

Minor in Anthropology

Description

Anthropology is the holistic, cross-cultural study of humans and their cultures. As a field of inquiry, anthropology endeavors to understand and explain the origin and evolution of humankind, the lifeways and symbolic systems of both past and contemporary peoples, and the multiple and complex ways that humans create meaning in the world. The study of anthropology promotes awareness and understanding of human variation on a global scale, as well as sensitivity to gender, racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity within the United States. Through the study of other cultures and their meaning systems, students will learn to develop critical self-awareness about their own cultural beliefs and practices.

At present the minor focuses on three areas of anthropology: cultural anthropology, archaeology, and ethnobotany (part of the growing specialization within medical anthropology).

A minor in anthropology will prepare Hollins students for work and life in an increasingly diverse nation and world. The anthropology minor will assist students in seeing from various perspectives, a skill appropriate to careers in politics, policymaking, law, education, development, international trade, business and marketing, the arts, and social work, among others. The study of anthropology will further assist Hollins students in becoming more engaged critical thinkers and learning to constructively envision and create social change in their own communities.

Required Courses

There are five courses required for the minor in anthropology, totaling 20 credits, as well as a cross-cultural study abroad or experiential learning opportunity:

1. Introduction to Anthropology
2. Four additional classes from the list provided below:
 - At least two courses must be anthropology courses.
 - At least one course must be a 300-level course.
3. Cross-Cultural Study Abroad or Experiential Learning opportunity.

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Course Details

1. ANTH 145: Introduction to Anthropology, Costa (DIV) **Required for all minors.**
2. Students may select courses from the following:
 - ANTH/GWS 220: Life histories/Self-narratives, Costa (r, DIV)
 - ANTH/GWS 242: Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality, Costa, Matzner (DIV)
 - ANTH/GWS 312: Women and Social Movements Across the Globe, Costa (o, r, GLO)
 - BIOL/INTL 121: Plants and People—An Introduction to Ethnobotany, Huish (GLO, SCI)
 - INTL/ES 210: World Geography, Bohland (GLO, MOD)
 - INTL 307: International Tourism, Bohland (MOD)
 - INTL/ES 305: Cultural Geography and Landscape Studies, Bohland
 - ART/CLAS 261: Ancient Art, Salowey (AES, ANC)
 - SOC 395: Modern and Postmodern Social Theory, Nye (r, MOD)

Additional courses may be added in the future, including Special Topics.

3. Cross-Cultural Study Abroad or Experiential Learning opportunity:
This requirement must meet the approval of the anthropology minor advisor.

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