BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The undergraduate program is designed to provide a broad base of knowledge in the field. As part of their degree, students will take at least one lower-division and one upper-division course in each of the subfields offered by the department: Cultural, Biological, Visual Anthropology, and Archaeology.

While the baccalaureate degree in Anthropology does not offer concentrations, several sequences of courses are recommended for students who have particular interests in one of the subfields. Majors should meet with an advisor at least once every fall semester to discuss the most appropriate course sequence.

Double Majors

An Anthropology major complements studies in many fields, including Health Sciences, Business, Cinema, Classics, Communications, History, Humanities and Liberal Studies, International Relations, Journalism, Broadcast and Electronic Communications, Women and Gender Studies, Sexuality Studies, Sociology, Social Work, and majors in the College of Ethnic Studies.

A number of cross-listed courses can be applied to both majors listing the course. A GWAR course in your primary major may be substituted for the ANTH 305GW, so seek advising prior to submitting your request for a double major.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Scope of Anthropology: Demonstrate a comparative understanding of human diversity across time and space (All courses, including electives, contribute to this learning outcome).
2. Theory: To understand the role of anthropological reasoning in the discipline (Intro courses, 300, and Area 1)
   a. Define the field of anthropology and its objectives.
   b. Understand the historical development of anthropology.
   c. Identify the major thinkers and schools of thought in anthropology.
3. Method: To critically analyze and interpret anthropological evidence. (Area 2)
   a. To know how to design a research project
   b. Collect, analyze and interpret quantitative, qualitative and/or visual data
   c. Write concisely and logically, incorporating the relevant scholarly literature and original analysis.

Anthropology majors must complete the foundation core before enrolling in the remaining major requirements. At least one upper-division course in Area 1, Area 2, or electives, must be taken in each of the three subfields: biological, cultural/visual, and archaeology. No more than six units can be taken in internships (ANTH 695), independent study (ANTH 699), and teaching (ANTH 685) combined. Courses taken in fulfillment of major requirements must be taken for a letter grade (no CR/NC).
Additional upper-division courses may be needed to reach the required total.

**Complementary Studies**

All candidates for the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology must complete at least 12 units of Complementary Studies from courses outside the primary prefix for the major and not cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major. Students who complete a second major, a minor, or a minimum of 12 units in an approved Study Abroad program, automatically complete the Complementary Studies requirement, and units may be double-counted toward fulfillment of the University-wide elective requirement.

Other options for Complementary Studies are:

1. Foreign Language: 12 units in a single foreign language; or
2. Related Subjects: 12 units of coursework in related disciplines with the approval of an Anthropology Department advisor.

Related disciplines typically include courses in the College of Ethnic Studies, Classics, Geology, Geography, Sexuality Studies, Sociology, History, Language Studies, and Women and Gender Studies. Up to 6 units may be double-counted toward fulfillment of the University-wide elective units for the major. Units may be upper-division, lower-division, transfer, or resident units.

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

### General Education Requirements

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**Note:** 

A minimum of 30 upper-division units must be completed for the degree (including upper-division units required for the major, general education, electives, etc.). Students completing this major may not reach the required number of upper-division units required for graduation.
This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their pursuit of a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously.

**SF State Scholars**

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

For students with an AA-T in Anthropology, this roadmap opens in a new tab. This degree program is an approved pathway ("similar" major) for students earning the ADT in Anthropology

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T).

An ADT totals 60 units and in most cases includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. (The Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science AS-T degrees defer 3 units in lower-division GE area C and 3 units in lower-division GE area D until after transfer.) Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units if pursuing a "similar" major after transfer. Determinations about "similar" majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

The roadmap displays:
- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- How to complete the remaining 60 units for the degree in four semesters.

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

**General Advising Information for Transfer Students**

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
   • a course in U.S. History
   • a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit http://www.assist.org. Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:
   • Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
   • Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

**Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs**

Review SF State’s lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State’s lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL.