

Anthropology

Bachelor of Arts Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 3 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (same language or two years of American Sign Language)
- 1 Fine Arts (music, drawing, photography, dance, etc.)
- Academic electives (to equal at least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

Our faculty members are very interdisciplinary in their outlook on teaching and research. Most are jointly appointed in other units across campus, such as the Climate Change Institute, the School of Marine Sciences, Native American Studies and the George Mitchell Environmental Center.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Program Description

Anthropology is the study of humans. Anthropologists study the entire spectrum of human existence from 6.5 million years ago when the first hominid set foot on the African continent, the process of human evolution, domestication of plants and animals, development of civilization, migration to the ends of the earth and the present-day diversity of cultures, religions, economies and kinship systems seen around the world.

Specialized Information

The Anthropology Department has six active archaeological laboratories in which students can become involved. These include the Zooarchaeology Lab, in which researchers analyze animal bones from archaeological sites; the Northeastern Prehistory Lab, where researchers analyze all remains from prehistoric human cultures in the Northeast, including those recovered in our Summer Archaeological Field School; and our South American Archaeology Lab, where researchers analyze prehistoric and history remains from archaeological sites in Peru and Belize. We offer a Summer Archaeological Field School in Machias Bay on the coast of Maine. Students are actively involved in faculty research in and out of Maine. Students have gone on archaeological excavations in Peru and Belize.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to join the Anthropology Club. UMaine has a chapter of Lambda Alpha, the national anthropology honor society. The annual Student Honors Day celebrates majors who have achieved honor roll status, the top first-year student and our Outstanding Graduating Senior.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Anthropology provides a well-rounded, generalist education that enhances wide career choices and provides students with the ability to critically evaluate theories, options and actions that affect humankind.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Graduate programs collaborating with anthropology:

- Master of Science in Quaternary and Climate Studies
- Master of Science in Marine Biology
- Master of Science in Marine Policy
- Master of Science in Oceanography
- Master of Science in Marine Bioresources
- Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology
- Doctor of Philosophy in Oceanography
- Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Bioresources

Representative Courses

ANT 120	Religions of the World	ANT 454	Cultures and Societies of the Middle East
ANT 170	Popular Archaeology	ANT 458	Anthropology of War
ANT 173	Archaeology of American Colonization	ANT 461	Islamic Fundamentalism
ANT 207	Introduction to World Archaeology	ANT 462	Numerical Methods in Anthropology
ANT 210	Physical Anthropology	ANT 464	Ecological Anthropology
ANT 221	Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	ANT 466	Economic Anthropology
ANT 249	Religion and Violence	ANT 467	Peasant Studies
ANT 250	Conservation Anthropology: The Socio-Cultural Dimension of Environmental Issues	ANT 469	Theories of Religion
ANT 256	Ethnic Conflict	ANT 470	Religion and Politics
ANT 260	Forensic Anthropology	ANT 473	Historical Archaeology of North America
ANT 270	Environmental Justice Movements in the United States	ANT 474	Artifacts of Colonial America
ANT 300	Basic Theory in Cultural Anthropology	ANT 475	Environmental Archaeology
ANT 317	Fundamentals in Archaeology	ANT 476	The Ancient Maya
ANT 326	Folklore, the Environment and Public Policy	ANT 477	Field Research in Archaeology
ANT 330	The U.S. Folk Experience	ANT 478	Zooarchaeology
ANT 372	North American Prehistory	ANT 479	Laboratory Techniques in Prehistoric Archaeology
ANT 420	Human Impacts on Ancient Environments	ANT 481	Language, Culture and Society
ANT 421	Inca Society and Peasants of the Andes	ANT 490	Topics in Anthropology
ANT 322	Folklore of Maine and the Maritime Provinces	ANT 491	Intercultural Understanding
ANT 423	Folksong	ANT 492	Capstone in Anthropology
ANT 424	Narrative	ANT 497	Department Projects
ANT 425	Oral History and Folklore: Fieldwork	ANT 553	Institutions and the Management of Common Pool Resources
ANT 426	Native American Folklore	ANT 555	Resource Management in Crosscultural Perspective
ANT 430	Who Owns Native Cultures?	ANT 570	Seminar in Northeastern North American Prehistory
ANT 441	People and Cultures of the Pacific Islands	ANT 573	Advanced Methods in Historical Archaeology
ANT 448	Ethnography Through Film	ANT 576	Method and Theory in Archaeology
ANT 450	Hunter-Gatherers	ANT 597	Advanced Topics in Anthropology
ANT 451	Native American Cultures	ANT 673	Advanced Archaeology of American Colonization

About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

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