
Department of Anthropology
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The Department of Anthropology participates in graduate programs in Appalachian Studies. Courses in the following disciplines are offered through the Department of Anthropology:

ANT: anthropology courses

GRADUATE COURSES IN ANTHROPOLOGY (ANT)

ANT 5120. Appalachian Culture and Social Organization/(3).F. Exploration of dominant cultural principles and values and their relationship to historical, economic, and political themes, and to social organization and social dynamics; analysis of the socio-economic structure of Appalachian communities, and of the meaning of kinship and its relationship to community organization and processes.

ANT 5200. Sustainable Development: Theory, Method and Case/(3).S. Alternate years. A seminar on the social theory and applied methods of project interventions in communities and regions. A survey of relevant economic and ecological theory and assistance in developing a comprehensive research proposal.

ANT 5410. Qualitative Research Methods/(3).S. An introduction to qualitative methodology and research design. Topics will include sampling, ethical issues, and the methods of participant observation, interviewing, and focus groups. Students will carry out an original research project during the course.

ANT 5500. Independent Study/(1-4).F;S.

ANT 5530-5549. Selected Topics/(1-4).On Demand. An opportunity to study a special topic or combination of topics not otherwise provided for in the anthropology curriculum. May be repeated for credit when content does not duplicate.

ANT 5565. Agrarian Studies and Rural Development/(3).On Demand. Theoretical and descriptive analysis of peasants, small farmers and corporate agribusinesses through political economic and cultural perspectives in the context of globalization. Explores agrarian social movements and prospects for more just and sustainable outcomes from a comparative perspective. A research paper reflecting theory, method and case development is required. [Dual-listed with ANT 4565.]

ANT 5568. Language and Culture/(3).On Demand. An overview of the complex relations between language, culture, and society as conceived by linguists and anthropologists. The course takes both an historical and an ethnographic approach to language, and involves close readings of theoretical works on language as well as comparative, cross-cultural readings in the ethnography of speaking. (Meets ASHA III-B) (Same as CD 5568.) [Dual-listed with ANT 4568.]

ANT 5600. Medical Anthropology/(3).F. An examination of health, illness, and the treatment of disease from a cross-cultural perspective. Includes discussion of various theories of illness, types of healers, and the empirical basis for folk medicine and alternative forms of therapy. [Dual-listed with ANT 4600.]

ANT 5610. Ethnographic Field School/(2-6).On Demand. Students will be immersed in a cultural setting and learn to use standard ethnographic techniques to analyze and interpret the culture. There will be instruction in the use of qualitative methods, such as observation, mapping, genealogies and life histories, formal interviewing, and cultural domain analysis. Students will design and carry out an ethnographic research project.

ANT 5900. Field Experience: Internship/(3-12).On Demand. Supervised placement in a setting which provides an opportunity to observe and practice anthropological skills. Graded on an S/U basis.

ANT 5989. Graduate Research/(1-9).F;S. This course is designed to provide access to University facilities for continuing graduate research at the master's and specialist's levels. Graded on an S/U basis. ANT 5989 does not count toward a degree.