

Anthropology

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Why Should I Major in Anthropology at Seton Hall?

Anthropology concerns itself with the entire range of human activities and achievements in all parts of the world: past, present and future. In this era of contentious international politics and global social turmoil, it has become increasingly important to understand our world, the people in it and how we relate to one another. It is, therefore, of critical importance to understand the institutional, cultural and social causes of global problems such as chronic inequality and persistent poverty. The Anthropology Program at Seton Hall University is oriented toward providing students the tools with which to analyze and understand these pressing global problems. Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Seton Hall possess the communication and analytic skills that are in great demand in today's workplace. Anthropology majors are bright, impressive and adaptable because they can apply the skills learned in this program to a broad range of careers.

The Curriculum:

Introductory courses in cultural and physical anthropology are offered. The Department's anthropology curriculum includes specialized courses on inter-cultural communication, race and ethnicity, qualitative field methods, the cross cultural study of health and medicine, kinship, the cross-cultural study of human sexuality and gender, religion and ritual, the anthropology of consciousness, human rights and social justice, law, urban life and the history of anthropological theory. The faculty has particular expertise in the cultures of the Caribbean, Latin America, the USA, Southeast Asia and Museum Studies. Students may modify the major program in consultation with a departmental adviser.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

Students are required to demonstrate adequate understanding of anthropology — its history, theoretical perspectives and methodology. They are required to demonstrate basic competency in carrying out field research. To succeed in the program, it is necessary for students to move back and forth between abstract ideas, on the one hand, and concrete ethnographic data, on the other. In addition to meeting the standards and requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences, anthropology majors must complete department requirements in anthropology and related fields for a total of 36 credits and a GPA of 2.0.

Career Opportunities:

Students with a B.A. in Anthropology can pursue careers in local, state and federal government; market research; forensic medicine; public health; foreign affairs; urban planning; environmental protection; social services; education; historical preservation; museum administration; and human and cultural resource management.

A bachelor's degree in anthropology provides an excellent foundation for pursuing a Master of Arts or Ph.D. in Anthropology and in allied disciplines in the human sciences. It is also an excellent undergraduate degree to have if pursuing a law career, or graduate study in education, international business, international relations and communications.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.

Anthropology Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Anthropology Major — 36 hours, including:

Required Courses:

- ANTH 1201 Introduction to Physical Anthropology
- ANTH 1202 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 1210 Culture and Communication
- ANTH 1218 Qualitative Field Research Methods
- ANTH 3212 History of Anthropological Thought
- ANTH 3296 Independent Study

Six elective courses:

- Anthropology (at least three of six)
- African-American Studies, Asian Studies, Biology, Criminal Justice, Communication, History, Political Science, Religious Studies and Sociology

Anthropology Minor — 18 hours, including:

- ANTH 1201 Introduction to Physical Anthropology
- ANTH 1202 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 1210 Culture and Communication
- or
- ANTH 1218 Qualitative Field Research Methods
- Three elective courses in anthropology

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu.

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