ANTHROPOLOGY: BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Anthropology, Biological Anthropology Concentration

The Biological Anthropology Concentration offers students a program to examine the interconnections between genetics, environment and culture to address issues from human origins and morphology to forensics and modern health.

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Minimum hours required major and supporting course work: 43-46. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level Anthropology courses must be taken on this campus.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (https:// courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

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Composition I		4-6
Advanced Compositio	n	3
Humanities & the Arts	(6 hours)	6
Natural Sciences & Te	chnology (6 hours)	6
Social & Behavioral So	ciences (6 hours)	6
Cultural Studies: Non-	Western Cultures (1 course)	3
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Cultural Studies: West	tern/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
Quantitative Reasonir Quantitative Reasonir	ng (2 courses, at least one course must be ng l)	6-10
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ANTH 468	Primate Microbial Seminar		Second Year		
3 additional 300-/	400- upper division courses from another	9	First Semester	Hours Second Semester	Hours
subfield of anthropology or a related field			Anthropology	3 Anthropology	3
	ultation with the departmental advisor.		Core course	Core course	
Course selection should complement the student's Biological Anthropology focus.)			Biological Anthropology	3 Biological Anthropology	3
Senior Capstone I	Project	3-6	200-level course	200-level course	
Choose one option below (Honors Thesis, Senior Seminar, Internship, or Study Abroad) in consultation with and approval of			General Education course	3 General Education course	3
the departmental advisor. Honors Thesis - 6 hours. Two consecutive semesters of research			General Education course	3 General Education course	3
resulting in a writ			Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
ANTH 494	Honors Senior Thesis I		course	course	
ANTH 495	Honors Senior Thesis II			15	15
ANTH 495				15	15
	Seminar (Independent Research) - 3 hours		Third Year	15	15
			Third Year First Semester	Hours Second Semester	Hours
Senior Capstone S ANTH 498	Seminar (Independent Research) - 3 hours Senior Capstone Seminar urs. A portfolio and report associated with an				
Senior Capstone S ANTH 498 Internship – 3 hor	Seminar (Independent Research) - 3 hours Senior Capstone Seminar urs. A portfolio and report associated with an		First Semester Biological	Hours Second Semester 3 Biological	Hours
Senior Capstone S ANTH 498 Internship – 3 hor approved departm ANTH 390	Seminar (Independent Research) - 3 hours Senior Capstone Seminar urs. A portfolio and report associated with an nental internship.		First Semester Biological Anthropology	Hours Second Semester 3 Biological Anthropology 300- or 400- level course	Hours
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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
LAS 101	1 ANTH 240	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
	15	16

Anthropology Core course	3 Anthropol Core cour	
Biological Anthropology	3 Biological Anthropol	•••
200-level course	200-level	
General Education course	3 General Education	3 course
General Education course	3 General Education	
Free Elective course	3 Free Elect course	ive 3
	15	15
Third Year		
First Semester	Hours Second Se	emester Hours
Biological Anthropology 300- or 400- level course	3 Biological Anthropol 300- or 40 course	ogy
General Education course	3 Biological Anthropol 300- or 40 course	
General Education course	3 Additional 300/400- upper divi Anthropol related co	level sion ogy or
Free Elective course	3 General Education	3 course
Free Elective course	3 Free Elect course	ive 2
	15	14
Fourth Year		
First Semester	Hours Second Sec	emester Hours
Biological Anthropology 300- or 400- level course	3 Biological Anthropol 300- or 40 course	ogy
Senior Capstone Project	3-6 Additional 300/400-k upper divi Anthropol related co	evel sion ogy or
Biological Anthropology 300- or 400- level course	3 Additional 300/400-k upper divi Anthropol related co	evel sion ogy or
General Education course	3 Free Elect course	ive 3
Free Elective	3 Free Elect course	ive 3
course	15	15
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Total Hours 120

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- 2. An ability to conduct independent research through data collection, critical analysis, synthesis, and written presentation of findings.
- 3. An understanding of the ethical and social dimensions of anthropological research and their impacts on society.

Students who graduate with a concentration in Biological Anthropology will have:

 Knowledge of the theories and methods for understanding human biological variation and how this information is applied to forensic science and health sciences.

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