



Anthropology Major

Total Major hours: 40
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p>Fall Semester 1</p> <p>ANTH 116: Cultural Anthropology¹ or ANTH 118: Understanding People ARCH 211: Old Testament or ARCH 213: New Testament² CORE 101: First Year Seminar CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourish (1) First-Year CATC options-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMM 101: Oral Comm (2) ▪ ENGW 103: First-Year Writing ▪ Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course 	<p>Spring Semester 1</p> <p>ANTH 116: Cultural Anthropology¹, or ANTH 118: Understanding People if not complete ARCH 211: Old Testament or ARCH 213: New Testament² First-Year CATC options Language Core Competency</p>	<p>Summer 1</p> <p><i>Internship or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research, competitive fellowship (e.g., Wheaton Global Scholar Award, Fulbright UK Summer Fellowship)³</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 2</p> <p>ANTH 116: Cultural Anthropology¹ or ANTH: 118 Understanding People; OR ANTH 376: Culture Theory^F or Anth elective credits ANTH 331 Cultural Immersion³ SOC 383: Statistics^{F,1} ANTH elective credits⁴ ARCH 211: Old Testament or ARCH 213: New Testament² CATC Thematic Core Course⁵</p>	<p>Spring Semester 2</p> <p>ANTH 116: Cultural Anthropology¹ or ANTH 118: Understanding People; or ANTH 482: Ethnographic Theory & Method⁵ ANTH elective credits⁴ ANTH 331 Cultural Immersion³ ARCH 211: Old Testament or ARCH 213: New Testament² CATC Thematic Core Course⁵ BITH 315: Christian Thought* Advanced Integrative Seminar*</p>	<p>Summer 2</p> <p><i>Internship or research options³</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 3</p> <p>ANTH 376: Culture Theory^F SOC 383: Statistics^{F,1} ANTH elective credits⁴ ANTH 331 Cultural Immersion³ CATC Thematic Core Course⁵ Advanced Integrative Seminar, if not already taken</p>	<p>Spring Semester 3</p> <p>ANTH 482: Ethnographic Theory & Method⁵ ANTH elective credits⁴ ANTH 331 Cultural Immersion³ Advanced Integrative Seminar, if not already taken * CATC Thematic Core Course⁴</p>	<p>Summer 3</p> <p><i>Internship or research options³</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 4</p> <p>ANTH 376: Culture Theory^F SOC 383: Statistics^{F,1} ANTH elective credits³ ANTH 331 Cultural Immersion³ Complete CATC Coursework⁵</p>	<p>Spring Semester 4</p> <p>ANTH 494: Senior Capstone⁵ ANTH 482: Ethnographic Theory & Method⁵ ANTH elective credits³ Complete CATC Coursework⁵</p>	<p>Summer 4</p>

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

#Offered every other year

¹ Anthropology courses that meet CATC tags (with max of 3 from major counting for Christ at the Core Thematic Core): ANTH 116 (SI), ANTH 118 (GP, SI), ANTH 351 (GP, HP), ANTH 353 (DUS, GP), ANTH 431 (GP, SI), ANTH 435 (GP, HP), SOC 383 (AAQR). Note that recommended courses meeting thematic tags (e.g., SCI 311 (SIP), SCI 301 (PI, SIP), and SCI 303 (HP, SIP)) are not included in the 3-tag maximum. See footnote 5.

² The archaeology requirement may be met by *any one* of the ARCH courses (ARCH 211, 213, 325, 326, 345, 366, 411, 412) or by transfer credit upon departmental approval. The department recommends 211 or 213, which also serve as part of the Shared Core in the CATC curriculum. These may be taken any semester but are best taken in the first two years.

³ The Cultural Immersion requirement is transcribed as ANTH 331, a zero-credit course noted for the semester in which students complete the study abroad/off-campus cultural immersion experience. For students who cannot spend a semester away from campus – e.g., varsity athletes, engineering/nursing students – there are immersive summer programs that *can* meet the requirements for the Cultural Immersion component of the Anthropology Major. Most “Wheaton In” summer travel programs, while providing excellent exposure to language and various topics, do not meet this requirement.

⁴ Students may take anthropology elective credit *any* semester. Also, anthropology majors may count up to FOUR (4) credits of SOC at the 300-level or higher toward the required 16 elective credits in the major. Most study abroad programs include courses that are focused on the cultural context of the program’s location, and those are usually transferred to Wheaton as ANTH credits. Up to EIGHT (8) credits from an off-campus program may be part of the required SIXTEEN (16) elective credits.

⁵ We strongly recommend ANTH majors have some exposure to the biblical, philosophical, and theological discussions around human origins. Many courses in the SIP thematic core tag provide this exposure. The Anthropology faculty recommends ANTH majors meet their SIP thematic tag (and potentially the PI or HP tag, depending on the course chosen) with either SCI 301 (Fall only), SCI 302, SCI 311 (Spring only), or SCI 303.