

ANT Program Changes - Fall 2011

FAQs

❖ **If I am a Graduating Senior, what do I have to do?**

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.).

❖ **If I am an existing ANT student, do I have to switch to the newly revised anthropology program?**

No, you do not have to switch to the new program, but you may if you like—please see your advisor to decide if this is a good option for you. All students starting the ANT major or minor from Fall 2011 on will be automatically in the new program and will need to fulfill the new requirements.

❖ **So if I don't switch to the new program, will these changes impact my course of study?**

Yes, they will in one area—ANT 310 will no longer be offered. If you are a BS student, you will need to take ANT 312, ANT 313, or ANT 314 as a substitute for ANT 310.

❖ **Can I take courses other than ANT 300 (Anthropology Methods)?**

Anthropology students will need to take a methods course (ANT 300). However, students can 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.

❖ **Can I still take SS 300 for my methods requirement?**

No—SS 300 will no longer be offered at GVSU.

❖ **I am a BS student and I can't find ANT 310—what do I do?**

ANT 310 will no longer be offered. If you are a BS student, you will need to take ANT 312, ANT 313, or ANT 314 as a substitute for ANT 310.

❖ **Will my ANT 380 "Special Topics" course count as an elective?**

Yes, all ANT 380 courses count towards the elective requirement for the major and minor. To determine which elective area any specific ANT 380 course will count in, consider the subject (i.e., archaeology of Africa is an archaeology elective) and see your advisor.

❖ **Can I count the same courses towards both the Archaeology Minor and Anthropology Major?**

The issue of duplicating credits between the major and minor is important. You 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.

❖ **Can I count Study Abroad courses towards my anthropology major or minor?**

Yes, you can, as long as the courses are approved ahead of time by the department as and anthropology course. GVSU offers many study abroad opportunities for students, including ones led by anthropology faculty. If students are participating in a study abroad program where the credit is transferred to GVSU from a host institution, the student will register ahead of time for a placeholder course called International Studies 380 (IS380), which allows the student to maintain his/her status at GVSU and access financial aid and all other services offered by GVSU. For further information: <http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/index.cfm?id=73D5571D-DDD3-63C4-732916F7757A8232>

❖ **Can I use my anthropology courses towards completing the new Intercultural Competency Certificate?**

Yes, you can. Many anthropology students will benefit from earning this certificate along with their anthropology degree. This certificate provides students with the unique opportunity to receive employer-attractive skills in intercultural competence through the completion of academic courses and co-curricular experiences. There is a list of anthropology courses approved for the Certificate. You may have to take only two or three ICE courses to add this option to your degree. For more information: <http://www.gvsu.edu/ice>

❖ **Does the Anthropology Department offer financial support to students?**

Yes, in the form of scholarships. The Anthropology Department offers three scholarship opportunities for students. All full-time students can apply for all three. Part-time students can apply to the Koch scholarship only. These scholarships are based on several selection criteria, including grades, interests and activities related to anthropology, and financial need. The applications are due March 15, 2011, so you will need to speak to your advisor before those deadlines. For information on the requirements of these scholarships, please see the department's website:

<http://www.gvsu.edu/anthropology/anthropology-club-scholarships-alumni-35.htm>

❖ **Which web sites are most important for planning my curriculum, advising, and career?**

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:

Director, Dr Morison, 262 Lake Huron Hall, 616-331-3231; morisonm@gvsu.edu

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

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

CLAS Advising Center:

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

Career Services and Planning:

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