

FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY (MINOR)

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/>).

Minor in Forensic Anthropology

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)

Department: Anthropology (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/anthro/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): FORSMINOR

The forensic anthropology minor provides a holistic and engaged curriculum in human osteology, paleopathology (disease in the past), and archaeology. Students receive foundational training osteology and learn how to observe and measure variation (biological age, sex, and stature) in human skeletons.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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 327	The Human Skeleton	3
ANTH 410	Skeletal Forensics	3
CHEM 201	General Chemistry I - S (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
or BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	
Select two of the following courses:		6
ANTH 329	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 354	Anthropology of Infectious Disease	
ANTH 356	Dental Anthropology	
ANTH 363	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 374	Forensic Anthropology Field School	
ANTH 377	Field Methods in Archaeology	
ANTH 401	Cooperative Internship in Anthropology	
ANTH 510	Methods in Biological Anthropology - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	
ANTH 512	Methods in Skeletal Forensics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	
CJ 355	Forensic Science and Investigative Techniques	

CJ 425 Behavioral Analysis of Violent Crime

PSYC 318 Forensic Psychology

Minimum Total Hours

21-23

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.

¹ Meets the A&S upper-level requirement in written communication (WR)