

Anthropology Major: Student Learning Outcomes

		Program Learning Outcomes			
		SLO1: Demonstrate knowledge of the four fields of anthropology and their inter-relationship	SLO2: Participate in a research experience and demonstrate understanding of its process	SLO3: Demonstrate ability to analyze and synthesize anthropological issues and theories	SLO4: Demonstrate ability to present research in a professional manner
Required Courses	Anth 1100	I/D	I	I	
	Anth 1200	I/D	I	I	
	Anth 1300	I/D	I	I	
	Anth 2000	I/D/M A	D	I/D	I/D
	Anth 3300 OR Anth 3310		D/M A	D/M A	D/M A
3 Subfield UD Courses (9 credits)		D/M	D/M	D/M	D/M A
Major-Related Elective UD Courses (12 credits)		D/M	D/M	D/M	D/M A

I=Introduced; D=Developed (Reinforced); M=Mastered A=Assessment material collected

SLO 1: Demonstrate knowledge of the four fields of anthropology and their interrelationship.

SLO 1: Methods of Assessment

Students in Anth 2000 are tasked with writing a paper or creating a poster or research map in which they discuss how they would use data collection methods, theories, or analytical methods from all four subfields of anthropology to tackle a case study.

Mastery is assessed by the Undergraduate Program Coordinator and Program Assessment Coordinator as they examine each student's ability to identify pertinent elements from each subfield and describe what each contributes to the analysis being conducted. In their analysis, the Coordinators will use the following rubric:

SLO 1: Determination of Mastery

Mastery of SLO 1 will have been demonstrated by students whose work receives an average score between 3 and 5 on all questions after review by the coordinators.

SLO 2: Participate in a research experience and demonstrate understanding of its process.

SLO 2: Methods of Assessment

Students in Anth 3300 and 3310 must develop and conduct original research as part of both courses, then report upon their process and outcomes in both written and oral formats. Throughout the process, there is continuous monitoring of student progress, from developing a research question, determining and conducting appropriate data collection methods, identifying and using analytic techniques, to disseminating the results to the instructor and their classmates.

Mastery is assessed through satisfactory completion of each stage of the process listed above (research question development, data collection, analysis and presenting results). Instructors in both Anth 3300 and 3310 have 2-3 in-class periods devoted to drafting research questions and collect students' versions from the final period. Students in Anth 3300 hand in fieldnote summaries each week, in which they are asked to provide indirect feedback on their data gathering and analytic processes. Instructors then use these same summaries to evaluate students' skill development in both areas, with feedback given each week. Students conduct data collection and analysis during course lab time in Anth 3310, allowing the instructor to oversee, correct, and evaluate their command in these sessions. In both classes, students produce both final papers and give presentations to their peers, which offers instructors opportunities to evaluate students' understanding of the research process.

SLO 2: Determination of Mastery

Mastery will have been demonstrated by all students given a grade of C or above in ANTH 3300 or 3310.

SLO 3: Demonstrate ability to analyze and synthesize anthropological issues and theories.

SLO 3: Methods of Assessment

As part of the research projects run in Anth 3300 and 3310, students must choose from a range of anthropological issues to explore and then determine which theoretical positions they will use to guide their investigation.

The papers and presentations given by students upon completion of their research projects in Anth 3300 and 3310 include a discussion of how the issue they have chosen to examine fits within the larger discipline, demonstrating the student's ability to analyze and synthesize anthropological issues. Students also must address the theoretical bases guiding their analysis, demonstrating their ability to analyze and synthesize anthropological theories.

Mastery is assessed by instructors as they evaluate how accurately and acutely students can demonstrate the value and utility of the various issues and theories they considered to be pertinent to their research topic.

SLO 3: Determination of Mastery

Mastery will have been demonstrated by all students given a grade of C or above in ANTH 3300 or 3310.

SLO 4: Demonstrate ability to present research in a professional manner.

SLO 4: Methods of Assessment

Students' skills at this SLO will be assessed at the Keith Kanbe Memorial Poster Presentation or in at least one of the UD courses in the major.

During these poster and podium presentations, students will be required to produce an informative, visually pleasing, logically organized poster or podium slideshow presentation describing the research question, data gathering and analytic procedures, and results. They also must be able to offer a clear, concise, and accurate podium presentation or summary of poster content when approached by a viewer, and respond to questions from audience members or viewers with information appropriate to answer their queries.

SLO 4: Determination of Mastery

Mastery of SLO 4 will be demonstrated when average scores from all faculty responses on the questionnaire range from 1-2 for all questions and the individual presenter's scores are 1 or 2 on all questions.