

ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

This is a list of the Anthropology (ANTH) courses available at KPU.

ANTH 1100 CR-3

Social & Cultural Anthropology

Students will study the interrelationships among culture, community and well-being. They will examine the diversity of human thought and behaviour in cross-cultural perspective. Students will focus on topics such as ethnography, gender, marriage and kinship, culture and adaptive strategies, social and political organization, religion and world view, and globalization.

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 1200 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1211)

Biological Anthropology

Students will explore human ancestry, fossil hominids, non-human primates, and modern human physical variation. They will examine how we have evolved to become modern people and how our bodies and behaviour have been changed and shaped over millions of years. Students will gain knowledge of the theories of Charles Darwin together with the modern synthesis of his ideas, which show how our genes have evolved in response to our environment.

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 1217 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1125)

Forensic Anthropology

Students will study forensic anthropology in order to identify unknown human skeletal remains for legal purposes. They will learn techniques for assessing the age-at-death, stature, and sex. Students will also explore the validity of determining "race" or "genetic heritage" based on biological remains. Students will analyze the skeleton to the level of individual identity by understanding how disease, trauma, and behavioural patterns can leave their mark on bones and teeth, through an examination of the application of forensic anthropology in particular investigative cases. They will also learn how cause and manner of death, and the postmortem interval affect the ability to apply forensic anthropological techniques.

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 1300 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1112)

Archaeology

Students will analyze the various methods and perspectives used by archaeologists to study ancient cultures from around the world. They will examine the major branches of modern archaeology, as well as the historical development of the discipline. Students will learn how archaeological sites form and become preserved over long periods of time, and will discover how archaeological data are collected and analyzed through survey, excavation and dating methods. They will learn methods used to reconstruct both the economic and sociopolitical organization of ancient societies through analysis and critical discussion. Students will survey world prehistory and critically evaluate the effectiveness of the various methods and approaches studied.

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2100 CR-3

Methods & Ethics in Anthropology

Students will conduct an overview of anthropological methods such as cross-cultural comparisons, multi-sited ethnography, participant observation, surveys, archival research, media analysis, narrative, collaborative ethnography, and visual analysis. They will critically explore ethical issues that have emerged within ethnographic research while they apply methods to case study examples.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2120 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1229)

Cross-Cultural Women's and Gender Studies

Students will use a cross-cultural perspective to explore the concept of gender; the cultural construction of gender roles and identities; and gender relations as a dimension of culture, politics and society. They will critically examine anthropological approaches to gender from early studies that overlooked women to feminist anthropology and research on masculinities and gender diversity. The class will investigate political and cultural responses to gender inequality and discrimination in diverse cultural contexts.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2133 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1230)

Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft

Students will investigate the broadly defined interrelationships between culture and religious beliefs, and practices. They will focus on topics such as religious symbols, magic, and witchcraft; rites of passage; spirit possession; and religion in popular culture.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2140 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1220)

First Nations Cultures of BC

Students will examine the anthropology of First Nations cultures of British Columbia, including archaeology, history and cultural studies. They will be using language and culture areas as a basis for a regional understanding of the diverse First Nations cultures of British Columbia. Students will also come to understand the importance of health, well-being and other contemporary issues. They will find it especially important to understand these ideas in order to examine the current debate regarding land, resource, treaty rights, and the rationale and history behind the modern treaty negotiations in British Columbia, as distinct from the rest of Canada.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100 or 1300

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2142 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1260)

First Nations Cultures of Canada

Students will focus on the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and cultures. They will study traditional cultures in relation to regional culture and linguistic areas. Students will explore the impact of European influence on native life and cultures. They will examine the origin and nature of contemporary issues such as aboriginal rights movements, the treaty process, and special legal issues.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100 or 1300

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2160 CR-3 (formerly 1240)**Culture and the Environment**

Students will analyze the adaptive strategies employed by different cultural groups around the globe. They will examine the complexity of human relationships with the environment in a world where conflicting cultural systems are often competing for survival.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100 or 1300 or 1112

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2163 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1275)**Culture, Health and Well-Being**

Students will investigate the interrelationships among culture, community and well-being. They will explore anthropological topics such as healing systems; culture, spirituality, and well-being; the language of distress; social suffering; and, practitioner-patient interactions.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2190 CR-3**Non-Governmental Organizations in Context**

Students will study the role of NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations), understood to be not-for-profit or 'third sector' organizations concerned with addressing problems of poverty, social justice and/or the environment. They will explore the concepts of global civil society and emerging features associated with social, cultural, economic, and political activity that operate alongside but outside of state and market processes. They will come to understand the various roles that NGOs fill in providing services, promoting particular values, forming the basis for community self-help initiatives or campaigning on public issues. Students will analyze, and demonstrate their familiarity with organizational behaviours and practices.

Prerequisites: 6 credits of 1100 level or higher

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2217 CR-3**Forensic Methods & Analysis**

Students will explore scientific hypothesis testing by performing experiments that evaluate current forensic methods. They will study several forensic fields such as: metric measurement, fingerprint examination, image analysis (including photographs and x-rays), bone trauma analysis, and discriminating human from animal bone. Students will participate in a one-day outdoor archaeological excavation exercise. They will apply the information learned in the course to practice the techniques associated with the recovery & analysis of material evidence & human remains. Students will also reflect on the ethical dilemmas involved in the integration of scientific, anthropological, archaeological, and legal testimony in professional reports and in the court system.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1217

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2300 CR-3**Archaeological Methods**

Students will conduct an in-depth review of current methods in anthropological archaeology. They will examine the historical development of the discipline and study the nature of the archaeological record, including categories of data and site formation processes. Students will study research design, data collection, dating methods and classification of artifacts. They will critically evaluate methods used to examine prehistoric technology, environmental reconstruction, subsistence and diet, and trade patterns.

Prerequisites: (ANTH 1300 or 1112) and (ANTH 2320 or 2340)

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2310 CR-3**Archaeology of Death**

Students will examine the key concepts and methods used to analyze the funerary rituals and burial practices of ancient and recent societies. They will examine the theories and methods used by archaeologists to understand the social and ideological aspects of mortuary behavior. Students will study various forensic techniques used to analyze human remains from ancient and recent burials, and critically analyze the kinds of information they provide. They will also examine the ethical issues involved in the analysis of human remains from archaeological sites from a variety of different perspectives.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1300 or 1100 or 1217

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2320 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1215)**Archaeology of the Old World**

Students will be introduced to Old World Prehistory from the origin of the earliest modern humans through to the development of agriculture and complex state societies. They will examine the evidence for early human migrations from Africa into Europe and the Asia Pacific region. Students will study the rise of early farming communities in each area and then study the evolution of complex state societies. They will also examine an overview of the ancient civilizations of: Egypt and Mesopotamia; the early states of Europe; the evolution of Indus Valley civilizations and the early states of East Asia. Students will critically evaluate the theories and methods of data analysis used to study these ancient cultures.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1300 or 1112

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 2340 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 1216)**Archaeology of the Americas**

Students will examine the archaeological record of North and South America. They will examine culture history of the indigenous groups from these continents. Cultural groups examined can include the Inka, Aztec, Maya, Moche, Nazca, Amazonia, Norte Chico, Olmec, Hopewell, Haudenosaunee, NW Coast, Ancestral Pueblo, or others. Students will also critically examine theoretical problems particular to the archaeology of the Americas, including the impact of colonialism, the first peopling of the continents, the role of descendent communities in archaeology, and the evolution of urban societies, language, and agriculture.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1300 or 1112

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3100 CR-3**Anthropological Theory**

Students will examine the development and application of anthropological theory through an examination of ethnographies using different theoretical points of view. They will gain an understanding of how theory has been developed and used by anthropologists in the field, with examples to be drawn from a number of different areas and time periods. Students will apply theory as fieldworkers do, in order to understand social processes. They will be exposed to the major social theories and will practice how to choose, explain, and combine theories in research situations.

Prerequisites: ANTH 2100

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3130 CR-3**Sikh Culture, Religion and Society**

Students will examine the cultural, religious, social and political developments in the Punjab over the past five centuries from the perspective of the Sikhs. They will focus on the cultural and social forces that shaped and consolidated Sikh religious beliefs, ritual practices, and social institutions. Students will explore the interrelationship among traditional pan-Indian customs, Punjabi folklore, and Sikh religious beliefs and practices. They will also explore the impact of the British Raj, including the Sikh reform movements, and the contemporary issue of the Sikh search for a distinct political identity.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100 or ASIA 1111

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3168 CR-3**Deviance Across Cultures**

Students will learn that although crime and deviance occur in all societies, they are not defined or treated in the same way from place to place. They will study anthropological concepts and theories to examine deviance from a cross-cultural perspective. Students will survey topics such as banditry and terrorism, criminal organizations, 'treasure hunting' on archaeological sites, deviance in folklore and popular culture, and social control.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100, and 15 credits of any 1100-level or higher courses

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3188 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 2333)**Visual Anthropology**

Students will examine the primary aspects of visual anthropology. They will focus on anthropological representations of the interrelationships among culture, society, and the individual through the written and spoken word, still photographs, film, and video. Students will critically apply anthropological concepts and ideas to the study of culture and the politics of representation in popular culture.

Prerequisites: ANTH 1100 and 30 credits of any 1100-level or higher course

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3190 CR-3**Non-Governmental Organizations in Practice**

Students will carry out a detailed investigation of an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization), understood to be a not-for-profit or 'third sector' organization concerned with addressing problems of poverty, social justice, and the environment. They will complete a case study of a particular organization, or of a particular set of problems that surround a group of organizations. Students will submit original research and analysis. They will also develop an understanding of how stakeholders work towards the solution of social, political, and/or environmental problems.

Prerequisites: (ANTH 2190) or (ANTH 1100 and 3 credits of ANTH 2000 level)

Not Transferable

ANTH 3220 CR-3**Human Osteology**

Students will interpret the intricacies of the human skeleton through the identification of complete and fragmentary skeletal and dental elements. They will study additional topics that include skeletal growth and development, the identification of the normal range of variation in human skeletal anatomy, and distinguishing human from animal bones. They will also appraise the form and function of soft tissue attachments on bones, in order to determine individualizing characteristics such as age-at-death and sex.

Notes:

This course should be considered essential if students are planning future work in the interpretation of modern and archaeological human remains.

This course is lab intensive.

Prerequisites: 45 credits at the 1100 level or higher, including ANTH 1200 and ANTH 1217

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3300 CR-3**Archaeological Theory**

Students will analyze the development and application of theory in archaeological research. Students will trace the historical development of archaeological theory from a cross-cultural perspective. They will study the culture history, processual, and post-processual paradigms and examine how they have influenced the development of contemporary theory. Students will critically analyze theories of culture change, cognition, gender and ethnicity, and how they are applied to actual archaeological data sets. Students will assess the importance of ethics, cultural resource management, and public relations in conducting research within the context of a modern world.

Note: This is a seminar course.

Prerequisites: ANTH 2142 or 2217 or 2310 or 2320 or 2340

Not Transferable

ANTH 3301 CR-3 (formerly ANTH 2301)**Archaeological Methods for Cultural Resource Management**

Students will develop a hands-on understanding of a number of aspects of archaeological methodology central to cultural resource management (CRM) work. They will learn to apply these methods to the analysis of archaeological and landscape data, including how to report and organize the results of these analyses. Students will also be tasked with other important aspects of methodology in CRM, which include mapping, site forms, reporting, budgets, and proposals.

Note: This course is co-requisite with ANTH 3361 and offered as field school studies during summer term.

Prerequisites: 30 credits of 1100-level or higher, including ANTH 1300

Co-requisites: ANTH 3361 ANTH 3361

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3330 CR-3**East Asian Archaeology**

Students will study the origins and development of complex societies in East Asia. They will analyze the archaeology of China, Korea, and Japan, including an exploration of key issues in cultural evolution and interaction. Students will examine major topic areas such as: early human migrations into the region; early foraging economies; the development of food production; and the evolution of social complexity. Students will critically analyze the current methods and theories used by archaeologists in studying the evolutionary development of East Asian civilizations. Students will examine the modern cultural context of prehistory in East Asia as a source of discussion on ethnic identity.

Prerequisites: ANTH 2320 or ANTH 2340

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3340 CR-3**British Columbia Archaeology**

Students will examine the pre-contact and proto-historic archaeology and cultures of British Columbia's aboriginal peoples. They will study the environmental adaptations and complex cultural developments of both interior and coastal groups, and will develop an understanding of the great diversity and depth of B.C.'s native cultures. Students will critically analyze the theories and archaeological evidence of prehistoric cultural developments in the area from the earliest occupations up to contact with Europeans and Americans.

Prerequisites: 30 credits of 1100-level or higher, including ANTH 1300

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3361 CR-6**Archaeological Field Studies**

Students will study and practice the basic techniques of archaeological survey and excavation. They will learn and examine field techniques such as site survey and mapping; GPS data collection, mapping, and analysis; excavation methodology; analysis of site stratigraphy; and the proper documentation, collection and curation of field data. Students will examine how archaeological remains are cleaned, sorted and properly stored in the laboratory and will apply preliminary data analysis methodology.

Note: This course consists of a six-week field studies project and is offered only during the summer term. The co-requisite course is ANTH 3301.

Prerequisites: 30 credits of 1100-level courses (including ANTH 1300 or equivalent), and permission of the department selection committee

Co-requisites: ANTH 3301 ANTH 3301

Transferable (refer to transfer guide)

ANTH 3500 CR-3**Directed Studies in Anthropology**

Students will engage in an intensive study of an anthropological topic under the supervision of a faculty member. They will conduct professional research by doing comprehensive weekly readings, in which they identify appropriate resource materials, develop a proposal, and submit an advanced academic project.

Note: Students may take this course multiple times for further credit on different topics.

Prerequisites: 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including (ANTH 1100 or ANTH 1200 or ANTH 1300)

ANTH 3501 CR-3**Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology**

Students will examine a selected topic in Cultural Anthropology. They will critically analyze relevant literature and develop a comprehensive understanding of particular theories, methods, and themes. Students will question and evaluate recent developments in the topic area and debate future directions of possible study.

Note: The specific course content will be established in advance by the instructor. Students may take this course multiple times for further credit on different topics.

Prerequisites: 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including ANTH 1100

Not Transferable

ANTH 3502 CR-3**Special Topics in Biological Anthropology**

Students will engage in an intensive study of the human physical form by studying a special topic selected by the instructor. They will explore a topic in one of the major focus areas within biological anthropology such as: forensic anthropology (an applied aspect); evolution and heredity; non-human primate studies; human evolution; or modern human biological variation. Students will examine and evaluate recent developments in the specific focus area, assess the implications of these developments, and identify future research directions in order to determine what it means to be a member of the human species.

Note: Please check with the department for proposed offerings and the specific prerequisite. Students may take this course multiple times for further credit on different topics.

Prerequisites: 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including ANTH 1200 or 1217

ANTH 3503 CR-3**Special Topics in Archaeology**

Students will study particular aspects of archaeology selected by the instructor. They will examine how archaeology attempts to document and interpret the course of human cultural evolution and to trace the development of cultural traditions in various areas of the world by studying a current issue in archaeology. Student emphasis will be on the methodological, technical, and scientific literature relating to archaeological interpretation.

Notes: The area of study will be established in advance by the department. Please check with the department for proposed offerings. Students may take this course multiple times for further credit on different topics.

This is a seminar course.

Prerequisites: 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including ANTH 1300

ANTH 3510 CR-3**Anthropology of Genocide**

Students will examine the anthropological approach to the study of genocide which is a unique multidisciplinary approach due to the contribution of each subfield of anthropology. They will examine the following topics: why anthropology is so well situated to inform the discourse and research on genocide; the definition of genocide and ethnocide; the nature of human aggression from the perspective of our nearest animal relatives; the limitations of forensic investigations in documenting crimes against humanity for future generations; cultural issues, including racial, ethnic and religious concerns; historical and contemporary political issues (local, national, regional, and global through an examination of the United Nations, and other non-government organizations); modern literature and popular culture; and healing processes. Students will, using case examples from Canada and across the globe, investigate the necessity for a multi-disciplinary approach to this problem.

Prerequisites: 18 credits of 1100-or higher courses, including ANTH 1100 or ANTH 1200 or ANTH 1217 or ANTH 1300

ANTH 4101 CR-3**Contemporary Readings in Anthropology**

Students will, at an advanced level, study a problem of current concern in anthropology. Students will synthesize current themes and debates arising from a variety of perspectives either about, or within, anthropology. They will study anthropology in institutional and/or applied contexts, by acknowledging the origins of anthropological methodology as well as recognizing its current demands. Students will identify real-life problems through discussion, literature review, and practical observation. They will determine ongoing areas of research that they may utilize for future study or job-related research.

Prerequisites: 60 credits of 1100 level or higher courses, including ANTH 1100
Not Transferable

ANTH 4500 CR-3**Culture, Community, & Well-Being**

Students will bring together a number of theories, methods, and themes in anthropology. They will utilize a multidisciplinary approach to examine contemporary issues and they will address the contributions of a number of fields of study to further explore the department focus on "Culture, Community, and Well-Being". Students will explore topics such as Aboriginal studies; gender & women's studies; biological, medical & environmental anthropology; methods & ethics in anthropological research; human rights issues; audio-visual anthropology; religion and spirituality; and specific geographic area studies with an emphasis placed upon the holistic and applied approach to anthropology.

Note: This is a seminar course.

Prerequisites: 45 credits of 1100-level or higher courses, including any 6 ANTH credits

ANTH 4501 CR-3**Selected Problems in Anthropology**

Students will engage in the study of a particular issue in the field of anthropology. They will analyze critically the relevant literature and attendant ethical problems, and examine public awareness of the issue, thereby developing a comprehensive understanding of disciplinary considerations. Students will evaluate recent developments in methods and particular approaches, assess the implications of these developments, and identify future directions for the field of anthropology itself.

Prerequisites: 45 credits of 1100 level or higher courses, including ANTH 1100 or 1300
Not Transferable

ANTH 4502 CR-3**Regional Focus in Anthropology**

Students will carry out a detailed investigation of a particular region, as identified by the course instructor. They will use specific anthropological approaches to provide insights into the society and culture of the specified region. They will be required to identify relevant sources of information, provide a summary of the literature and develop a discussion of relevant problems.

Note: Students may take this course multiple times for further credit on different topics.

Prerequisites: 60 credits of 1100 level or higher courses, including ANTH 1100 or 1300
Not Transferable

ANTH 4510 CR-3**Applied Research in Anthropology**

Students will complete an applied research project in a particular anthropological subfield, and will analyze critically issues relating to the conduct of applied anthropology. Students will utilize and apply anthropological methods to a particular real world problem, possibly including action research, advocacy anthropology, culture resource management (CRM), methodological design, or a forensic human identification problem.

Prerequisites: 45 credits of 1100 level or higher courses, including ANTH 1200 and 1217

Not Transferable