

Anthropology Program Advising Guidelines, AY 2011-2012 Course Registration

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These guidelines are intended for anthropology students in the major and minor. With the new registration period around the corner (March 21), now is the best time to review your degree evaluation and plan your curriculum for the next year and beyond. You should visit your assigned adviser over the next few weeks, whether you are a graduating senior or a continuing student who will register for next year's classes. You can also visit any anthropology faculty member for advice about courses or your subfield interest. These guidelines provide you with information about new sources, special topic courses, and curriculum revisions, which may affect your schedule planning.

- ❖ **Graduating Seniors:** If you are a graduating senior, you must apply for graduation before the semester of intended graduation. With the application for graduation submitted, the department will be asked to complete a degree audit to make sure you meet all the requirements for the major. Often, the department must specify substitution courses (ANT 380s, e.g.).
- ❖ **Continuing students:** On-line registration begins March 21. You need to review your plans for courses for the next academic year. Advising is important for planning, and saving time and money. Visit your advisor today!
- ❖ Make sure to consult the **Catalog** that applies to when you entered GVSU. If you first entered in Fall 2007, refer to the GVSU 2007-2008 AY catalog to determine the requirements that apply to you.
- ❖ Go to "MyPath" in order to see your degree evaluation. All of your requirements will be listed there, including courses you still need to take.
- ❖ **Curriculum Changes:** The department has revised the curriculum. Program requirements are different for new anthropology majors and minors *starting in the Fall 2011 semester. Only one change will apply to ALL majors regardless of catalog year:*
 - ANT 310 (Perspectives in Bioanthropology) will no longer be offered. We have expanded this course into three new courses:
 - ANT 312 Osteology (4 credits)
 - ANT 313 Primate Behavior and Ecology (3 credits)
 - ANT 314 Bioarchaeology (3 credits)
 - Students will choose **one** of the three courses to meet the B.S. cognate requirement. In addition, the three serve as upper-level Biocultural electives for all students (Please note: the same course cannot be double-counted for the B.S. cognate and the upper-level Biocultural elective).

- ❖ **Anthropology Methods:** Students will be able to apply either the ANT 300 or ARC 400 to meet the methods requirement. Please note that the substitution of the ARC 400 requires the approval of your anthropology adviser. If you are an ARC minor, then you will also need the approval of the director of the Archaeology Minor program in order to avoid duplicating too many credits between the ANT major and the ARC minor.

- ❖ **Special Offerings 2010-2011:**
 - Spring: ANT 307, “Field Techniques and Lab Methods - Applied Medical Anthropology: Our Nation’s Veterans” with Dr. Molla. “The 2011 ANT Field School will explore the health status of veterans living in West Michigan. We will assess their health status by gathering information on their income, education, health care, health culture, food culture, source of water, and family demographics. Students will learn field methods including participant observation, ethnographic survey, life history approaches, and focus groups in order to improve veterans’ health quality and West Michigan’s health care outreach.” Please contact Dr. Molla for more information. You must fill out an application, which are now available on-line (Ant website) or at the Main Office and Lab.

 - Fall: ANT 380-01, “Special Topics: Prehistory of SubSaharan Africa” with Dr. Arnold, MWF 1-1:50PM. “The course seeks to introduce students to Africa’s rich archaeological heritage, including the origin and evolution of humans in Africa, Stone Age societies, Iron Age migrations in eastern and southern Africa and the development of early states in sub-Saharan Africa (e.g. Mapungubwe and Great Zimbabwe). Attention will be given to the application of archaeological knowledge in heritage conservation, cultural resource management and archaeotourism. Themes and topics will include: Human evolution and processes of social and economic development, including early tool manufacturing, linguistic developments, developments in agriculture, and sociocultural responses to climatic changes; Identification and description factors leading to the development of early civilizations in this region; Historical archaeology – identification of external groups who came into the continent during and after the fifteenth century and trace the development and aftermath of the Atlantic Slave Trade.” This course counts as an archaeology elective.

 - Fall: ANT 380-02, “Special Topics: Applied Anthropology” with Dr. Molla, MWF 11-11:50AM. “This course will address historical and contemporary developments in applied anthropology. Students learn how applied anthropology, and its uses of anthropological perspectives, theory, techniques, and knowledge, tackles real world issues. The issues addressed are ethnographic research, community and international development, environment and cultural resource management, international health, human rights and advocacy, and ethics. Students will participate in an applied anthropology research project and develop culturally suitable intervention to improve the situation.” This course counts as a cultural elective.

 - Fall: CLA 350-01, “Issues in Classical Archaeology” with Dr. Morison, TR 1-2:15PM. “CLA 350 offers advanced study of current issues in Classical Archaeology, based on multidisciplinary approaches to topics such as ethnicity, technology, and economy.

Particular attention is given to *synthesis* of archaeological, historical, literary, art-historical and anthropological data, models, and interpretive methods. The specific issue at hand this semester is the analysis of ancient Greek and Roman cuisine. The study of cuisine is a critical component of the study of any culture. As noted by Levi-Strauss (and others), “Food is good to think with”—careful consideration of processes of selection, production, distribution, preparation, and consumption of food can significantly enhance your understanding of other cultures, both ancient and modern. (Further, the cuisines of ancient Greece, Italy, and other areas of the Roman empire were not at all like their modern counterparts and the reasons for this are both interesting and significant). We will begin the semester with an exploration of primary scholarly approaches to the study of cuisine (and modern case studies), so that you will have at your disposal a set of theoretical tools with which to organize your thinking. Next, you’ll become familiar with the nature of the specific archaeological evidence upon which the study of Greek and Roman cuisine is based—cooking pots, drinking cups, transport vessels, special architectural forms, farming implements, irrigation systems, physical evidence of diet/nutrition, works of art depicting idealizing dining contexts, etc. We will also consider the evidence provided by ancient historical documents and works of literature, and tackle the challenging task of integrating the archaeological and textual data. By the end of the semester, you will complete a project in which you apply your knowledge to the study of the specific aspect of ancient cuisine most interesting to you.” *(To waive the prerequisite for ANT students please contact Dr. Morison)*

- ❖ **Archaeology Minor and Double-Majors:** The issue of duplicating credits between the major and minor is important. The student must have at least 30 credits in the major that are not counting in the minimum credits in the minor or a second major. The minor must have at least 20 credits that are not duplicated within the minimum 30 credits in the major or second minor. Students who are anthropology majors and archaeology minors need to discuss overlap credits with the director of the Interdepartmental Archaeology Minor.

- ❖ **Other Important Links/Contacts:**

Anthropology Department website:

<http://www.gvsu.edu/anthropology/>

On-line Class Schedule for 2011-2012:

<http://www.gvsu.edu/schedule/>

Forms, Registrar’s Office:

<http://www.gvsu.edu/registrar/index.cfm?id=26EA609A-F158-D819-51DC0CF8C1F56110>

Interdepartmental Archaeology Minor program:

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<http://www.gvsu.edu/archaeology/>

http://catalog.gvsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=2363&returnto=search