

Anthropology

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Curriculum

Anthropology is the study of the organization, behavior, and development of the human species. Physical anthropology examines the fossil remains of ancestral humans and the behavior of primates in order to construct theories of how and why human beings have evolved. Cultural anthropology is concerned with the basic structures of human cultures, particularly with regard to subsistence strategies, social organization, language, religion, and political and economic systems.

Major

Students majoring in anthropology focus especially on the implications of human behavior and the nature of human interactions. Thus, the major is ideal for those who intend a career which obliges a high degree of such interaction, particularly of a bicultural or multicultural form. Students considering careers in social work, international affairs, teaching, politics, public health, and journalism will find the anthropology major appropriate. Students intending to specialize in anthropology on the professional level almost always attend graduate school, since employment in the field usually requires an advanced degree.

Associate in Arts Degree in Anthropology:

Students must complete a minimum of 60 units of credit, including the courses in the major and general education requirements (page 22), with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Irvine Valley College. See pages 20–21 for further information, including other options for fulfilling the major requirement.

Transfer Preparation:

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Irvine Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a baccalaureate degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should (1) refer to the transfer section of this catalog, (2) consult the catalog of their prospective transfer institution (see the IVC Transfer Center for assistance), and (3) schedule an appointment with an IVC counselor to develop a plan of study before beginning their program. It may be helpful to meet with the department faculty at IVC.

Associate in Arts Degree Anthropology Major

Complete the following courses:

		Units
ANTH 1	Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH 2	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 3	Culture and Language	3
ANTH 9	Introduction to Archaeology	3

Select any three courses from among those listed below:

ANTH 4	Native American Indian Culture	3
ANTH 7	Indians of Southern California	3
BIO 30	California Wildlife and Wild Places	3
HIST 10	The West and the World Through the Renaissance	3
PSYC 1	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3

TOTAL UNITS: 21

Anthropology Courses

ANTH 1: Physical Anthropology

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course introduces the study of the origin of humankind. The course focuses on the biological basis of evolution, the fossil evidence of human origins, primate behavior, and human variation. (CAN ANTH 2) NR

ANTH 2: Cultural Anthropology

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course introduces students to the cultural influences on human behavior. It examines intra-cultural and cross-cultural studies of social organizations, economic and political systems, and religious customs. (CAN ANTH 4) NR

ANTH 3: Culture and Language

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course introduces the student to contemporary theories of language and culture. The course emphasizes the structure and content of human language and its effects on cultural perceptions of reality. NR

ANTH 4: Native American Indian Culture

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course is an introduction to Native American Indian cultures. The course examines North American Indian social organizations, economic systems, political systems, and religious systems. NR

ANTH 7: Indians of Southern California

3 Units

3 hours lecture

This course undertakes a comprehensive study of the Indians of Southern California. Students examine archaeological data and historical data as well as the contemporary status of the Southern California Indians. NR

ANTH 9: Introduction to Archaeology**3 Units***3 hours lecture*

This course introduces the student to the history, theory, and techniques of archaeology. The course will study the development of prehistoric cultures as revealed through the excavation and analysis of their material remains in both the Old World and the New World. Field trips may be required to local archaeological sites. (CAN ANTH 6) NR

ANTH 21: Women and Culture**3 Units***3 hours lecture*

This course takes an anthropological approach to the status of women in Western and non-Western societies. The course will examine the division of labor within marriage and the family and gender roles from a cross-cultural perspective. NR

ANTH 99: Seminar in Anthropology**0.5- 5 units***0.5-5 hours lecture, 0.5-5 hours lab*

Anthropology 99 is a lower-division seminar given over to the study of a specific topic, issue, or problem within anthropology which is not part of the regular college curriculum. Granting of UC credit for courses of this kind is contingent upon a review of the course outline by a UC campus. R-E

ANTH 289: Special Topics in Anthropology**0.5- 5 units***0.5-5 hours lecture, 0.5-5 hours lab*

The Special Topics course is a grouping of short seminars designed to provide students with the latest concepts in the field of anthropology. The course content is thematic in nature, and each seminar within the course differs from other offerings in the same course. R-E