

College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Anthropology, BA

Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades		
Mason Core Requirements (31-34 credits)	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Oral Communication:		3		
Quantitative Reasoning		3		
Information Technology		3		
Arts		3		
Global Understanding		3		
Literature		3		
Natural Science Overview	Satisfied by ANTH 135			
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Satisfied by Major Requirements			
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	May be satisfied by ANTH 400	3		
College Level Requirements for the BA Degree				
Philosophy or Religious Studies		3		
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)				
Additional Social & Behavioral Sciences		3		
(The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380)				
Foreign Language		0-12		
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)				
Non-Western Culture	Satisfied by Major Requirements	3		
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)				
Major Requirements (36-38 credits) Students must complete major requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.0				
Introductory Courses (9 credits)		Credits	Earned	Needed
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3		
ANTH 120	Unearthing the Past: Prehistory, Culture and Evolution	3		
ANTH 135	Introduction to Biological Anthropology (Mason Core)	3		
Cultural Anthropology: Choose one from the following: ANTH 302, 308, 309, 312, 313, 314, 320, 330, 331, 332, 340, 345, 370, 375, 376, 381, 382, 396, 399, 400, 488		3		
Biological Anthropology: Choose 3-5 credits from the following: ANTH 350, 355, 357, 363, 365, 366, 388, 389, 393, 396, 399, 496		3-5		
Archaeology: Choose one from the following: ANTH 300, 307, 324, 325, 345, 357, 377, 378, 379, 387, 396, 399		3		
Theory Course: ANTH 390	Theories, Methods, and Issues I	3		
Methods Course: ANTH 386 - Quantitative Methods in Anthropology or ANTH 450 - Qualitative Methods: Nonstatistical Approaches in Culture and Social Research		3		
Electives in the Major (12 credits)	ANTH courses 300-499	3		
Major Elective #1		3		
Major Elective #2		3		
Major Elective #3		3		
Major Elective #4		3		
Degree Notes				
The writing intensive major requirement may be fulfilled by successfully completing ANTH 490: Theories, Methods, and Issues II. Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level.				

Year One – Semester One	15-16 credits
ANTH 114, Intro to Cultural Anthropology (Non-western Culture)	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign Language 110	6
Arts	3
CHSS UNIV transition course (optional)	0-1

Year One – Semester Two	16 credits
ANTH 120, Unearthing the Past (Social and Behavioral Science)	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign Language 201	3
Natural science with lab	4
Quantitative Reasoning	3

Year Two – Semester One	15 credits
ANTH 135, Intro to Biological Anthropology (Natural Science without lab)	3
Foreign Language 202	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Global Understanding	3
Social and behavioral science (college)	3

Year Two – Semester Two	15 credits
Philosophy or Religious Studies	3
Information Technology and Computing	3
Cultural/Bio/Archaeology ANTH course	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Literature	3

Year Three – Semester One	15 credits
ENGH 302	3
Cultural/Bio/Archaeology ANTH course	3
ANTH upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Upper-level elective	3

Year Three – Semester Two	15 credits
Cultural/Bio/Archaeology ANTH course	3
ANTH upper-level elective	3
ANTH 400 (synthesis)	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Year Four – Semester One	15 credits
ANTH 390, Theories, Methods, & Issues I	3
ANTH upper-level elective*	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Minor course/general elective	3
General elective	3

Year Four – Semester Two	15 credits
ANTH Methods course (386, 450, or 490)	3
Minor course/general elective	3
Minor course/general elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	3

**Students wishing to pursue careers in anthropology should consider taking ANTH 492 (or subfield specialty equivalents, such as ANTH 420, 450, 495, or 496) as one of their electives.*

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Anthropology majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet at least once per semester with an advisor to develop a unique degree plan. Students should keep the following in mind:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 36 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list in the [2019-2020 Catalog](#)
- Students are strongly encouraged to group some of their general and upper-level electives together so as to take at least one minor. Please consult an academic advisor for guidance.
- Students interested in pursuing honors in the major would complete two honors courses during their senior year, chosen in consultation with their academic advisor and undergraduate director.