

Anthropology

Overview

The Department of Anthropology offers students the opportunity to study humankind from the broadest historical and geographical perspective. Courses in the department offer knowledge of social and cultural aspects of behavior as well as the physical nature of humans. Lower division courses are intended to give a general understanding of human evolution, prehistory, and the nature of human cultures while upper division courses elaborate particular themes.

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Undergraduate Program

Anthropology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/anthropology/>): BA, Minor

Graduate Programs

Anthropology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/anthropology/>): PhD, with specializations in archaeology, biological anthropology, and sociocultural anthropology

Folklore (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/folklore/>): MA (through the interdisciplinary Folklore Program)

Medical Anthropology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/medical-anthropology/>): Joint PhD (in cooperation with UCSF)

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Anthropology

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ANTHRO 210 Special Topics in Biological Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2014

Advanced topics in biological anthropology, including both contemporary and ancestral human populations, such as biology of the life course, health and disease, violence and trauma, cognition and symbolic communication, and other anthropological topics viewed from the perspective of human biology.

Special Topics in Biological Anthropology: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Topics in Biological Anthropology: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 217 Discourse and of the Body 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

This course juxtaposes discourse analysis and approaches to health and biomedicine, querying how ideologies of language and communication provide implicit foundations for work on health, disease, medicine, and the body and how biopolitical discourses and practices inform constructions of discourse.

Discourse and of the Body: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Briggs

Discourse and of the Body: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 219 Topics in Medical Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2018, Fall 2014
Comparative study of mental illness and socially generated disease:
psychiatric treatment, practitioners, and institutions.
Topics in Medical Anthropology: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Topics in Medical Anthropology: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 221 Pre-Columbian Central America 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016
Pre-Columbian Central America: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Pre-Columbian Central America: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 227 Historical Archaeology Research 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2020, Spring 2019
Historical archaeology seminar. Subject matter will vary from year to year.
Historical Archaeology Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing with some background in archaeology,
or undergraduates who have taken 2, or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Historical Archaeology Research: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 228 Archaeological Method 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Fall 2011, Fall 2009
Various topics and issues in the methods of archaeological analysis
and interpretation: style, ceramics, architectural analysis, lithic analysis,
archaeozoology, etc.
Archaeological Method: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Archaeological Method: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 229A Archaeological Research Strategies: History of Theory in Anthropological Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Required for all first and second year graduate students in archaeology.

Three hours of seminar discussion of major issues in the history and theory of archaeological research and practice (229A), and of the research strategies and design for various kinds of archaeological problems (229B). To be offered alternate semesters.

Archaeological Research Strategies: History of Theory in Anthropological Archaeology: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Archaeological Research Strategies: History of Theory in Anthropological Archaeology: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 229B Archaeological Research Strategies: Research Design 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Required for all first and second year graduate students in archaeology.

Three hours of seminar discussion of major issues in the history and theory of archaeological research and practice (229A), and of the research strategies and design for various kinds of archaeological problems (229B). To be offered alternate semesters.

Archaeological Research Strategies: Research Design: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Archaeological Research Strategies: Research Design: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 229C Writing the Field Statement in Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Fall 2010, Fall 2009

This seminar is intended to guide students in the definition of a field within archaeology, from initial conceptualization to writing of a field statement, dissertation chapter, or review article.

Writing the Field Statement in Archaeology: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Writing the Field Statement in Archaeology: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 230 Special Topics in Archaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Special Topics in Archaeology: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Topics in Archaeology: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 231 Advanced Topics in Bioarchaeology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2011, Spring 2009

This advanced seminar course explores how we reconstruct past lifeways from archaeological skeletal remains. It deals with the skeletal biology of past populations, covering both the theoretical approaches and methods used in the analysis of skeletal and dental remains.

Advanced Topics in Bioarchaeology: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Agarwal

Advanced Topics in Bioarchaeology: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 232 Advanced Topics in Bone Biology: Biocultural and Evolutionary Perspectives 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2011

This advanced seminar course will discuss influences on bone health and maintenance from a unique biocultural and evolutionary perspective.

Advanced Topics in Bone Biology: Biocultural and Evolutionary Perspectives: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 127A or C103/Integrative Biology C142 and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Agarwal

Advanced Topics in Bone Biology: Biocultural and Evolutionary Perspectives: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 235 Special Topics in Museum Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2013, Spring 2012

Contemporary issues in museum studies from an anthropological perspective.

Special Topics in Museum Anthropology: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Topics in Museum Anthropology: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 240A Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Anthropological theory and practice--following the rest of the world--have been undergoing important restructuring in the past decade. The course is organized to reflect this fact. We will begin by looking at recent debates about the nature and purpose of anthropology. This will provide a starting point for reading a series of classic ethnographies in new ways as well as examining some dimensions of the current research agenda in cultural anthropology.

Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Enrollment is strictly limited to and required of all anthropology and medical anthropology graduate students who have not been advanced to candidacy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4-6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Required of all graduate students in social/cultural anthropology.

Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 240B Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Anthropological theory and practice--following the rest of the world--have been undergoing important restructuring in the past decade. The course is organized to reflect this fact. We will begin by looking at recent debates about the nature and purpose of anthropology. This will provide a starting point for reading a series of classic ethnographies in new ways as well as examining some dimensions of the current research agenda in cultural anthropology.

Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Enrollment is strictly limited to and required of all anthropology and medical anthropology graduate students who have not been advanced to candidacy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4-6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Required of all graduate students in social/cultural anthropology.

Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 250A Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Psychological Anthropology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Psychological Anthropology: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Psychological Anthropology: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 250E Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology of Politics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology of Politics: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology of Politics: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 250F Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Religion 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2003

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Religion: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Religion: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 250G Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology of Ethics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011, Fall 1999, Fall 1996

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology of Ethics: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology of Ethics: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 250J Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Ethnographic Field Methods 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Ethnographic Field Methods: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Ethnographic Field Methods: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 250N Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Classic Ethnography 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Classic Ethnography: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Classic Ethnography: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 250R Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Dissertation Writing 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2020, Spring 2016

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Dissertation Writing: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Dissertation Writing: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 250V Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Tourism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Tourism: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Tourism: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 250X Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Special Topics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Special Topics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Special Topics: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO C254 Topics in Science and Technology Studies 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

This course provides a strong foundation for graduate work in STS, a multidisciplinary field with a signature capacity to rethink the relationship among science, technology, and political and social life. From climate change to population genomics, access to medicines and the impact of new media, the problems of our time are simultaneously scientific and social, technological and political, ethical and economic.

Topics in Science and Technology Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ESPM C252/HISTORY C250/STS C200

Topics in Science and Technology Studies: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO C261 Theories of Narrative 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011, Summer 2006 10 Week Session, Spring 2006

This course examines a broad range of theories that elucidate the formal, structural, and contextual properties of narratives in relation to gestures, the body, and emotion; imagination and fantasy; memory and the senses; space and time. It focuses on narratives at work, on the move, in action as they emerge from the matrix of the everyday preeminently, storytelling in conversation--as key to folk genres--the folktale, the legend, the epic, the myth.

Theories of Narrative: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: FOLKLOR C261

Theories of Narrative: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO C262A Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: FOLKLOR C262A

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO C262B Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: FOLKLOR C262B

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 270A Seminars in Linguistic Anthropology: Semantics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010

Seminars in Linguistic Anthropology: Semantics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Linguistic Anthropology: Semantics: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 270B Seminars in Linguistic Anthropology: Fundamentals of Language in Context 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2017, Fall 2014

Intensive introduction to the study of language as a cultural system and speech as socially embedded communicative practice. This is the core course for students wishing to take further coursework in linguistic anthropology.

Seminars in Linguistic Anthropology: Fundamentals of Language in Context: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Linguistic Anthropology: Fundamentals of Language in Context: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO C273 Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

This course will cover methods and approaches for students considering professionalizing in the field of STS, including a chance for students to workshop written work.

Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Also listed as: ESPM C273/HISTORY C251/STS C250

Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 280B Seminars in Area Studies: Africa 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2012

Courses will vary from year to year. See Departmental Internal Catalogue for detailed descriptions of course offerings for each semester.

Seminars in Area Studies: Africa: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Area Studies: Africa: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 280C Seminars in Area Studies: South Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2013, Fall 2010

Courses will vary from year to year. See Departmental Internal Catalogue for detailed descriptions of course offerings for each semester.

Seminars in Area Studies: South Asia: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Area Studies: South Asia: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 280D Seminars in Area Studies: China 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2012
 Courses will vary from year to year. See Departmental Internal Catalogue for detailed descriptions of course offerings for each semester.
 Seminars in Area Studies: China: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Area Studies: China: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 280X Seminars in Area Studies: Special Topics in Area Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 1999, Spring 1998
 Courses will vary from year to year. See Departmental Internal Catalogue for detailed descriptions of course offerings for each semester.
 Seminars in Area Studies: Special Topics in Area Studies: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars in Area Studies: Special Topics in Area Studies: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 290 Survey of Anthropological Research 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
 Required each term of all registered graduate students prior to their advancement to Ph.D. candidacy.
 Survey of Anthropological Research: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 2 hours of colloquium per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Survey of Anthropological Research: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 291 Professional Development in Anthropological Archaeology 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
 Required each term of all registered graduate students in Anthropology specializing in archaeology prior to their advancement to Ph.D. candidacy.

Professional Development in Anthropological Archaeology: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 2 hours of colloquium per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Professional Development in Anthropological Archaeology: [Read Less](#) [-]

ANTHRO 292 Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Collaboration in ethnographic praxis on a local and global scale in folkloristics, sociocultural, linguistic, media, and medical anthropology, producing projects grounded in meaningful engagement with communities. Graduate students, working with lay mentors and faculty, will design and begin implementation of projects that break through infrastructures of theory, research, pedagogy, and practice that reproduce racial hierarchies and that erase anti-racist alternatives. Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO C292 Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Collaboration in ethnographic praxis on a local and global scale in folkloristics, sociocultural, linguistic, media, and medical anthropology, producing projects grounded in meaningful engagement with communities. Graduate students, working with lay mentors and faculty, will design and begin implementation of projects that break through infrastructures of theory, research, pedagogy, and practice that reproduce racial hierarchies and that erase anti-racist alternatives. Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: FOLKLOR C292

Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 296A Supervised Research 2 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Practice in original field research under staff supervision. One unit of credit for every four hours of work in the field.

Supervised Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-12 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Supervised Research: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 296B Supervised Research 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017

Analysis and write-up of field materials.

Supervised Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Supervised Research: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 298 Directed Reading 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

Individual conferences intended to provide directed reading in subject matter not covered by available seminar offerings.

Directed Reading: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Directed Reading: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 299 Directed Research 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Summer 2022 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2021 First 6 Week Session

Individual conferences to provide supervision in the preparation of an original research paper or dissertation.

Directed Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-8 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Directed Research: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 301 Professional Training: Teaching 1 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2018

Group consultation with instructor. Supervised training with instructor on teaching undergraduates.

Professional Training: Teaching: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 12 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-18 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Professional Training: Teaching: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 375 Graduate Pedagogy Seminar 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Training in both the logistics and the pedagogical issues of undergraduate teaching.

Graduate Pedagogy Seminar: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Instructor: Agrawal

Formerly known as: Anthropology 300

Graduate Pedagogy Seminar: Read Less [-]

ANTHRO 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017

In preparation for Ph.D. examinations. Individual study in consultation with adviser. Intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D. May not be used for unit or residence requirements for the degree.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Anthropology/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: [Read Less](#) [-]

Folklore

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FOLKLOR C261 Theories of Narrative 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011, Summer 2006 10 Week Session, Spring 2006

This course examines a broad range of theories that elucidate the formal, structural, and contextual properties of narratives in relation to gestures, the body, and emotion; imagination and fantasy; memory and the senses; space and time. It focuses on narratives at work, on the move, in action as they emerge from the matrix of the everyday preeminently, storytelling in conversation--as key to folk genres--the folktale, the legend, the epic, the myth.

Theories of Narrative: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C261

Theories of Narrative: [Read Less](#) [-]

FOLKLOR C262A Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C262A

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: [Read Less](#) [-]

FOLKLOR C262B Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C262B

Theories of Traditionality and Modernity: [Read Less](#) [-]

FOLKLOR C288 The Arts of Migration, Vernacular Arts 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This seminar focuses on artworks made by migrating peoples chronicling their journeys (Hmong storycloths, Aztec codices), and artworks made by others who made migration a major theme (Dorothea Lange photographer of dustbowl migrants to California, Jacob Lawrence chronicler of the migration north of African Americans). Also, we focus on the arts of traditional communities that base their artifact production on longstanding, ecologically localized and distinctive practices. Issues include nostalgia, memory, trauma; cultural heritage the selection of what is to be seen, remembered, recoiled from, embraced, what is to be taught to future generations/outsideers concerning fear, courage, pride, self-definitions, accusations, and authenticity.

The Arts of Migration, Vernacular Arts: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: HISTART C288

The Arts of Migration, Vernacular Arts: Read Less [-]

FOLKLOR C292 Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Collaboration in ethnographic praxis on a local and global scale in folkloristics, sociocultural, linguistic, media, and medical anthropology, producing projects grounded in meaningful engagement with communities. Graduate students, working with lay mentors and faculty, will design and begin implementation of projects that break through infrastructures of theory, research, pedagogy, and practice that reproduce racial hierarchies and that erase anti-racist alternatives. Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C292

Experiments in Collaboration and Reciprocal Transformation: Read Less [-]

FOLKLOR 298 Readings in Folklore 3 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2020

Readings in Folklore: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Readings in Folklore: Read Less [-]

FOLKLOR 299 Directed Research 3 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Summer 2022 10 Week Session

Directed Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-6 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-15 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 5.5-11 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Directed Research: Read Less [-]