

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SCIENCE, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science in Anthropological Science, a minimum of 120 credits are required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	18
Requirements for the Major	61

4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 4 credits of GQ courses.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ANTH 2N	World Archaeology	3
ANTH 21	Introductory Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 45N	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	3
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Area/Survey courses:		
Select 6 credits of ANTH courses at the 200 level or below (excluding ANTH 1, ANTH 83S, and courses in the following ranges: 190-199, 290-299, other than 297)		6
Methods courses:		
Select 9 credits from the following:		9
ANTH 321W	Intellectual Background of Archaeology	
ANTH 380	Anthropology Museum Studies	
ANTH 410	Osteology	
ANTH 411	Skeletal Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 425	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 426W	Archaeological Laboratory Analysis	
ANTH 427W	Forensic Archaeology	
ANTH 428	Archaeological Methods and Theory	
ANTH 432	Environmental Archaeology	
ANTH 458	Ethnographic Field Methods	

ANTH 492	Intermediate Field Methods	
ANTH 493	Field Techniques	
Requirements for the Option		
<i>Requirements for the Option: Require a C or better</i>		
Select an option		33

Requirements for the Option Archaeological Science Option (33 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 12 archaeology credits from the range ANTH 420-439		12
Select 3 biological anthropology credits from ANTH 400-419, ANTH 460-473		3
Select 3 human ecology/cultural anthropology credits from ANTH 440-459, ANTH 474-479		3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 15 credits of supporting courses from the list of approved courses in consultation with an adviser. See department for current list for the Archaeological Science Option.		15

¹ See the suggested academic plan (p.) for the department list.

Biological Anthropology Option (33 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 12 biological anthropology credits from ANTH 400-419, ANTH 460-473		12
Select 3 archaeology credits from the range ANTH 420-439		3
Select 3 human ecology/cultural anthropology credits from ANTH 440-459, ANTH 474-479		3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 15 credits of supporting courses from the list of approved courses in consultation with an adviser. See department for current list for the Biological Anthropology Option.		15

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Human Ecology Option (33 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 12 human ecology/cultural anthropology credits from ANTH 440-459, ANTH 474-479		12
Select 3 archaeology credits from the range ANTH 420-439		3
Select 3 biological anthropology credits from ANTH 400-419, ANTH 460-473		3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 15 credits of supporting courses from the list of approved courses in consultation with an adviser. See department for current list for the Human Ecology Option.		15

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Integrated Anthropological Science Option (33 credits)		
Code	Title	Credits
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 archaeology credits from the range ANTH 420-439		6
Select 6 biological anthropology credits from ANTH 400-419, ANTH 460-473		6
Select 6 human ecology/cultural anthropology credits from ANTH 440-459, ANTH 474-479		6
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 15 credits of supporting courses from the list of approved courses in consultation with an adviser. See department for current list of courses. Students in the Integrated Anthropological Science option must take at least 3 unique credits from each of the three subject area lists (Archaeological Science, Biological Anthropology, Human Ecology).		15

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General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

- Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)**
- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
 - **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

- Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)**
- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
 - **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
 - **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
 - **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

- Integrative Studies**
- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

- Exploration**
- **GN,** may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
 - **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the

requirements for the student’s degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.