

# ANTHROPOLOGY

## as a non-STEM major for MEDICAL SCHOOL

Anthropology is an ideal non-STEM major for students interested in medical school. Anthropology is a unique discipline that studies human diversity from several disciplinary angles, including natural science, social science, and the humanities. We study the diversity of human cultures – both past and present – and their interactions in a globalized context. We also study the biological, physiological, and evolutionary aspects of human diversity. These areas of study will not only fine-tune your critical thinking skills, but the courses offered through an Anthropology major will equip future health professionals with the knowledge and competence to effectively engage with people from diverse walks of life.

The skills and knowledge acquired while pursuing an Anthropology degree will give your transcript and resume an edge. Furthermore, during the medical school interviewing process, having an Anthropology major will make your application stand out among the crowd of STEM majors. Anthropology is the only discipline that studies humans from a systematic and holistic perspective, and this is what makes it an ideal non-STEM major for medical school applicants.

Thus, come and meet the faculty and students of the Department of Anthropology. We have two faculty members who specialize in medical anthropology specialization and a number of field research experiences for undergraduate on medical anthropological topics like refugee health, childhood diet and food insecurity, and environmental health. So come and meet us... we are located in Olin Hall 237, for appointments and other information, Dr. Patricia Vinyard ([vinyard@uakron.edu](mailto:vinyard@uakron.edu)) or Dr. Evi Gorogianni ([eg20@uakron.edu](mailto:eg20@uakron.edu)). Also check us out at <https://www.uakron.edu/anthropology-classics/>.

## Anthropology BA Degree

3200: Classics; 3230: Anthropology; 3240: Archaeology

### GENERAL EDUCATION Requirement (22 Credit hours)

Many Anthropology courses can be used to fulfill Tier II (listed below) and Tier III (noted in the next tables) General Education (GenEd) requirements. Thus, you can fulfill most GenEd Tier II and III requirements from courses wholly in Anthropology.

General Education contains a series of courses, required of all undergraduate students at the University of Akron, aimed at developing the ability to understand and express ideas effectively and to comprehend the processes involved in critical thinking. Here are some

general education courses that would be of special interest to somebody who is interested in health professions:

Course number	Courses	Credits	General Education Tags
3230:150	Human Cultures	3	Tier II Social Sciences
3230:151	Human Evolution	4	Tier II Natural Sciences
3230:251	Human Diversity	3	Tier II Social Sciences and Tier III Global Diversity

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE Requirement: 3–14 Credit Hours**

Completion of the second year of a foreign language at the university level.

### **ANTHROPOLOGY Major (at least 30 credit hours)**

#### **Core Requirement: 16 Credit Hours**

In addition to the general education courses that are listed above, you need 6 credits from the following courses:

Course number	Course Title	Credits	General Education Tags
3230:398	Intro: Anthropological Data	3	(required for the major)
3240:400 OR 3230: 359	Archaeological Theory or Anthropological Theory	3	Tier III Critical Thinking

#### **Concentration Electives: 21 Credit Hours**

Anthropology courses that may be of specific interest to pre-MED students include the following, please consult advisors for a more comprehensive list. Courses on this list Tagged in GenEd Tier III are noted.

Course number	Course Title	Credits	General Education Tags
3230:304	Primates: Behavior, Morphology & Evolution	3	
3230:311	Human Paleontology: Genus Homo	3	
3230:340	Paleodemography & Human Osteology	3	

<b>3230:370</b>	Globalization and Culture	3	Tier III Complex Systems
<b>3230:397</b>	Anthropological Research	3	
<b>3230:400</b>	Seminar: Human Origins	3	
<b>3230:410</b>	Evolution & Human Behavior	3	
<b>3230:416</b>	Anthropology of Sex & Gender	3	
<b>3230:420</b>	The Anthropology of Food	3	Tier III Complex Systems
<b>3240:440</b>	Archaeological Lab Methods	3	
<b>3240:450</b>	Archaeological Field School	1-6	
<b>3230:457</b>	Medical Anthropology	3	Tier III Complex Systems
<b>3230:460</b>	Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology	3	Tier III Complex Systems
<b>3230:474</b>	ST: Biological Anthropology	3	

### **PRE-MED Requirement (38-53 credit hours)**

Many of these courses can be used for General Education Tier II Natural Science

<b>Course number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>3100:111</b>	Principles of Biology I	4
<b>3100:112</b>	Principles of Biology II	4
<b>3150:151</b>	Principles of Chemistry I	3
<b>3150:152</b>	Principles of Chemistry I Lab	1
<b>3150:153</b>	Principles of Chemistry II	3
<b>3150:154</b>	Qualitative Analysis	2
<b>3150:261</b>	Organic Chemistry I	3
<b>3150:262</b>	Organic Chemistry II	3

<b>3150:263</b>	Organic Chemistry I Lab	2
<b>3150:264</b>	Organic Chemistry II Lab	2
<b>3150:401</b>	Biochemistry	3
<b>3650:261</b>	Physics for Life Sciences I	3
<b>3650:262</b>	Physics for Life Sciences II	4
<b>3100:xxx</b>	Any Level Biology	15 credits (recommended, and recommend upper-level)

### **Early Assurance Pathway Requirement (2 Credit Hours)**

<b>Course ID</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>3100:190</b>	Health Care & Delivery Systems	1
<b>3100:290</b>	Health Care & Delivery Systems	1

### **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES Requirement (120 Total Credit Hours)**

Must include 40 upper level credits, not including workshops.