50 GPA is required on the 120 credit hours needed for the degree.

Sample Program Schedule for a 4 year B. A. (Honours) in Anthropology and another subject

FIRST YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
12:153 Intro to Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
12:173 Intro to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
Humanities requirement	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

SECOND YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
Additional Anthropology course ³	3	Additional Anthropology course ³	3
Second Major requirement course ⁴	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
Second Major requirement course ⁴	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
Humanities requirement	3	Natural Science requirement	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

THIRD YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3	300/400 level Anthropology course ³	3
Second Major requirement course ⁴	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
Second Major requirement course ⁴	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

FOURTH YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		WINTER SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	CR	COURSE TITLE	CR
Required Anthropology Methods ¹ or Theory ² course	3	400 level Anthropology course ³	3
400 level Anthropology course ³	3	400 level Anthropology course ³	3
Second Major requirement course ⁴	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
Second Major requirement course ⁴	3	Second Major requirement course ⁴	3
Additional elective ⁵	3	Additional elective ⁵	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

¹ **Methods course requirement** – One of the following: 12:292 Ethnographic Research Methods, 12:353 An Introduction to Archaeological Method and Theory, 12: 83 Osteobiography

² **Theory course requirement** – One of the following: 12:450 Contemporary Anthropological and Ethnographic Theory, 12:475 Advanced Archaeological Method and Theory, 12:483 History of Physical Anthropology, 12:484 Palaeopathology

³ **30 credit hours** of additional Anthropology courses of which 15 must be at the 300/400 level and 9 must be at the 400 level

⁴ Minimum of 42 credit hours required in subject area of second Major. See current university calendar for specific requirements

⁵ Any course from the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science or certain courses from other faculties, see section 5.2.2.1 of the current university calendar for exceptions