BHA-Anthropology

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Anthropology 81 units (minimum)

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The BHA concentration in Anthropology offers students training in ethnographic methods and in theoretical understandings of culture. Students examine the evolution, depth, and complexities of ethnography, and explore notions of “culture” in diverse settings, over time and across space. In today’s world, students are increasingly aware of the importance of developing a sophisticated approach to culture and its articulation with changes in the domains of the arts, technology, economics, and politics. The BHA concentration in Anthropology provides students with the tools to link artistic practices to various aspects of globalization. It is highly recommended that Anthropology students study abroad in some capacity.

There are three required courses for the concentration: Introduction to Anthropology (79-201) and Advanced Seminar in Global Studies (79-400), and one Methods course which may be satisfied by rotating options each semester. Students also choose 6 regional/topical courses (54 units). Demonstrating intermediate to advanced level proficiency in a language other than English is also crucial component of the concentration in Anthropology; all students are required to take at least two upper level (intermediate or above) language courses to satisfy this language pre-requisite requirement (which is in addition to required Concentration courses).

BHA students take 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration faculty advisor and submitted to the BXA office by the end of the student’s sophomore year.

Language Requirement

Every student is expected to take at least two upper level (intermediate or above) courses in a language other than English. These courses deepen the immersion in a culture or society that the Anthropology concentration provides a student, and when possible, should coordinate with the regional courses selected for the concentration.

Anthropology Required Introductory and Capstone Courses (2 courses, 18 units)

Students must earn a final grade of “C” or better for these courses to count toward the concentration.

79-201 Introduction to Anthropology 9
79-400 Advanced Seminar in Global Studies 12

Required Anthropological Methods Course (1 course, 9 units)

Students must take one course in ethnographic, archaeological, or other anthropological methods selecting from the list below. Other courses may fulfill these requirements, with permission of the BHA Anthropology faculty advisor.

79-379 Extreme Ethnography 9
79-380 Hostile Environments: The Politics of Pollution in Global Perspective 9

Anthropological Perspectives (6 courses, 51 units)

Students gain knowledge of specialized theoretical and regional topics by choosing 54 units (typically six courses) selecting from the list below.

57-306 World Music 9
79-203 Social and Political Change in 20th Century Central and Eastern Europe 9
79-211 Modern Southeast Asia: Colonialism, Capitalism, and Cultural Exchange 9
79-222 Between Revolutions: The Development of Modern Latin America 9
79-223 Mexico: From the Aztec Empire to the Drug War 9
79-224 Mayan America 9
79-235 Caribbean Cultures 9
79-261 The Last Emperors: Chinese History and Society, 1600-1900 9
79-262 Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now 9
79-264 Tibet and China: History and Propaganda 9
79-275 Introduction to Global Studies 6
79-276 Beyond the Border 9
79-278 How (NOT) to Change the World 9
79-295 Race Relations in the Atlantic World 9
79-313 “Unwanted”: Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Patterns of Global Migration 6
79-314 The Politics and Culture of Memory 9
79-315 Thirsty Planet: The Politics of Water in Global Perspective 9
79-317 Art, Anthropology, and Empire 9
79-332 Medical Anthropology 9
79-333 Sex, Gender & Anthropology 9
79-334 Climate Change and Climate Justice: Global Perspectives 6
79-342 Introduction to Science and Technology Studies 9
79-368 Un-natural Disasters: Societies and Environmental Hazards in Global Perspective 6
79-377 Food, Culture, and Power: A History of Eating 9

Note: Courses that count toward this category may be taken at another university, and the units transferred to the BHA concentration under the guidance of the BHA Anthropology faculty advisor.