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

department website: https://anthro.illinois.edu/
department faculty: Anthropology Faculty (https://anthro.illinois.edu/directory/faculty)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/las)
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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, and on social media, or at the United Nations, as well as how the way we talk and use in 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.

Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology Courses

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

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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.

Anthropology Core Courses

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

Socio-cultural and Linguistic Anthropology Courses

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

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

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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

Internship- 3 hours. A portfolio and report associated with an approved departmental internship

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