

ANTHROPOLOGY 2009-10



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

THE ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR

Anthropology studies what it means to be human, and how humans make meaning. Anthropologists look at people from all angles: how they come to be, what they create, and how they give significance to their lives. The anthropology program at UC Santa Cruz offers courses in cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, and archaeology which explore a variety of themes within these areas.

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ B.A. program with courses in archaeology, cultural anthropology, and physical anthropology
- ◆ Ph.D. program with concentrations in archaeology and cultural anthropology
- ◆ Independent studies available for students interested in participating in fieldwork projects, internships, and independent research
- ◆ Annual workshops covering the following topics: internships and field studies, graduate school programs, and careers in anthropology

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High school students who plan to major in anthropology at UC Santa Cruz need no special background other than the courses necessary for UC admission.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

If possible, transfer students should complete lower-division requirements for the major before coming to UC Santa Cruz by taking classes equivalent to UC Santa Cruz courses ANTH 1, 2, and 3:

- Anthropology 1, *Introduction to Human Evolution*
- Anthropology 2, *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*
- Anthropology 3, *Introduction to Archaeology*

Transfer course agreements and articulation between the University of California and California Community Colleges can be accessed on the ASSIST web site at:

www.assist.org

While it is not a condition of admission, students from California community colleges may complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in preparation for transfer to UC Santa Cruz.

Department policy also allows students to petition up to two upper-division anthropology courses from another four-year university or from the Education Abroad Program (EAP) to count towards the major requirements.

Transfer students should send an unofficial copy of all pertinent transcripts to the Anthropology Undergraduate Program Coordinator (361 Social Sciences 1) as soon as possible so that prerequisites can be verified and course enrollment can proceed smoothly.

COMPREHENSIVE REQUIREMENT

The senior comprehensive requirement in anthropology can be fulfilled either by passing an advanced senior seminar (194-series course, 190ABC, or 196A/B), by writing an acceptable independent senior thesis, or by passing a graduate-level anthropology course. Senior seminars are small, writing-intensive classes focusing on advanced topics in anthropology. Successful completion of courses 1, 2, and 3 is a prerequisite for admission to a senior seminar. In addition, senior seminars are restricted to anthropology majors.

Students considering an independent thesis must arrange for the sponsorship and support of a faculty member before beginning research. A Senior Thesis Approval Form must be submitted to the department, with the faculty sponsor's signature, at least two quarters before the thesis will be submitted. An independent senior thesis (not written within a 194-series course) should be based on original research and reflect the student's understanding of fundamental theories and issues in anthropology. The thesis should be comparable in content, style, and length (generally 25-30 pages) to a professional journal article in its sub-field. Students writing a senior thesis must complete five, instead of four, upper-division electives.

Students considering a graduate-level anthropology course must get permission from the instructor teaching the course in order to enroll and must fill out a waiver form in order to receive credit towards the senior comprehensive requirement. Only students with exceptional undergraduate records are given permission to take graduate-level courses.

DECLARING THE MAJOR

All anthropology majors and minors must prepare a program of study in consultation with the department undergraduate adviser and an anthropology faculty member. A combined major in anthropology and Earth sciences, leading to a B.A. degree, is also offered. Students continuing on to graduate school should plan course schedules in close consultation with faculty advisers. Students are not assigned a faculty adviser; rather, students should consult with Anthropology faculty who conduct research that is in line with their interests.

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT

Many students emphasizing archaeology within the anthropology major have benefited from concurrent study in the Cabrillo College Archaeological Technology Certificate Program. This vocational certification program is sponsored entirely by Cabrillo College, but credit for its summer field survey and excavation component may be transferred for credit at UC Santa Cruz. Although courses in the Archaeological Technology Certificate Program cannot be counted toward the anthropology major at UC Santa Cruz, students who have obtained the certificate in tandem with their bachelor's degree in anthropology have expanded their employment and advanced degree program opportunities. Students interested in exploring this possibility are encouraged to consult with UC Santa Cruz archaeology faculty and to visit the program's web site at: www.cabrillo.edu/academics/archtech.

UNDERGRADUATE HANDBOOK

All undergraduate majors should obtain a copy of the *Anthropology Undergraduate Handbook* from the department web site at: anthro.ucsc.edu/undergraduate_program. The Undergraduate Handbook outlines information about department procedures and requirements, program planning, independent study, faculty interests, and campus resources for anthropology majors.

FACULTY

The UCSC Anthropology Department has 23 permanent faculty members teaching in the sub-disciplines of anthropological archaeology, cultural anthropology, and physical anthropology. They are joined each quarter by visiting lecturers, researchers, and teaching fellows, creating a vibrant academic community. Many of our faculty have been recognized with excellence in teaching awards. Please visit our web site at the following link to view faculty information: anthro.ucsc.edu/faculty.

PEER ADVISERS

As a supplement to academic advising offered by faculty members and the undergraduate adviser, the Anthropology Department has instituted a peer adviser program. Peer advisers are juniors and seniors in the anthropology major who have been trained to assist students with questions and general guidance through the anthropology major. Peer advisers hold regularly

scheduled office hours each quarter in the department office. Drop-in advising hours are posted in the department each quarter.

HONORS

Honors in anthropology are awarded to the top 15 percent of graduating anthropology seniors based on GPA within the major. Highest Honors in the major are reserved for students in the top 15 percent who have received consistently superior narrative evaluations throughout their anthropology courses.

CAREERS

Anthropological research	Public health
Archaeology	Social work
Biological anthropology	State Department service
Community development	Teaching
Educational anthropology	
Forensic anthropology	<i>These are only samples of</i>
Journalism	<i>the field's many possibilities.</i>
Law	<i>For more examples of what can</i>
Marketing research	<i>be done with an anthropology</i>
Medical anthropology	<i>degree, stop by the Department</i>
Museum management	<i>Office.</i>
Politics	

ALUM FOCUS

Sasha Su-Ling Welland (Ph.D., Anthropology, '06), an assistant professor of anthropology and women's studies at the University of Washington in Seattle, is the author of *A Thousand Miles of Dreams: The Journeys of Two Chinese Sisters*. Through telling the stories of her grandmother and great aunt, two sisters who came of age in China in the 1920s, the book explores the international roots of feminism.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For further information about the anthropology major and upper-division course requirements, see the Catalog description at: reg.ucsc.edu/catalog/html/programs_courses/anthPS.html

The anthropology web site can be found at: anthro.ucsc.edu

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