



**BACHELOR of ARTS in ANTHROPOLOGY (#608)**

**Cultural Anthropology Concentration**

Department of Folk Studies and Anthropology

Potter College of Arts and Letters

Western Kentucky University

The anthropology major requires completion of a second major or minor. The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives and the second major or minor selected.

Cultural anthropology is the study of the beliefs, practices, and institutions of contemporary human societies. Through fieldwork and using cross-cultural perspectives, cultural anthropologists investigate topics such as language, subsistence, economics, political systems, legal systems, ethnicity, gender, kinship, religion, magic, artistic expression, culture change, cultural contact and conflict, colonialism, and globalization. Cultural anthropologists are interested in all types of societies, from hunting-gathering bands to modern industrial states, as well as subdivisions within societies.

**SAMPLE – Finish in Four Plan**

FIRST YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ANTH 120 or 125 or 130	3	ANTH 120 or 130 or 135	3
Second major or minor course	3	Second major or minor course	3
ENG 100 <b>or</b> COMM 145 or other approved Human Communication course	3	ENG 100 <b>or</b> COMM 145 or other approved Human Communication course	3
HIST 101 or 102 <b>or</b> MATH 109 or other approved Quantitative Reasoning course	3-4	HIST 101 or 102 <b>or</b> MATH 109 or other approved Quantitative Reasoning course	3-4
Arts and Humanities course	3	Natural and Physical Sciences course	3-4
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15-17</b>

SECOND YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ANTH 120 or 125 or 130	3	ANTH 120 or 130 or 135	3
Second major or minor course	3	Cultural anthropology concentration course <b>or</b> anthropology elective course	3
Natural and Physical Sciences lab course	3-4	Second major or minor course	3
ENG 200 or other approved Literary Studies course	3	General elective course	3
First-level foreign language course <b>or</b> general elective course	3	Second-level foreign language course <b>or</b> general elective course	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

THIRD YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Cultural anthropology concentration course <u>or</u> anthropology elective course	3	Cultural anthropology concentration course <u>or</u> anthropology elective course	3
Second major or minor course	3	ANTH 399	3
Second major or minor course	3	Second major or minor course	3
Connections course	3	Second major or minor course <u>or</u> general elective course	3
Connections course	3	ENG 300	3
General elective course <i>not needed if two 4-hour courses completed in prior years</i>	2		
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15-17</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

FOURTH YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Cultural anthropology concentration course <u>or</u> anthropology elective course	3	Cultural anthropology concentration course <u>or</u> anthropology elective course	3
Second major or minor course <u>or</u> general elective course	3	Second major course <u>or</u> general elective course	3
Second major or minor course <u>or</u> general elective course	3	Second major course <u>or</u> general elective course	3
Connections course	3	ANTH 499	1
Upper-level general elective course	3	Upper-level general elective course	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>

**Total Credit Hours: 120-122**

### Notes

**Colonnade General Education Program:** For more details and courses offered, visit the [website](#). ANTH 120 or ANTH 130 fulfills the Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement in **Explorations**. Several anthropology courses may be used to fulfill one **Connections** requirement. For the **World Language Requirement**, language proficiency of novice-high before completing 60 credit hours is required (or completion of second level of a language). Two credits (or equivalent) of a single world language in high school satisfies this WKU requirement.

**Anthropology Major Program:** Anthropology majors must earn a grade of C or better in all core courses in the major: ANTH 120, 125, 130, 135, 399, 499. Course numbers and prerequisites are subject to change; consult with your anthropology advisor each semester. Some upper-level anthropology courses are offered in a limited rotation (one offering each two years); anthropology majors must work closely with their anthropology advisors and pay attention to course rotations and offerings in order to schedule these classes when they are offered.

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**Course Descriptions:** <https://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>

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