

# ANTHROPOLOGY: SOCIOCULTURAL & LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY, BALAS

*for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences Major in Anthropology, Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology Concentration*

The Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology Concentration offers students a program of more focused coursework in these closely related fields. Sociocultural anthropologists study the daily lives of people around the world, both at home and abroad. They conduct field research to get a hands-on feel for people’s lives and passions and examine everything from beauty pageants to political protest marches, from Disney films to the lab practices of nuclear scientists. Sociocultural anthropology distinguishes itself from other disciplines by its conviction that these local and personal details offer a crucial window on the largest processes and problems of our time, from globalization to race relations and violence.

Linguistic anthropology complements sociocultural anthropology with detailed attention to spoken and signed languages—their structure and use in the daily lives of people around the world, both at home and abroad. Linguistic anthropologists examine such things as the “English Only” movement in the United States, the persuasive language of advertising and politics, racism and hate speech, oral/gestural storytelling traditions around the world, communication in the classroom, on social media, or at the United Nations, as well as how the way we talk creates our sense of self and reality.

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60- 75 hours). Please see your adviser.

**Departmental Distinction:** The department may award distinction, high distinction, or highest distinction to any Anthropology major whose overall and major grade point averages are 3.25 or higher; and who successfully completes 33 hours of anthropology courses, including 4-6 hours of ANTH 494 and ANTH 495 resulting in an Honors Thesis. The level of distinction is based on evaluation of the honors thesis. See the departmental academic advisor for details.

All students must discuss their selection of coursework with a departmental adviser.

**General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement. Minimum required major and supporting course work: Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level Anthropology courses must be taken on this campus.**

**Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hour**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>When a course is listed under two or more categories, the student may decide which of the requirements the course should fulfill; however, it may not be used to fulfill more than one of those requirements.</b>		

**Anthropology Core Courses 9**

Choose 3 of the following core courses. Students may make one substitution for 1 of the 3 required courses, choosing from the option listed.

ANTH 220 or ANTH 105	Introduction to Archaeology World Archaeology	
ANTH 230 or ANTH 103	Sociocultural Anthropology Anthro in a Changing World	
ANTH 240 or ANTH 102	Biological Anthropology Human Origins and Culture	
ANTH 270/271 or ANTH 104	Language in Culture Talking Culture	

**Socio-cultural and Linguistic Anthropology Courses 21**

7 courses selected from the list maintained in the advisor’s office. Students select 3 courses from locations across at least 2 regions of the world and 4 courses from theoretical or topical areas course offerings in socio-cultural and linguistic anthropology chosen in consultation with the departmental advisor. Four courses must be at the 300- or 400-level.

Additional socio-cultural and linguistics anthropology courses or courses in related fields such as Sociology, Linguistics, Psychology, Education, History, Gender and Women’s Studies, African American Studies, Latina/Latino Studies, Asian American Studies, African Studies, Jewish Studies that complement the student’s sociocultural/linguistic focus. Meet with the departmental advisor to discuss the selection of courses.

**Research and Service Learning Coursework 3**

Choose one of the following:

Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology - ANTH 411 Methods of Cultural Anth	
Research Methods in Linguistic Anthropology - ANTH 499	

**Senior Capstone Project 3-6**

Choose one option below (Honors Thesis, Senior Seminar, Internship, or Study Abroad) in consultation with the departmental advisor:

Honors Thesis- 6 hours. Two consecutive semesters of research resulting in a written thesis

ANTH 494	Honors Senior Thesis I
ANTH 495	Honors Senior Thesis II

Senior Capstone Seminar (Independent Research)- 3 hours

ANTH 498	Senior Capstone Seminar
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Internship- 3 hours. A portfolio and report associated with an approved departmental internship

ANTH 390	Individual Study
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Study Abroad- 3 hours. A portfolio and report associated with an approved Study Abroad experience	
ANTH 390 Individual Study	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>45</b>

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**Sample Sequence**

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

**First Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Free elective course		1 Anthropology Core course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Free elective course		3 General Education course	3
Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 Language Other than English (4th level)	4
Composition I or General Education course		4 General Education course or Composition I	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>

**Second Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Anthropology Core course		3 Anthropology Core course	3
1st Regions of the World course		3 2nd Regions of the World course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

**Third Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
2nd Regions of the World 300-400 level course		3 Socio-cultural and Linguistics Anthropology course	3

Socio-cultural and Linguistics Anthropology course		3 Theoretical or Topical Area 300-400 level course	3
Theoretical or Topical Area course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Socio-cultural and Linguistics Anthropology course		3 ANTH 411 or 499	3
Theoretical or Topical Area 300-400 level course		3 Senior Capstone Project	3
Theoretical or Topical Area 300-400 level course		3 Free elective course	3
General Education course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	2
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**Total Hours 120**

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Department of Anthropology website (<https://anthro.illinois.edu/>)  
 Anthropology faculty (<https://anthro.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/>)  
 Anthropology advising (<https://anthro.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/>)

**Overview of College Admissions & Requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)  
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)