ANTHROPOLOGY (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/)
Department: Anthropology (http://louisville.edu/anthropology/)
Academic Plan Code(s): ANTHBA

Program Information

The Anthropology major at the University of Louisville includes 200-level and 300-level courses in Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and Cultural Anthropology; a Methods course in one sub-discipline; ANTH 475, which enables majors to apply Anthropology in realworld situations; and ANTH 508, the capstone course that provides a fundamental understanding of the ideas that underlie Anthropology.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
General Educat undergraduate	tion Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ /general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
College/Schoo	l Requirements	22
Program/Majo	r Requirements ¹	36-38
Supporting Cou	urses	32
Minimum Total	Hours	121

Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Accelerated BA/MA in Anthropology

Undergraduate students interested in participating in an accelerated dual bachelor's/ master's degree offered through the Soaring Scholar program (https://graduate.louisville.edu/academics/programs/soaring/) must first meet with their Academic Advisor and be accepted into the program. Once accepted, students will receive an official admission letter outlining program policies and details. They will then work with their department and academic advisor to register for classes each semester, ensuring they meet the milestones and academic progress requirements of the Soaring Scholar program.

A Soaring Scholar student is considered an undergraduate student until their bachelor's degree is conferred. In their final undergraduate semester, they are expected to apply for admission to their respective master's program.

Anthropology majors who are considering pursuing a master's degree (MA) in Anthropology can speed up the process by applying some of their undergraduate credit hours toward a master's degree. Students accepted into the Accelerated BA/MA program take three graduate courses (9 credit hours) as an undergraduate that apply toward both the bachelor's degree and the eventual master's degree.

Interested students should apply to the program during their Junior year (i.e., when they have accumulated 60-90 hours of credit). Students must complete both the department's internal application for permission to participate in the accelerated BA/MA program and the Graduate School's application for admission to the Master of Arts program. Students must have at least a minimum overall Anthropology GPA of 3.3 and meet all other requirements for admission to the Master of Arts in Anthropology program (including at least 18 credit hours of Anthropology with at least nine (9) hours at the 300 level or higher). Students must retain a 3.0 GPA in Anthropology during their senior year to remain in the program.

Department Admission Requirements

Admission to the BA in Anthropology requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink (https://ulink.louisville.edu/).

Accelerated BA/MA in Anthropology

Students apply to the Accelerated BA/MA program toward the end of their junior year. Applicants should have completed at least 18 credit hours in Anthropology (ANTH) coursework, with at least nine (9) credit hours are the 300 level or higher. Students must have at least a 3.3 GPA in these and any other ANTH courses.

Students must first complete the internal application form requesting departmental permission to participate in the accelerated program. After obtaining the department's approval, the student applies for admission to the Graduate School (https://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/). Complete applications include:

- 1. GRE scores
- 2. Names of referees
- 3. Unofficial transcript
- 4. Statement of Purpose.



Upon admission to the accelerated program, students will select courses in consultation with their advisor and the Anthropology Director of Graduate Studies (DGS).

General Education Requirements

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Code	Title	Hours
	n Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ eneral-education-requirements/) *	31
-	rses are required by the program and can satisfy neral Education Requirement:	
ANTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology - S (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	
or ANTH 20	7Principles of Biological Anthropology - B (https:/ catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	7
ANTH 204	Archaeology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/ SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ general-education-requirements/)	′),
or ANTH 20	6Principles of Archaeology - B (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	

^{*}All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

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College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences I	Requirements	
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
Foreign Language ¹		
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences ²		9
WR-two approved courses at the 300 level or above ³		
Minimum Total H	lours	22

Program/Major Requirements*

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Code	Title	Hours
Department of Ar	nthropology	
ANTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ANTH 202	Biological Anthropology - S (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4

or ANTH 207	Principles of Biological Anthropology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 204	Archaeology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4
or ANTH 206	Principles of Archaeology - B (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 475	Engaged Anthropology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ANTH 508	History of Anthropology - CUE (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	3
Methods (Select o	one of the following):	3
ANTH 509	Archaeological Theory and Methods - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)	
or ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
ANTH 510	Methods in Biological Anthropology - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or ANTH 512	2Methods in Skeletal Forensics - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	
ANTH 511	Ethnographic Methods - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Archaeology (sele	ct one of the following):	3
ANTH 304	Prehistoric Archaeology Europe - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)	
ANTH 311	Emergence of Human Culture - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)	
ANTH 312	Rise of Civilization	
ANTH 322	Archaeology of North America - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)	
ANTH 326	African Archaeology	
ANTH 328	Environmental Archaeology	
ANTH 329	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 330	Urban and Historic Archaeology	
ANTH 364	Special Topics in Archaeology	
ANTH 377	Field Methods in Archaeology	
ANTH 378	Lithic Technology	
ANTH 379	Ceramic Analysis	
ANTH 380	Ice Age People: Colonization of the Americas - SB	

(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/

general-education-requirements/)

Geoarchaeology

Zooarchaeology

Archaeology as Practice

ANTH 381

ANTH 526

ANTH 529

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ANTH 530 ANTH 578	Human Impacts on Past Environments Lithic Technology		ANTH 325	The Anthropology of Latin America - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/	
ANTH 579	Ceramic Analysis			general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
ANTH 582	Kentucky Archaeology			education-requirements/)	
Biological Anthro	opology (select one of the following):	3	ANTH 331	Anthropology of Religion	
ANTH 303	Human Origins		ANTH 332	Ecology, Politics and Culture	
ANTH 307	Darwin		ANTH 333	Globalizing Inequalities - WR (https://	
ANTH 308	Primates		7.11111000	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
ANTH 327	The Human Skeleton			education-requirements/)	
ANTH 351	Medical Anthropology		ANTH 337	Nationalism, Violence, and the State	
ANTH 353	Evolutionary Anthropology		ANTH 338	Anthropology of Refugees	
ANTH 354	Anthropology of Infectious Disease		ANTH 339	The Anthropology of Space and Place	
ANTH 356	Dental Anthropology		ANTH 342	Museums, Culture and Nationhood	
ANTH 355	Black Death: The Pandemic that Changed Human History		ANTH 343	Language and Culture - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
ANTH 363	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology			education-requirements/), D1 (https://	
ANTH 374	Forensic Anthropology Field School			catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
ANTH 410	Skeletal Forensics		ANTH 044	education-requirements/)	
ANTH 535	Nutritional Anthropology		ANTH 344	Anthropology of Clothing	
ANTH 540	Health and Civilization		ANTH 346	Sustainability: Anthropological Perspectives	
ANTH 563	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology		ANTH 347	Global Capitalisms	
Cultural Anthrop	ology (select one of the following):	3	ANTH 348	State & Empire	
ANTH 309	Sex, Gender and Culture		ANTH 349	Modes of Consciousness	
ANTH 310	Race, Culture, Identity		ANTH 352	Food and Body Politic	
ANTH 313	Studies in Enthnomusicology - D2 (https://		ANTH 362	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		ANTH 507	Space, Place and Culture	
	education-requirements/), SB (https://		ANTH 522	Ecology, Politics and Culture	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		ANTH 534	Food and Farm Movements in the Americas	
ANTH 314	education-requirements/) Introduction to Japanese Society - D2 (https://		ANTH 536	The American South: History, Culture, Political Economy	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), SB (https://		ANTH 562	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-				
ANTH 315	education-requirements/) The Anthropology of Europe - SB (https://		following:	courses from any elective category above or from the	ne
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		ANTH 361	Special Topics in Anthropology	
	education-requirements/)		ANTH 384	Anthropology of Death	
ANTH 317	Contemporary Chinese Society - D2 (https://		ANTH 401	Cooperative Internship in Anthropology	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		ANTH 430	Practicum in Anthropology Education	
	education-requirements/), SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		ANTH 450	Readings and Research	
	education-requirements/)		ANTH 451	Independent Study	
ANTH 318	African-American Cultural Traditions		ANTH 499	Senior Honors Thesis	
ANTH 319	Cultures of the Middle East		ANTH 517	Anthropology of China	
ANTH 320	Indigenous Peoples of North America - D1		ANTH 528	Animals and Humans	
744111020	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/		ANTH 531	Anthropology of Water	
	general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://		ANTH 549	Modes of Consiousness	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)		Minimum Total H		36-38
ANTH 321	American Indian Women		Code		Hours
ANTH 323	Cultures of Africa - D2 (https://		Supporting Cour		0.7
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		(other than Anth	Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanities	21
	education-requirements/), SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		Minimum Electiv		9-11
	education-requirements/)				
ANTH 324	Iberian Anthropology		Minimum Total H	Hours	32

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At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

*Students in the accelerated BA/MA program should visit the Flight Plan tab for more recommended courses in year 4.

Code	Title	Hours

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)

Requirement fulfilled by completing one of the following:

ANTH 475 Engaged Anthropology - CUE (https://

catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-

education-requirements/)

ANTH 508 History of Anthropology - CUE (https://

catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-

education-requirements/)

Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language

In addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above

³ May be incorporated into other degree requirements

4 15 hours must be at the 300-level or above.

General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH

General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S

Foreign Language 1

Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Flight Plan

Year 1

Fall		Hours
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
General Education	: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC	3
General Education	: Cardinal Core Qualitative Reasoning - QR	3
ANTH 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Elective		2
	Hours	15
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
General Education	: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B	4
General Education Perspective - SBH	: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical	3
Social Sciences, N	latural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3
ANTH 202 or ANTH 207	Biological Anthropology - S (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Principles of Biological Anthropology - B (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	3-4
	Hours	16-17
Year 2		

ANTH 204	Archaeology - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/	3-
or ANTH 206	undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB	
	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
	education-requirements/)	
	or Principles of Archaeology - B (https://	
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
	education-requirements/)	

	education-requirements/)	
	or Principles of Archaeology - B (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
	education-requirements/)	
General Elective	·	3
	Hours	16-17
Spring		
General Education	on: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Diversity - AHD1	3
Foreign Languag	ge 2	4
Cultural Anthrop	ology Course	3
Humanities or N	atural Science Elective	3
Social Sciences,	Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3
	Hours	16
Year 3		
Fall		
Foreign Languag		4
(300 level or abo	,	3
Social Sciences, (300 level or abo	Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) ove)	3
Archaeology Cou		3
ANTH 475	Engaged Anthropology - CUE (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
	Hours	16
Spring		
	ge 4 (if needed to total 12 hours of foreign language) or	3
Humanities or N	atural Science Elective (300 level or above)	3
Biological Anthro	opology Course	3
Anthropology Ele	ective	3
Select one of the	e following:	3
ANTH 509	Archaeological Theory and Methods - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	
ANTH 510	Methods in Biological Anthropology - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	
ANTH 511	Ethnographic Methods - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	
ANTH 512	Methods in Skeletal Forensics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-	
	requirements/)	
ANTH 526	Archaeology as Practice	
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Year 4 Fall	Archaeology as Practice	15
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Year 4 Fall Humanities or N Social Sciences, (300 level or abo Social Sciences, (300 level or abo	Archaeology as Practice Hours atural Science Elective (300 level or above) Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) ove) Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)	3
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Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology)

(300 level or above)

General Elective



Minimum Total Hours	121-123
Hours	12
Anthropology Elective	3
General Elective	3

Accelerated BA/MA

The Flight Plan for the Accelerated BA/MA follows the first three years of the BA.

Year 4

Fall		Hours
Humanities or N	3	
Social Sciences (300 level or abo	3	
Social Sciences (300 level or abo	, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology) ove)	3
Anthropology El	ective (500 level or above)	3
ANTH 508	3	
	Hours	15
Spring		
Social Sciences (300 level or abo	, Natural Sciences, or Humanities Elective (not Anthropology ove)	3
General Elective		3
Anthropology El	ective (500 level or above)	3
ANTH 612	Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Anthropology	3
	Hours	12
	Minimum Total Hours	27

NOTE: 1) Students in Soaring Scholar program may not take 608 or any of the 600-level research design courses.

NOTE: 2) 508 and all undergraduate culminating courses (509 -12) will not count toward Soaring Scholar Program.

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- 1. Log into your ULink account.
- 2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- 3. Select the appropriate report.

- a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
- b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
- c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (https://ulink.louisville.edu)

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