

ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

100 Level Courses

ANTH 114: *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Overview of major ideas and approaches to the study of cultures around the world. Surveys kinship, social organization, political economy, religious beliefs, language and other aspects of non-Western cultures. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 120: *Unearthing the Past: Prehistory, Culture and Evolution*. 3 credits.

Introduction to archaeology. Explores the ways in which the archaeological record contributes to issues and debates about the human past and present, as well as the lab and field methods used for understanding archaeological remains. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 121: *People of the Earth: Humanity's First Five Million Years*. 3 credits.

Introduction to world prehistory. Begins with the biological, cultural, and technological evolution of the human species during a period known as the Paleolithic, followed by a consideration of developments following the end of the last Ice Age, focusing primarily on the origins of agriculture and the rise of complex societies around the globe. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 135: *Introduction to Biological Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Uses an evolutionary perspective to introduce students to the study of humans and non-human primates as biological organisms. The course will analyze the genetic and environmental bases for modern human biological variation, understand primate behavior and biological relationships, and reconstruct the fossil record. Discussions about prehistoric skeletal remains will emphasize biological responses to changes in subsistence and social structure. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Just Societies, Natural Science Overview, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 136: *Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab*. 1 credit.

This anthropology laboratory uses a biocultural and evolutionary perspective to introduce students to the study of humans and non-human primates as biological and social organisms. Covers primate evolution and biological relationships past and present, the fossil record of humans and our ancient relatives, and genetic, social, and environmental bases for the biological variation of living humans. Students will learn basic skeletal anatomy and use this information to reconstruct evolutionary shifts. Students will also identify evidence for disease and demographic shifts during major adaptive transitions and historical events such as agriculture, urbanization, and colonialism. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Natural Science with Lab (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisite: ANTH 135*^C.

* May be taken concurrently.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

300 Level Courses

ANTH 300: *Civilizations*. 3 credits.

Cross-cultural and transtemporal examination of complex societies and civilizations. Explores developmental schema for rise, articulation, spread, and decline of historic and contemporary civilizations. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 302: *Peoples and Cultures of Latin America*. 3 credits.

Examines Latin American cultures and selected aspects of historical record. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 hours, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 307: *Ancient Mesoamerica*. 3 credits.

Examines the peoples and cultures of ancient Mesoamerica, including Olmec, Maya, Teotihuacan, and Aztec societies. Major topics include the rise of civilization, the development of the Mesoamerican cultural tradition, the growth of cities, trade, exchange, writing systems, political organization, religion, conflict, and the archaeological study of this indigenous heritage. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 120, 60 credits, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 308: *Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East*. 3 credits.

Examines the anthropological literature on peoples and cultures of the Middle East, with particular attention to political and social change over the course of the 20th century. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 309: *Peoples and Cultures of India*. 3 credits.

Examination of South Asia, with emphasis on India. Includes general overview of prehistory and history; impact of colonialism; contemporary Indian culture, including the changing relations of caste and class, family organization, and the roles of women, religion, and ideology; and current trends in economic development and socioeconomic differences in different parts of the country. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding, Just Societies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 312: *Political Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Examines cultural and ecological contexts of political structures and competition for power in selected societies; and cross-cultural and comparative approaches to study of political conflict, leadership, values, and symbolism. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 hrs, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 313: *Myth, Magic, and Mind*. 3 credits.

Examines religion as a cultural system. Topics include mythology, ritual, symbolism, and dogma. Emphasizes cross-cultural and predominantly non-Western material. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 314: *Zombies*. 3 credits.

Explores how human beings across cultures have historically expressed social anxieties through references to the one particular manifestation of the undead: zombies, figures representing a state in which human beings are animate and affective in the world around them, but lack consciousness or free will. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 317: *East Asian Cultures*. 3 credits.

Examines the anthropological literature on East Asian cultures (such as China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan). Includes particular attention to social and cultural changes in people's everyday life associated with modernization, development, and movements. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 320: *Global Africa*. 3 credits.

Explores the complex and distance-defying connections shaping Africa and being shaped by Africans on the continent. Emphasizes the diversity and change characterizing peoples who are at the center of world processes. Topics include popular representations of Africa and Africans, colonial and postcolonial histories, gender, money, family, religion, environment, and health. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 321: *The Cultures of Death*. 3 credits.

Explores anthropological theories and topics on death and dead bodies; cross-cultural approaches to the study of the politics of death and dead bodies, the role of the state, capitalism, social relationships, and institutions around death; and the impacts of these on managing corpses, performing rituals, and regulating emotion. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Corequisite: ANTH 114

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 322: *Pirates, Conquest, and Death: Archaeology and Globalism since 1500*. 3 credits.

Examines materials, theories, and methods of archaeology derived from and applied to historical sites, as they complement archival records. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 120, 60 hrs, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 324: *Warfare, Violence, and Sacrifice in Antiquity*. 3 credits.

Examines origin and nature of conflict in human society with an emphasis on the ancient past. Major topics include the possible role of violence in human evolution, cross-cultural studies of conflict in indigenous society, warfare in early states, and sacrifice as a ritual practice. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 120, 60 credits, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 325: *Field Techniques in Archaeology*. 3-6 credits.

Intensive study of archaeological field techniques by directed group projects in site survey, site testing, recording techniques, and stratigraphy through discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on experience. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 120, 60 hours, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 330: *Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western*. 3 credits.

Examines cultures of a specific region such as Africa and the Middle East. Focuses primarily on non-Western cultures. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies, Non-Western Culture

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 credits, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 331: *Refugees*. 3 credits.

Introduction to causes and consequences of forced dislocation as a global issue. Covers formally recognized refugees, as well as people such as internally displaced persons and asylum seekers who are in refugee-like circumstances. Focuses on understanding the personal experiences of refugees and examining efforts on their behalf at national and international levels. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 credits, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 332: *Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization*. 3 credits.

Examines the varieties of cultural experience. Several cultures are studied in depth; with attention to local histories, global contexts, and shifting perspectives on the practice of ethnography. Notes: May be used for credit toward the BA in sociology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 350: *Human Growth and Development*. 3 credits.

Introduces human developmental stages in terms of behavior, biology, and genetics. Addresses the history and methods of human growth research. Explores the environmental and socioeconomic influences on human growth. Investigates the evolution of uniqueness in human developmental stages of the human species in comparison of other primates. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 353: *Anthropological Genomics*. 3 credits.

Deepens knowledge of genome technologies, the history of genome research, and how genomics has contributed to our understanding of humanity past and present. Considers how different paradigms of evolutionary thought have influenced the field and how forces of evolution act to shape genome variation in humans. Considers the central role of genomics in the both the rise of and resistance to race science, and how an anthropological perspective is essential to gain a fuller understanding of the social and political dimensions of genome science. Provides hands-on training of laboratory techniques for generating, analyzing, and interpreting human genome data and contextualizes these methods within historical and ethical frameworks. Traces how genome scientists have used these techniques to better understand human evolution, population history, health, and biodiversity. Evaluates the power of genome science to impact questions of human agency, kinship, identity, ancestry, and belonging. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135 or similar introductory level coursework in biology.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 355: *Human Origins*. 3 credits.

Explores the fossil evidence for human and primate evolution. Exposes students to evidence for the origins of mammals and primates, and to discussions of human evolution. Uses human fossils as tools to understand evolutionary relationships (phylogenetics), behavior, functional anatomy, and broader adaptation. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 357: *Bioarchaeology*. 3 credits.

Introduces students to the study of human skeletal remains and their associated archaeological artifacts, focusing on using the human skeleton to address behavior, growth, stress, ritual, social complexity, diet, disease, and violence in the past. Uses the human body and associated artifacts to provide a detailed analysis of cultural transitions, expression of socioeconomic inequality, the origins of ritual complexity, violence, and disease. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 363: *Humans, Disease, and Death*. 3 credits.

Explores human health and disease from anthropological and evolutionary perspectives. Examines what a disease is, what causes them, how we have co-evolved with diseases, how disease patterns have changed over human history, and the future of disease. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 365: *Scientific Racism and Human Variation*. 3 credits.

Explores scientific methods of classification as a reflection of social values. Explains the harms of "race" and eugenics committed under the aegis of science. While critiquing the biological concept of race, considers how the social construction of race becomes part of living bodies through racism. Details modern human variation as a product of evolutionary forces. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Just Societies, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135, 60 hours or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 366: *Food and Human Evolution*. 3 credits.

Explores the relationship between diet and human adaptation from biological, archaeological, cultural, and evolutionary perspectives. Examines how humans are unique in our ability to find and process a wide range of foods. Introduces agriculture as a co-evolutionary strategy between humans and other species. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 367: *DNA, Identity, and Power*. 3 credits.

Considers the history and development of genomics in relation to questions of human identities and belonging, including issues of race, cultural heritage, sex, gender, sexuality, violence, and monogamy. Evaluates how genomics has become a seemingly authoritative source of knowledge about human identities and our relations to one another, and assesses the consequences of genomic truth claims in society today. Evaluates the field of genomics as a form of knowledge production and also as a culturally and politically situated process. Brings science into better relation with critical race theories, Indigenous studies, and queer and feminist science studies to disrupt and reinvent how genomic knowledge of humans is made and understood. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135 or additional introductory coursework in one or more of the following areas: Biological and/or Cultural Anthropology; Biology; Science and Technology Studies; History of Science and/or Medicine; African and African-American Studies; Native American Studies; Latin American Studies; LGBTQ Studies; and Women and Gender Studies.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 370: *Environment and Culture*. 3 credits.

Examines relationships among environment, culture, and human behavior with an emphasis on cultural ecological explanations in mainly non-Western contexts. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Green Leaf Focused Course

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, or 60 hours, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 373: *Archaeological Science*. 3 credits.

Explores the use of the biological and physical sciences in archaeology. Topics include dating, site discovery, prehistoric ecology, diet and technology. Emphasizes the ways in which data deriving from the archaeological sciences can contribute to a more contextualized and theoretically sophisticated understanding of the human past. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ANTH 120^C, 120^{XS}, 135^C or 135^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 374: *Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherers*. 3 credits.

Explores the nature of traditional hunter-gatherer societies and the range of methods and theories employed by archaeologists to reconstruct the lifeways and practices of prehistoric hunter-gatherers. Topics include ecology, diet, social organization, mobility, ritual, and technology from a cross-cultural perspective; case studies will derive primarily from tropical/sub-tropical and northern forager populations. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114 or ANTH 120

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 376: *Food and Culture*. 3 credits.

Examines a variety of experiences through foods, which bring not only nutritional but also sociocultural debates to our table (e.g. identity, memory, senses, ethnicity, gender, geopolitics, climate change, and globalization). Focuses on both Western and non-Western cultures. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 377: *Mortuary Archaeology*. 3 credits.

Focuses on the study of burial patterns and death rituals in antiquity by introducing students to the methods of burial excavation, examining the history of mortuary archaeology theory and engagement with processual and postprocessual schools of thought, and examining case studies from around the world to decode the complex symbolisms encoded in burial practices. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 379: *Andean Archaeology*. 3 credits.

Examines 12,000 years of pre-Hispanic cultures of the Andean region of western South America. Focuses on the development and key achievements of some of the most remarkable civilizations of the New World, including the Chavin, Paracas, Cupisnique, Moche, Sicán, Nasca, Chimú, Wari, and Inka. Considers as well the nature, priorities, and accomplishments of scientific Andean archaeology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 380: *Language and Culture*. 3 credits.

Anthropological analyses of language behavior, origins, and change. Emphasizes the interplay of language, culture, anthropology, and linguistics. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 credits, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 381: *Medical Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Surveys the discipline of medical anthropology, focusing on traditional medical beliefs and the diverse responses to modern scientific medicine in developing countries and among cultural minorities in the United States. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Non-Western Culture

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 credits, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 382: Urban Anthropology. 3 credits.

Uses tools and resources of sociocultural anthropology to study life in cities in a comparative, global context, including topics such as poverty, discrimination, migration, transnationalism, and urban planning. Case studies draw from different urban environments in Asia, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and North America. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114 and 60 credits, or Permission of Instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 386: Quantitative Methods in Anthropology. 3 credits.

Introduces students to statistical methods used in anthropology. Emphasizes appropriate and creative application of statistical tests to anthropological problems and careful interpretation of results. Explores methods used to compare means, variances, and correlations within and between samples. Provides instruction on methods used in anthropological demography. Builds fluency in the use of statistical software. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 120, 135

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 387: Zooarchaeology. 4 credits.

Explores the methods and theories applied in zooarchaeology through integrating hands-on assignments working with a comparative collection. Examines how archaeologists can understand human-animal relationships in the past including their role in reconstructing paleoenvironments, their contribution to ancient foodways, domestication of animals, and ritual uses of fauna. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 388: Human Osteology. 3 credits.

Introduces students to the methods of modern human skeletal analysis in bio- and forensic anthropology. Covers introductory human skeletal and dental gross anatomy and describes analytical techniques spanning including age and sex estimation, osteometry, and paleopathology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 389: Human Osteology Lab. 1 credit.

Laboratory course associated with ANTH 388. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Recommended Corequisite: ANTH 388.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 390: History of Anthropological Thought. 3 credits.

Overview of the major theoretical traditions and schools of thought in anthropology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114 and 60 credits, including 6 credits of ANTH 300-level (or above) courses, or permission of instructor

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 391: Forensic Anthropology. 3 credits.

Human remains play key roles in medicolegal investigations. Provides an overview of contemporary forensic anthropology including age and sex estimation from human remains, estimation of the time since death, analysis of sharp force, blunt force, and gunshot trauma, mass disaster contexts, and the forensic archaeological recovery of buried remains. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 392: Forensic Anthropology Lab. 2 credits.

This lab class is the companion to ANTH 391. Involves hands-on lab exercises in the learning of methods in modern forensic anthropology, covering age and sex estimation from human remains, estimation of the time since death, analysis of traumatic trauma, individual identification, and archaeological recovery of buried remains. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Recommended Corequisite: ANTH 391.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 393: Paleopathology. 3 credits.

Provides an introduction to the field of paleopathology which involves identification of pathological conditions in human skeletal remains, and reconstruction of the natural history and co-evolution of disease with humans. Covers the differential diagnosis and history of infectious pathogens, skeletal trauma, oral diseases, metabolic abnormalities, developmental defects, and more. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 135.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 394: Archaeology of Climate Change. 3 credits.

Explores the contributions that archaeology can make to the study of climate change, past and present. Emphasizes the methods and theories used by archaeologists to reconstruct past environments and to evaluate the nature of human responses to climate change. Explores cases in which climate change has been evoked as a causal mechanism for human biological and behavioral change (spanning from the origins of the human lineage to the collapse of civilizations), while also addressing the ways in which archaeological data can contribute to dialogue about the changes in climate we are experiencing today and how climate change is impacting the preservation of cultural heritage. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 120

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 395: Work, Technology, and Society: An IT Perspective. 3 credits.

Introduction to the anthropology of work, technology, and society, with emphasis on information technology. Covers general conceptual issues of information technology and also involves specific practical exercises with computers, their operating systems, the logic of automated production, databases, and web-based communication. Attention also directed to social and ethical issues raised by contemporary information technology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Info Tech & Computing (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 hours, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 396: Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences. 3 credits.

Topic of contemporary interest in anthropology, focusing on social science topics of interest. Notes: May be repeated when topic is different. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 18 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies, Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 398: Study Abroad. 1-6 credits.

Field project or study abroad experience leading to the production of a written report. Notes: May be repeated with permission of department. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 399: Issues in Anthropology. 3 credits.

Topic of contemporary interest in anthropology, changing from semester to semester, and focusing on topics such as sex roles, anthropology and ethics, and primate social organization. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the term.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 hours, and permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

400 Level Courses

ANTH 400: Engaging the World: Anthropological Perspectives. 3 credits.

Examines selected topics with emphasis on the integration of different kinds of knowledge and the balancing of alternative ways of assessing meaning and relevance. Topics usually drawn from issues of global economic processes, civic rights and responsibilities, ethics, museums, public policy, the environment, and migration. Notes: May be repeated when topic is different. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Mason Apex (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 credits, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 440: Applied Anthropology. 3 credits.

Examines the needs and problems of communities and organizations and develops professional skills for a career in applied anthropology. Topics include the history of applied anthropology, research methods and ethics, fields in which applied anthropologists work, career options, and professionalization. Students prepare a career portfolio and other

documents common in the workplace for applied anthropologists. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 114, 60 hours, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 450: *Ethnographic Research Methods*. 3 credits.

Introduces qualitative ethnographic research methods, including fieldwork, interviewing, artifact analysis, audio-visual, digital, and archival techniques, and offers practice in their application. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 60 credits and 6 credits of ANTH including ANTH 114, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 490: *History of Anthropological Theory*. 3 credits.

Reviews major theoretical traditions and schools of thought in anthropology. Notes: Required for Anthropology majors, and for students applying to the Accelerated Master's program in Anthropology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Writing Intensive in Major (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: 60 hours and 9 hours of ANTH.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 495: *Internship*. 1-6 credits.

Supervised project in applying anthropology in relevant settings including public and historical archaeology, developmental anthropology, museums, non-profit organizations, advocacy, communications, or consulting organizations. Notes: Students must complete 45 hours of work at the internship site for each credit. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: 60 credits or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Internship

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 499: *Independent Research*. 1-12 credits.

Individual research on a topic to be organized in advance by student and instructor. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

500 Level Courses

ANTH 531: *Refugees in the Contemporary World*. 3 credits.

Explores major refugee flows since the mid-20th century, emphasizing mechanisms for providing assistance, asylum, and resettlement. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 535: *Sociocultural Theory in Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Surveys sociocultural theory in anthropology from the discipline's origins to contemporary debates. Students will explore influential schools of thought, examining how theoretical approaches have shaped anthropology's development as an empirically grounded yet theoretically informed practice. The course combines key theoretical texts with ethnographic studies, covering topics from early anthropological concerns to recent developments in feminist anthropology, political economy, and postcolonialism. Students will critically analyze the sociopolitical contexts of scholarly work and the craft of ethnographic writing. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 537: *Biocultural Theory in Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Read and debate the historical propositions of anthropological and evolutionary thinking in relation to biocultural anthropology, and discuss readings that illustrate how new conceptual frameworks push the boundaries of biocultural thinking and outline the promise of an integrated anthropological perspective in understanding human biological variation. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: ANTH 535

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 555: Policy and Culture. 3 credits.

Examines the relevance of cultural processes to policymaking and the culture of policymaking organizations. Topics include development, welfare policy, environmental and energy policy, regulation and risk; health care and immigration policy; and the war on drugs. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 556: Human Growth and Development. 3 credits.

Introduces human developmental stages in terms of behavior, biology, and genetics. Addresses the history and methods of human growth research. Explores the environmental and socioeconomic influences on human growth. Investigates the evolution of uniqueness in human developmental stages of the human species in comparison of other primates. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 557: Human Origins. 3 credits.

Explores the fossil evidence for human and primate evolution. Exposes students to evidence for the origins of mammals and primates, and to discussions of human evolution. Uses human fossils as tools to understand evolutionary relationships (phylogenetics), behavior, functional anatomy, and broader adaptation. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 560: Ethnographic Writing. 3 credits.

Examines a variety of ethnographic texts with attention to issues of form, style, and content in order to understand how authors blend theory, data, and narrative. Offers students the tools, practice, and insight on how to write ethnographically through discussion and writing exercises in a course that is part seminar, part workshop. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 570: Andean Archaeology. 3 credits.

Examines 12,000 years of pre-Hispanic cultures of the Andean region of western South America - that constituted the most remarkable complex civilizations of the New World. Focuses on the development and key achievements of the Chavin, Paracas, Cupisnique, Moche, Sican, Nasca, Chimú, Wari, and Inka cultures, and the nature, priorities, and accomplishments of scientific Andean archaeology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 573: Archaeological Science. 3 credits.

Explores the use of the biological and physical sciences in archaeology. Topics include dating, site discovery, prehistoric ecology, diet and technology. Emphasizes the ways in which data deriving from the archaeological sciences can contribute to a more contextualized and theoretically sophisticated understanding of the human past. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 574: Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherers. 3 credits.

Explores the nature of traditional hunter-gatherer societies and the range of methods and theories employed by archaeologists to reconstruct the lifeways and practices of prehistoric hunter-gatherers. Topics include ecology, diet, social organization, mobility, ritual, and technology from a cross-cultural perspective; case studies will derive primarily from tropical/sub-tropical and northern forager populations. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 577: Mortuary Archaeology. 3 credits.

Focuses on the study of burial patterns and death rituals in antiquity by introducing students to the methods of burial excavation, examining the history of mortuary archaeology theory and engagement with processual and postprocessual schools of thought, and examining case studies from around the world to decode the complex symbolisms encoded in burial practices. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 580: Environmental Anthropology. 3 credits.

Covers major theoretical trends and ethnographic works in environmental anthropology, focusing on the frameworks developed and used by environmental anthropologists, including cultural ecology, ecological anthropology, environmentalism, political ecology, new ecology, and science and technology studies. Explores how environmental anthropologists have contributed to broader debates about modernity, globalization, power, kinship, science and technology, and human-environmental relations. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Green Leaf Related Course

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 581: Medical Anthropology. 3 credits.

Explores the wide variety of cultural interpretations of health, illness, and curing. Examines a number of different curing systems, both traditional and modern, and compares them with cosmopolitan biomedicine. Several book-length case studies cover a wide variety of cultural groups, health topics, and theoretical orientations. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 582: Human Osteology. 3 credits.

Introduces students to the methods of modern human skeletal analysis in bioarchaeological and forensic science. Covers introductory human skeletal and dental gross anatomy and describes analytical techniques spanning including age and sex estimation, osteometry, and paleopathology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Corequisite: ANTH 583.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 583: Human Osteology Lab. 1 credit.

Laboratory course associated with ANTH 582. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Corequisite: ANTH 582.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 584: Paleopathology. 3 credits.

Provides an introduction to the field of paleopathology which involves identification of pathological conditions in human skeletal remains, and reconstruction of the natural history and co-evolution of disease with humans. Covers the differential diagnosis and history of infectious pathogens such as tuberculosis and syphilis, skeletal trauma, oral diseases, metabolic abnormalities neoplasms developmental defects joint disease and more. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 585: Bioarchaeology. 3 credits.

Explores the cutting-edge methods of bioarchaeological science and reconstructs ancient living worlds from the remarkable information encoded in bones via patterns of demography, disease, diet, trauma, violence, lifestyle, social structures, sex and gender, ethnicity, and identities on a global scale and over the last 10,000 years of history. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 586: Quantitative Methods in Anthropology. 3 credits.

Introduces students to statistical methods used in anthropology. Emphasizes appropriate and creative application of statistical tests to anthropological problems and careful interpretation of results. Explores methods used to compare means, variances, and correlations within and between samples. Provides instruction on methods used in anthropological demography. Builds fluency in the use of statistical software. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ANTH 650.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 587: Zooarchaeology. 4 credits.

Explores the methods and theories applied in zooarchaeology through integrating hands-on assignments working with a comparative collection. Examines how archaeologists can understand human-animal relationships in the past including their role in reconstructing paleoenvironments, their contribution to ancient foodways, domestication of animals, and ritual uses of fauna. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 590: Forensic Anthropology. 3 credits.

Provides an overview of contemporary forensic anthropology. Topics include: age and sex estimation from human remains, estimation of the postmortem interval, analysis of sharp force, blunt force, and gunshot trauma, individual identification, forensic taphonomy, mass disaster contexts, and the forensic archaeological recovery of buried remains. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Corequisite: ANTH 591.**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 591: Forensic Anthropology Lab. 2 credits.

Laboratory course associated with ANTH 590. Involves hands-on lab exercises in the learning of methods in modern forensic anthropology, covering age and sex estimation from human remains, estimation of postmortem intervals, analyses of traumatic trauma, individual identification, forensic taphonomy, and archaeological recovery of buried remains. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Corequisite: ANTH 590.**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 594: *Archaeology of Climate Change*. 3 credits.

Explores the contributions that archaeology can make to the study of climate change, past and present. Emphasizes the methods and theories used by archaeologists to reconstruct past environments and to evaluate the nature of human responses to climate change. Explores cases in which climate change has been evoked as a causal mechanism for human biological and behavioral change (spanning from the origins of the human lineage to the collapse of civilizations), while also addressing the ways in which archaeological data can contribute to dialogue about the changes in climate we are experiencing today and how climate change is impacting the preservation of cultural heritage. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 599: *Contemporary Issues in Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Explores current issues and debates in anthropology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 18 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

600 Level Courses

ANTH 616: *Anthropology of the City*. 3 credits.

Examines classic and contemporary works in urban theory, in light of broader scholarly discussions of modernity and globalization. Uses a case-study approach to analyze topics such as: public and private space, citizenship and governance, architecture and design, housing, transportation, formal and informal settlements, and the contest over space and environmental resources in cities around the world. Notes: Course may be offered fall or spring. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 619: *Disrupting Nature: Queer, Feminist, and Indigenous Science Studies*. 3 credits.

Introduces bodies of theory at the intersections of queer, feminist, and Indigenous studies and science and technology studies (STS), and questions how the concepts now known as “nature”, “sex”, and “life” were made. Illuminates connections between science and colonialism and how scientific concepts of nature have helped produce and maintain inequalities. Examines how colonial modes of thought have worked to isolate natural phenomena from their cultural contexts, and imposed divisions that have become the basis of colonial violence. Engages with multiple sustained efforts to resist these divides and/or rethink connections between nature and culture. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: One introductory graduate level social theory course in any discipline or consent of professor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 635: *Regional Ethnography*. 3 credits.

In-depth study of peoples and cultures of a specific world region (e.g., East Asia, Latin America, South Asia) and critical scholarship on the region. Content may include cultures defined by diaspora, migration, and other global forces and processes. Notes: May be repeated when topic is different. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 640: *Applied Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Explores the application of contemporary anthropological ideas, theories, and methods to find solutions to practical problems as defined by various organizations and institutions including business, government, nongovernmental organizations, and various institutions. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 650: *Methods in Anthropology*. 3 credits.

Reviews and examines major research methods commonly employed in cultural anthropological field study, with emphasis on ethnographic research design and the use of standard ethnographic techniques. Includes practice in designing ethnographic research project and using ethnographic methods and techniques in a field setting. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to ANTH 586.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 684: *Independent Study in Sociocultural Anthropology*. 1-6 credits.

Directed reading and research on a specific topic, agreed on by student and faculty member, resulting in a written project. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Independent Study**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 690: *Internship*. 3-6 credits.

All internships must be approved by faculty advisor to ensure suitability to the student's course of study. Introduction to applied anthropology through approved work and study at a museum, institute, agency, or other approved site. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Graduate standing, with 3 hours of methods and 12 hours in program, or by permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Internship**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 698: *Study Abroad*. 1-6 credits.

Intended for participation in formally organized course offered by Center for Global Education or an overseas institution or engagement in a field project related to the Master's thesis or project. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Independent Study**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

700 Level Courses**ANTH 721: *Culture, Power, and Conflict*. 3 credits.**

Explores power and social conflict through the lens of cultural analysis. Special attention to the role of cultural differences in the structuring of conflict and the deployment of cultural theory in formulating a practice of conflict resolution. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 796: Master's Research Project. 1-6 credits.

Capstone research project conducted under the supervision of a faculty project director and project evaluation committee. Project should be a substantial contribution to anthropological knowledge and is in lieu of a thesis. Notes: Students must initially enroll for a minimum of 3 credits of ANTH 796 and maintain continuous enrollment in 796 until project is submitted. A maximum of 6 credits of ANTH 796 may be applied to the degree. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 12 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Approval of project proposal.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 798: Thesis or Project Proposal. 3 credits.

Work on research proposal that forms basis for master's thesis or project. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Completion of 15 credits, including all other core courses.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Thesis

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

ANTH 799: Master's Thesis. 1-6 credits.

Master's thesis research and writing under direction of thesis committee. Notes: Students must register for a minimum of three credit hours in their first semester of 799 and maintain continuous enrollment in 799 while writing and submitting a thesis. A maximum of 6 credits of 799 may be applied to the degree. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 24 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Approval of thesis proposal.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Thesis

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)