

# ANTHROPOLOGY

Training in anthropology will prepare one for any career that involves working on the interface between cultures. Specialized preparation in this subject can lead to some of the world's most interesting work - the study of past and existing life ways, archaeological excavation and interpretation, primate behavior studies, and social research into economics, politics, law, religion, art, and music. In essence, anthropologists are involved in any discipline area that deals with humans.

## Career Opportunities

Careers in anthropology are diverse, specialized, and related to the various areas of concentration which are offered at four-year college and universities: Listed below are just a few examples:

Archaeologist - Federal/State/Private, Cultural Resource Management, Environmental Impact Analyst, Expedition Guide, Forensic Anthropologist, Health Researcher, Museum Curator/Exhibit Designer, Population Analyst, Urban Planner Analyst, Political Attaché, Interpreter, Documentarian, Rural Studies, Urban Studies, Human and Non-human skeletal analysis, Behavior Analyst, Economic Analyst, Political Analyst, Civil Rights Activist.

## Faculty

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## Transfer

- California State University Anthropology major
- University of California Anthropology major

For the most up-to-date information on these programs and others, visit [assist.org](http://www.assist.org) (<http://www.assist.org>). Please stop by the Transfer Center in Building 23 or make an appointment with a counselor if you have questions.

## Associate Degree

No associate degree awarded with a major in Anthropology. Anthropology courses may be used to fulfill requirements for an Associate in Arts degree with a major in Liberal Arts and various ADTs. Please see the department listings for degree requirements.

## Anthropology Courses

### ANTH 40 Introduction to Ceramic Analysis I (1.0 Units)

This course is the first of four possible courses covering archaeological analysis of ceramic production that may lead to an archaeological lab tech certificate. This course introduces the student to the analysis of ceramic material from archaeology sites around the world.

Lecture Hours: 18.0

Transfer: Not transferable

### ANTH 101 Introduction to Physical Anthropology (3.0 Units)

Biological anthropology explores the biological development and adaptations of humans in relation to their different natural environments through the biocultural approach. This course provides information on how and why human populations vary within and between themselves; how and why humans have changed biologically and behaviorally through time; physical and behavioral comparisons between human and non-human primates; and biological and behavioral/technological development from the earliest to modern humans. Grade Option. C-ID: ANTH 110.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

### ANTH 101L Physical Anthropology Laboratory (1.0 Units)

Coordinated with the lecture, this optional lab provides hands-on experience in human genetics, variation, and evolution; comparisons of non-human primate behavior; knowledge of the human skeleton, and forensic identification methods. Grade Option.

Co-requisite(s): ANTH 101

Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

### ANTH 102 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3.0 Units)

This course compares aspects of culture: societal organization, economy, marriage, family, language, gender issues, religion, traditions, rituals.

The development and evolution of culture/society is discussed. Drawing from the social sciences, the history/development of the modern World System and its effect on cultures worldwide is outlined. Grade Option.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

### ANTH 103 Introduction to Archaeology (3.0 Units)

This course provides information on the history and development of archaeology, the archaeological methods used to excavate sites, how archaeologists relate the artifacts and other remains found on the sites to human behavior, how the sites within a region relate to each other and the natural surroundings, and the theoretical framework that helps to explain the behavioral and technological changes through time. Grade Option.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

### ANTH 103FA Begining Field Archaeology (3.0 Units)

This course is the first of four courses that provide the student with increasing hands-on experience in the excavation and investigation of archaeological sites. Students are required to travel to off campus locations.

Lecture Hours: 18.0; Lab Hours: 108.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

### ANTH 103FB Intermediate Field Archaeology I (3.0 Units)

This course is the second of four courses that provide the student with hands-on experience in the excavation and investigation of archaeological sites. Students are required to travel to off campus locations.

Lecture Hours: 18.0; Lab Hours: 108.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

### ANTH 103FC Intermediate Field Archaeology II (3.0 Units)

This course is the third of four courses that provide students with hands-on experience in the excavation and investigation of archaeological sites. Students are required to travel to off campus locations.

Lecture Hours: 18.0; Lab Hours: 108.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

**ANTH 103LA Basic Archaeology Lab (3.0 Units)**

This course is the first of four courses designed as a laboratory class that compliments the Archaeology Field Courses. The class introduces the students to laboratory work in archaeology, providing entry level hands-on experience. Students learn to process the materials collected from the field class archaeology site, from cleaning and identification to their analysis. Grade Option.  
Lecture Hours: 18.0; Lab Hours: 108.0  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

**ANTH 103LB Archaeology Lab II (3.0 Units)**

This course is the second of four courses designed as a laboratory class that complements the Archaeology Field Courses. The class introduces the students to laboratory work in archaeology, providing additional practical hands-on experience. Students learn to process the materials collected from the field class archaeology site, from cleaning and identification to their analysis.  
Lecture Hours: 18.0; Lab Hours: 108.0  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

**ANTH 103LC Archaeology Lab III (3.0 Units)**

This course is the third of four courses designed as a laboratory class that complements the Archaeology Field Courses. The class introduces the students the students to laboratory work in archaeology, providing additional practical hands-on experience. Students learn to process the materials collected from the field class archaeology site, from cleaning and identification to their analysis. Grade Option.  
Lecture Hours: 18.0; Lab Hours: 108.0  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

**ANTH 106 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (3.0 Units)**

This course examines human language systems and their significance in social context. Topics that will be covered include: the origins and evolution of language; nonhuman primate communication systems; language classification; language structure; semantic systems; the social and cultural function of language; language acquisition; language change and the reconstruction of language at earlier stages. Grade Option.  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

**ANTH 107 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology And Archaeology (3.0 Units)**

This course is designed to introduce the student to the specialty fields of forensic anthropology and forensic archaeology. The student will become familiar with archaeological field methods and many of the basic techniques used by forensic anthropologists. Grade Option.  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

**ANTH 109 World Prehistory (3.0 Units)**

This course introduces the student to a survey of the prehistory of the world through selected archaeology sites with an emphasis on how humankind has altered their environment for better or worse. Human impacts on the planet are not a recent phenomenon.  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

**ANTH 110 North American Prehistory (3.0 Units)**

This course examines a prehistory of North America including early European contact. Beginning with the earliest settlements into the New World and continuing with population adaptations to the far north, Pacific Coast, the Great Basin, the Deserts, the Plains, Archaic Eastern Woodlands, the Southwest, Early and Middle Woodlands. This course also examines the anonymous historically under-represented populations.  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

**ANTH 138 Cooperative Education Anthropology (1-8 Units)**

Cooperative Education is a key element of Victor Valley College's comprehensive approach to career development. Cooperative Education is a 16-, 12-, or 8-week course that enables students to receive college credit for paid or unpaid work opportunities. This course helps students gain valuable on-the-job work experience while providing practical education, best practices in professional development, and academic guidance through the course of their work opportunity. The combination of practical experience and curricular development empowers students to be more competitive, efficient and valuable employees upon completion of this program and/or their academic program trajectory. The course is ideal for students who are cross-training at their current worksite for upward mobility or seeking career changes, as well as those looking for entry-level occupational training through work-based learning experiences such as through an internship. Cooperative Education transforms community businesses, industries, and public agencies into expanded educational training laboratories. Credit is awarded on the basis of learning objectives completed and the number of hours the student trains. Students must create/complete new learning objectives each semester they enroll. Students may utilize their present work sites. More details are available in the Cooperative Education Office, (760) 245-4271, ext. 2281. The office, located in the Academic Commons, is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 2:00-6:00 p.m., and by appointment. Please refer to the Cooperative Education section in this catalog for more information.  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only