

ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY BACHELOR OF ARTS

Program Overview

The Anthropology and Sociology (ANSO) major and the anthropology minor offer a multidimensional perspective on self, culture, society. The courses in both major and minor examine culture and society with a focus on language, meaning, difference, and power. Students are invited to cultivate reflexive, interpretive, and empathetic forms of cultural analysis.

ANSO majors benefit from the related yet distinct emphases of anthropology and sociology to better understand a globalized, multicultural, and often quite fraught world. The program prepares students for a variety of vocations in the global society as well as for graduate study in anthropology, sociology, and for various interdisciplinary areas like women’s and gender and ethnic studies. It also is a good preparation for law school and other professional education and training.

B.A. Degree Requirements

The major offers strong preparation for careers in global human rights, law and public administration, medicine and global public health, activism, social work, advertising and marketing, politics and public policy, business, banking, and consulting, to name just a few. The various courses in the ANSO program examine social groups and processes in a wide diversity of contexts, with an emphasis on critical thinking and social justice.

The program has flexibility built into the core course requirements and combines anthropology courses with sociology courses and allows courses from the program in rhetoric. Students are urged to work with their advisers to assure selection of courses compatible with their educational and career objectives.

Code	Title	Hours
SOC 001	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	3
ANTH 002	INTRO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	3
Select two Theory-Intensive Courses, one in Anthropology (ANTH) and one in Sociology (SOC), from the following:		6
ANTH 081	ANTHROPOLOGY OF BORDERS AND BOUNDARIES	
ANTH 170	GLOBAL POLITICAL VIOLENCE	
ANTH 175	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
SOC 080	SOCIAL PROBLEMS	
SOC 085	SOCIOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE	
SOC 180	CONSTRUCTING NORMAL	
SOC 151	CRIMINOLOGY	
SOC 170	DEVIANCE	
SOC 175	THEORIES OF INEQUALITY	
ANTH 176	DOCUMENTING LIVES	
Select two Research Design Courses. One course from Anthropology and one from Sociology, from the following:		6
ANTH 046	ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION	
ANTH 140	THE PRACTICE OF ORAL HISTORY	

ANTH 153	DOCUMENTARY VIDEO CHALLENGE	
ANTH 156	ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS	
SOC 042	SOCIOLOGICAL INQUIRY	
ANTH 158	REPRESENTING RACE	
SOC 159	METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH	
STAT 050	STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES	
Select one Community-Engaged Learning Course from the following:		3
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ANTH 046	ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION	
ANTH 140	THE PRACTICE OF ORAL HISTORY	
ANTH 153	DOCUMENTARY VIDEO CHALLENGE	
SOC 175	THEORIES OF INEQUALITY	
ANTH 180	RITUAL AND MYTH	
SOC 076	INTERMEDIATE TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 146	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	
ANTH 158	REPRESENTING RACE	
Anthropology or Sociology Electives		12
ANTH 199	SENIOR CAPSTONE	3
Total Hours		36

¹ May not be double-counted as research design or theory intensive.

A maximum of 9 hours of transfer credit may be used for the ANSO major. Transfer courses may not be used to fulfill the theory-intensive, research design, community-engaged, or capstone requirements.

To graduate with an ANSO major, students must earn grades of "C-" or higher in each core course. Students completing the ANSO major may not earn a major sociology.

Students who wish to take courses from related areas must petition and have the substitution approved by the anthropology adviser. Petitions are available from anthropology and sociology faculty. To receive approval for the minor, a non-anthropology course must offer a cross-cultural, global and comparative perspective; examine a geographic area, culture or other subject in a manner amenable to cultural anthropology; or concentrate on or encourage the use of a methodological approach, theoretical framework or substantive problem that is of historical importance and/or complementary to cultural anthropology.

In addition to programmatic requirements, students are responsible for satisfying all requirements of the Drake Curriculum (<https://catalog.drake.edu/archive/2024-2025/undergraduate/academic-information/drake-curriculum/>), including Areas of Inquiry (AOI)

Student must also satisfy university graduation requirements (<https://catalog.drake.edu/archive/2024-2025/undergraduate/academic-information/graduation-requirements/>) for all undergraduate students..