

ANTHROPOLOGY: SOCIOCULTURAL & LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY, BALAS

Overview

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences 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.

Degree Requirements

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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.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Minimum hours required major and supporting course work: 45-48. 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 300- or 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.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition fulfilled by ANTH 270	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours) fulfilled by ANTH 270 and any other course approved as Social & Behavioral Sciences	6
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
	Language Requirement (Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required)	0-20

Code	Title	Hours
	Orientation and Professional Development	
LAS 101	Design Your First Year Experience	1
	OR	
LAS 100 & LAS 101	Success in LAS for International Students and Design Your First Year Experience	3
	OR	
LAS 102	Transfer Advantage	1
Total Hours		1 or 3

Code	Title	Hours
	Major Core Requirements and Electives	
	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	9
	The following 2 courses are required:	
ANTH 230	Sociocultural Anthropology	

ANTH 270	Language in Culture	
Choose 1 additional core course from the 4 options listed below:		
ANTH 102	Human Origins and Culture	
ANTH 105	World Archaeology	
ANTH 220	Introduction to Archaeology	
ANTH 240	Biological Anthropology	
Sociocultural & Linguistic Anthropology Courses		
Regions of the World List 1 (select 1 course):		3
ANTH/AFRO 106	Hist Arch Americas	
ANTH/JS/PHIL/REL 108	Religion & Society in West I	
ANTH 112	Language, Race, and Ethnicity in the United States	
ANTH 160	Race and Contemporary Social Issues	
ANTH/AIS 165	Lang & Culture Native North Am	
ANTH 182	Latin American Cultures	
Regions of the World List 2 (select 2 courses):		6
ANTH 221	Archaeology of South Asia	
ANTH/LLS 259	Latina/o Anthropology	
ANTH/AFRO 261	Intro to the African Diaspora	
ANTH/GWS 262	Women's Lives	
ANTH 263	Body, Personhood, and Culture	
ANTH 268	Images of the Other	
ANTH/GLBL/SAME 272/TURK 270	Language and Culture in Turkey	
ANTH/EALC 285	Intro to Korea Through Film	
ANTH 287/EALC 288	Contemporary East Asia	
ANTH/AIS/HIST 288	American Indians of Illinois	
Theoretical or Topical Areas (select 4 courses):		12
ANTH 350	Cultures of Law	
ANTH 351	Language and Race	
ANTH 352	Language and Gender	
ANTH 353	Language and Humor	
ANTH 363	Anth of Dance/Movement	
ANTH 364	Performing 'America'	
ANTH 372	Topics in Lang & Culture	
ANTH 374	Anth of Science and Technology	
ANTH 375	The Culture of Nature	
ANTH 379	Medical Anthropology	
ANTH 387	Anthropology of Crime	
ANTH/REL/GWS/GLBL/SAME 403/HIST 434	Women in Muslim Societies	
ANTH 405	Contemporary Central America	
Additional 300-/400-upper division Sociocultural & Linguistics Anthropology courses or courses in related fields that complement the student's sociocultural/linguistic focus. Meet with the departmental advisor to discuss the selection of courses.		9
Research and Service-Learning Coursework (choose one)		3

ANTH 411	Research Methods in Socio-Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 471	Ethnography through Language	
Senior Capstone Project		3-6
Choose one option below (Honors Thesis, Senior Capstone Seminar, Internship, or Study Abroad) in consultation with and approval of 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.		
ANTH 390	Individual Study	
Study Abroad - 3 hours. A portfolio and report associated with an approved Study Abroad experience.		
ANTH 390	Individual Study	
Minimum Concentration Hours		45

Sample Sequence

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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

Requirements	Hours
LAS 101 - Design Your First Year Experience	1
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
Composition I or General Education course	4
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
ANTH 230 - Sociocultural Anthropology	3

General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Language Other Than English (4th level)	4
General Education course or Composition I	3
Semester Hours	16

Second Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
Anthropology Core course	3
Regions of the World List 1 course	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
ANTH 270 - Language in Culture	3
Regions of the World List 2 course	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Semester Hours	15

Third Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
Regions of the World List 2 course	3
Additional 300-/400-upper division Sociocultural & Linguistics Anthropology course	3
Theoretical or Topical Area course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
Additional 300-/400-upper division Sociocultural & Linguistics Anthropology course	3
Theoretical or Topical Area course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Semester Hours	15

Fourth Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
Additional 300-/400-upper division Sociocultural & Linguistics Anthropology course	3
Senior Capstone Project	3
Theoretical or Topical Area course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
Research and Service-Learning coursework	3
Theoretical or Topical Area course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	2
Semester Hours	14

Total Hours

Total hours for all requirements: 120

Learning Outcomes

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Students who graduate with a BALAS degree in Anthropology will have:

1. A broad knowledge of cultural, social, linguistic, archaeological, and biological facets of the human condition and the methods anthropologists use to study them.
2. An understanding of the ethical and social dimensions of anthropological research and their impacts on society.
3. The ability to conduct independent research through data collection, critical analysis, synthesis, and written presentation of findings.

Students who graduate with a concentration in sociocultural and linguistic anthropology will have:

1. Knowledge of the theories and methods for understanding cultural and linguistic variation in human societies, and how power and politics contribute to understandings of self and society.
2. An understanding of the ways of thinking about the world that demonstrate the diversity and the inter-connectedness of local, regional, and global processes.

Contact Information

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Department of Anthropology (<https://anthro.illinois.edu/>)

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& Admissions Requirements (<https://las.illinois.edu/admissions/>)**