

New Specialized Minors in Anthropology

Starting Fall 2021, we have **four new specialized minors** in the Department of Anthropology in addition to our **general minor, general major, and pre-professional major**. Each specialized minor consists of **six courses, totaling 18 credits**, and can be easily combined with majors in other departments. If combined with a major in Anthropology, fewer credits will be needed.

Health & Culture

general description:

The Minor in Health & Culture focuses on the human condition from both biological and cultural perspectives, collectively facilitating an understanding of the evolutionary and biological underpinnings of health, cultural beliefs about disease and the body, nonwestern medical systems, and the social, political, and economic roots of health disparities.

practical applications:

The Minor in Health & Culture helps prepare students for careers related to human health, including social work, public health, nursing, medical insurance consulting, dentistry, physiotherapy, orthopedics, or medical or veterinary schools.

Power & Inequality

general description:

The Minor in Power and Inequality includes courses focused on power structures in both the past and the present and is designed for students who want to understand better and participate in policy initiatives, social analysis, and activism aimed at addressing ongoing inequalities in the U.S. and abroad.

practical applications:

The Minor in Power and Inequality is ideal for students who seek to pursue careers in law, education, development, civil service and government, law enforcement, public health, and nonprofit organizations.

Human Ecology

general description:

The Minor in Human Ecology focuses on the relationship between humans and their environment, including long-term adaptation and evolution, responses to climate change, the emergence of social complexity, agriculture, food security, resource extraction, and environmental degradation.

practical applications:

The Minor in Human Ecology prepares students to address pressing issues involving the human-environmental relationship and obtain employment in public archaeology, ecology, natural history, education, public health, social ecology, and related fields.

Cultural Heritage & Memory

general description:

The Minor in Cultural Heritage and Memory is designed for students who are interested in the ways the past is remembered and activated in the present, sometimes as a mechanism to construct narratives and make political or legal claims about community and/or national identities.

practical applications:

The Minor in Cultural Heritage and Memory is particularly ideal for students interested in law and policy, development, museum studies, archives, cultural preservation, material culture studies, and the arts.

Please Note: If a specialized Minor is combined with a Major in Anthropology, all requirements for both the Major and the Minor must be met; no required course for either the Major or the Minor can count as an elective for the other; and no elective courses can count for both the Major and the Minor. Also, grades below C- in Anthropology courses are not acceptable for any Anthropology Major or Minor. Students who have received such grades in any course needed to fulfill their Major or Minor requirements must retake those courses and achieve a grade of C- or better to be considered for graduation.

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