

Anthropology Associate of Arts Emphasis (AA)

60 Credits

The Anthropology Department explores human nature and culture very broadly and comparatively. Our courses foster a bio-cultural understanding of humans from materially simple to complex cultures from the distant past to the present.

The Associate of Arts degree with Emphasis in Anthropology provides a solid foundation for an undergraduate major or for study in related disciplines as well as powerful tools for making one's way in a changing world.

Required Courses

Incorporate the following Required Courses into the General Education/Minnesota Transfer Curriculum or Additional Course Requirements sections below.

ANTH 1127	Cultural Anthropology - The Global Human Experience	3 cr
ANTH 1210	Human Evolution - An Introduction to Bio-Anthropology	4 cr
ANTH 1230	Archaeology - Prehistory and Humanity's Cultural Origins	4 cr

Complete at least one of the following nine courses:

ANTH 1101/ SOC 1101	Cultural Diversity	3 cr
ANTH 1121/ SOC 1121/ WMST 1121	Women Across Cultures	3 cr
ANTH 1145	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	3 cr
ANTH 1148	Examining Culture - Seeing and Doing Anthropology	3 cr
ANTH 1150	Native Americans: Culture, History, and Resilience	3 cr
ANTH 1188	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion: The Anthropology of Belief Systems	3 cr
ANTH 1235	Field Archeology - Methods of Exploring the Past	3 cr
ANTH 1236	Archaeology of Minnesota - Prehistoric Native Cultures	3 cr
ANTH 1899	Medical Anthropology: Health, Illness, and Healing Across Cultures	3 cr

General Education/Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) – 40 Credits

*See MnTC Curriculum for specific course options

Goal 1: Communication – 2 Courses

ENG 1101	College Writing	4 cr
Complete one of the following five courses:		
COMM 1100	Introduction to Communication	3 cr
COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COMM 1111	Interpersonal Communication	3 cr
COMM 1121	Small Group Communication	3 cr
COMM 1421	Strategic Media Communication	3 cr

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

(met by completion of all 40 credits of the MnTC)

Goal 3: Natural Sciences – 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments; at least one must include a lab)

Course #1 _____

Course #2 _____

Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning – 1 Course

Course _____

Goal 5: History and Social/Behavioral Sciences – 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments)

Course #1 – met by taking required ANTH courses

Course #2 _____

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments)

Course #1 _____

Course #2 _____

Goal 7: Human Diversity, Race, Power, and Justice in the United States – 1 Course

Course _____

(can be met by taking ANTH 1145 or ANTH 1150)

Goal 8: Global Perspective – 1 Course

Course - met by taking required ANTH courses

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility – 1 Course

Course _____

(can be met by taking ANTH 1235) (p. 71)

Goal 10: People and The Environment – 1 Course

Course - met by taking required ANTH courses

Additional Course Requirements – 20 Credits

- One Health (HLTH) course.
- One Exercise Science (EXSC) course.
- Elective credits – additional course(s) numbered 1000 and above, if needed to complete the 60 credit requirement.

Other Degree Requirements

- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for college-level coursework (courses numbered 1000 and above) completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in the MnTC.
- Earn a minimum of 15 college-level credits at Normandale.

