

# ANTHROPOLOGY

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## Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/faculty-arts/bachelor-arts/>).

**Note:** The prerequisite for a given course may have a prerequisite itself. It is important to keep this in mind when planning your academic career.

## Major in Anthropology

Students are required to have completed at least thirty-six (36) credit hours in Anthropology. These must include:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 1202	Introducing Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 1271	Intro to Archaeology	3
ANTH 1280	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 1290	Introducing Language and Society	3
Select six (6) credit hours from the 2000 level or above		6
Select eighteen (18) credit hours at the 3000 or 4000 level		18
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

The program of study for majors will be discussed with the student's departmental advisor who will be assigned at the time the major is declared.

## Double Concentration in Anthropology

The requirement for the ninety (90) credit hour B.A., students are required to have completed at least twenty-four (24) credit hours in Anthropology.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 1202	Introducing Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 1271	Intro to Archaeology	3
ANTH 1280	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 1290	Introducing Language and Society	3
Select the remaining 12 credit hours from courses at the 2000 level or above		12
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

## Honours in Anthropology

To obtain an Honours in Anthropology, a student must first be admitted to the honours program and then graduate from the honours program.

To be admitted to the program, a student must:

- satisfy pertinent Faculty of Arts requirements;
- secure an approved thesis committee; and

- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 in Anthropology courses.

To graduate from the program, a student must satisfy pertinent Faculty of Arts requirements and complete the equivalent of sixty (60) credit hours in Anthropology of which eighteen (18) credit hours are at the 3000-level or above.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 1202	Introducing Socio-Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 1271	Intro to Archaeology	3
ANTH 1280	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 1290	Introducing Language and Society	3
ANTH 4452	History of Anthropological Thought	3
ANTH 4501	Honours Thesis Research	3
ANTH 4502	Honours Thesis Writing	3
Select six (6) credit hours at the 2000-level or above in each of the following four subfields:		24
Archaeological		
Biological		
Socio-cultural		
Linguistic Anthropology		
Select three (3) credits in Anthropological Methods		3
Select six (6) additional credits in Anthropology at 2000-level or above		6
Select six (6) additional credits in Anthropology at the 3000-level or above.		6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

To graduate from the program, students must also receive minimum grades of B (3.0) in Honours Thesis Research (ANTH 4501) and Honours Thesis Writing (ANTH 4502).

## Minor in Anthropology

Students are required to have completed at least twenty-four (24) credit hours in Anthropology.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select six credits of the following:		6
ANTH 1202	Introducing Socio-Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1271	Intro to Archaeology	
ANTH 1280	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 1290	Introducing Language and Society	
Select 12 credit hours from the 2000 level or above		12
Select 6 credit hours in Anthropology at any level		6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

With the approval of the Chairperson of the Department, the following courses may be used to satisfy requirements for Anthropology courses at the 2000 level or above: ANTH 3826-3849, 3876-3899, 4826-4849, 4850-4875, and 4876-4899.

The Department offers a prize for excellence in anthropological writing to major or honours students. The prize is named in honor of Prince John Loewenstein, the founder of the Department, and consists of a cash

award and certificate of merit. Details for submission of essays may be obtained from the Chairperson of the Department.

## Archaeology Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 2271	Archaeology of the Franklin Expedition: Survey	3
ANTH 2273	Who Owns the Past?	3
ANTH 2315	Working Toward Allied Relationships with Indigenous Communities	3
ANTH 3271	Archaeology of the Franklin Expedition: Research	3
ANTH 3275	Archaeological Remote Sensing	3
ANTH 3373	Fieldwork in Archaeology	3
ANTH 3374	Archaeology Laboratory	3
ANTH 3375	World Prehistory	3
ANTH 3376	Archaeology of Death	3
ANTH 3378	Landscape Archaeology	3
ANTH 3379	The Archaeology of Acadia	3
ANTH 3467	Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Archaeology	3
ANTH 3571	Archaeological Mysteries	3
ANTH 3572	Archaeology of Empire	3
ANTH 3573	Archaeology of Halifax	3
ANTH 3574	Public Archaeology	3
ANTH 4378	Advanced Landscape Archaeology	3
ANTH 4462	Method and Theory in Historical Archaeology	3
ANTH 4464	Advanced Fieldwork in Archaeology	3
ANTH 4465	Advanced Archaeology Laboratory	3

## Biological Anthropology Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 2100	Human Evolution & Adaptation	3
ANTH 2125	Primate Diversity	3
ANTH 2282	Introducing Forensic Anthropology	3
ANTH 3100	Evolution of the Anthropocene	3
ANTH 3381	Anthropological Genetics	3
ANTH 3382	Paleoanthropology	3
ANTH 3471	Forensic Skeletal Identification	3
ANTH 3472	Forensic Skeletal Analysis	3
ANTH 3473	Forensic Facial Anatomy	3
ANTH 3474	Human Variation	3
ANTH 3475	Palaeopathology	3
ANTH 3701	Forensic Archaeology Field School	3
ANTH 4701	Internship in Forensic Anthropology	6

## Socio-Cultural Anthropology Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 2301	Anthropology of Childhood	3
ANTH 2302	Nature of Culture	3

ANTH 2311	Ethnology: Melanesia	3
ANTH 2316	Indigenous Peoples of Canada	3
ANTH 2326	Contemporary East Asia	3
ANTH 2327	Japanese Society	3
ANTH 2401	Anthropology of Work	3
ANTH 2602	Environment & Culture	3
ANTH 3201	Anthropology of Food	3
ANTH 3302	Social Organization	3
ANTH 3303	Sex, Gender and Society	3
ANTH 3307	Visual Anthropology	3
ANTH 3309	Peasants	3
ANTH 3320	Anthropology in Hollywood	3
ANTH 3334	Warfare	3
ANTH 3344	Cross-Cultural Economics	3
ANTH 3602	Coping with a Changing Climate	3
ANTH 3710 - ANTH 3719	Field Study in Anthropology	
ANTH 4710 - ANTH 4719	Advanced Field Study in Anthropology	

## Linguistic Anthropology Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 2392	Linguistic Anthropology	3
ANTH 3308	Signs and Symbols	3
ANTH 3391	Learning a Field Language	3
ANTH 3396	Language Use and Issues in Canada	3
ANTH 4491	Language and Culture	3
ANTH 4492	Ethnography of Communication	3

## Anthropological Methods Courses

The course used to satisfy the anthropological methods requirement cannot at the same time be used to satisfy the archaeological, biological, socio-cultural, or linguistic anthropology requirement.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 3373	Fieldwork in Archaeology	3
ANTH 3374	Archaeology Laboratory	3
ANTH 3391	Learning a Field Language	3
ANTH 3396	Language Use and Issues in Canada	3
ANTH 3471	Forensic Skeletal Identification	3
ANTH 3472	Forensic Skeletal Analysis	3
ANTH 3473	Forensic Facial Anatomy	3
ANTH 3701	Forensic Archaeology Field School	3
ANTH 3710 - ANTH 3719	Field Study in Anthropology	
ANTH 4462	Method and Theory in Historical Archaeology	3
ANTH 4464	Advanced Fieldwork in Archaeology	3
ANTH 4465	Advanced Archaeology Laboratory	3
ANTH 4710 - ANTH 4719	Advanced Field Study in Anthropology	
RELS 3351	Field Research Methods	3