

Course Learning Outcomes for Graduate Anthropology Courses

Anth 6625 Seminar in Sociocultural Anthropology

- Understand the history of sociocultural anthropology and key figures who shaped the discipline.
- Have a strong knowledge of theoretical developments and applications of theory that are central to understanding human sociocultural behaviors and adaptations.
- Know the classic and contemporary ethnographies that have contributed to our collective knowledge.
- Be able to apply appropriate theories to cultural phenomena and responsibly construct ethnography.
- Understand and apply the range of methodologies in the anthropological toolkit.
- Critically examine the shortcomings and strengths of our disciplinary approaches, the works of key practitioners, and the future domains and contributions of sociocultural anthropology.

Anth 6615 Seminar in Biological Anthropology

- Understand the foundations of evolutionary theory and biological diversity through a series of biocultural topics
- Gain a working knowledge of the range of topics explored in biological anthropology
- Be able to integrate theoretical paradigm shifts from other subdisciplines and fields into understanding and interpreting theory and practice in biological anthropology
- Construct critical arguments and evidenced-based writing
- Able to synthesize technical scientific papers
- Explore the importance of science outreach by designing (and possibly completing) a public engagement project
- Present your own research as well as summative and critical responses to current topics/issues relating to biological anthropology in ways understandable to a broader audience
- Be able to lead topical course discussions and facilitate engaged activities

Anth 6635 Seminar in Archaeology

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the history of archaeological theory, common research topics, and interdisciplinary methods for solving archaeological problems.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of the methods by which to compare archaeological cultures.
- Demonstrate deep understanding of scientific methods common in contemporary archaeology.
- Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of the diversity of archaeological thought and more recent trends in material culture analysis and field methods.
- Demonstrate mastery in both written and oral forms about the human past recorded in the archaeological record and fully understand scholarly arguments and paradigm shifts in archaeology
- Demonstrate competency in contemporary archaeological ethics, to the level of being able to conduct their own scholarly activities ethically.

Anth 6605 Seminar in Linguistics

- Explain the development of theory in the field of linguistic anthropology from its foundations to contemporary concerns and debates.

- Synthesize professional literature to articulate trends within the field over time and space.
- Explain how language intersects with cultural practice, power, identity, policy, and ideology in real-world interactions.
- Create a linguistic anthropology project that applies relevant theory and methods to address a contemporary research question.