

Certificate in Applied Anthropology

Anthropology's Certificate in Applied Anthropology (CAA) is designed to help students in all majors learn practical skills and concepts that will be useful for careers in government, business, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), etc., as well as in graduate school. This 15 credit hour certificate in applied anthropology provides students at Grand Valley State University with a foundational knowledge of applied anthropology, its principles, and actual experience through an internship.

Requirements for a Certificate in Applied Anthropology

This certificate can be completed in three semesters (winter, summer, fall), if all prerequisites were completed previously. The CAA requires students to take upper-division courses in Ethnographic Methods (ANT 400) and Applied Anthropology (ANT 420), but the rest of the Certificate requirements are based on individual student interest, involving one elective (from a choice of more than 30 options in 13 different disciplines) and an intensive 6-credit summer internship in a location arranged by the student and his or her mentor. ANT 400 and 420 give students the skills they need to conduct qualitative research for in-depth knowledge of a situation, and to apply that knowledge for problem-solving in a number of areas. The internship and elective allow students to specialize in particular career areas of their choosing.

Eligibility

- Enrolled in a degree-seeking program at GVSU
 - Have at least a 3.0 GPA overall
 - Find an Anthropology faculty member to serve as an advisor
 - Submit a written application to the department
 - Application can be accessed at on our website
<https://www.gvsu.edu/anthropology/certificate-in-applied-anthropology-67.htm>
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Certificate Core Courses

- [ANT 400 - Ethnographic Methods](#) Credits: 3
 - [ANT 420 - Applied Anthropology](#) Credits: 3
 - [ANT 490 - Practicum: Career-Service](#) Credits: 6 to 9
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Elective Courses

Students select one of the following courses as an elective

- [ACC 308 - Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting](#) Credits: 3
- [ANT 421 - Anthropology of Social Movements](#) Credits: 3
- [ANT 430 - Issues in Contemporary Anthropology](#) Credits: 3
- [ANT 431 - Historical Perspectives in Anthropology](#) Credits: 3
- [BUS 301 - International Business and Culture](#) Credits: 3
- [ECO 343 - Health Economics](#) Credits: 3
- [ECO 345 - Environmental and Resource Economics](#) Credits: 3
- [ECO 349 - Emerging Markets Issues](#) Credits: 3
- [ECO 365 - Comparative Economic Systems](#) Credits: 3
- [ECO 369 - International Economic Issues](#) Credits: 3
- [ENS 312 - Urban and Regional Environmental Planning](#) Credits: 3
- [ENS 401 - Environmental Problem Solving](#) Credits: 3
- [GPY 335 - Globalization and Development](#) Credits: 3
- [GPY 362 - Farmers, Crops, and Our Challenging Agricultural World](#) Credits: 3
- [GPY 363 - World Forests and Their Use](#) Credits: 3
- [AHS 330 - Health Care: A Global Perspective](#) Credits: 3
- [AHS 352 - Introduction to Holistic Health Care](#) Credits: 3
- [MGT 303 - International Business and Culture](#) Credits: 3
- [NRM 320 - Introduction to Resource Systems](#) Credits: 3
- [PLS 301 - Poverty, Inequality, and U.S. Public Policy](#) Credits: 3
- [PLS 302 - Women, Politics, and Public Policy](#) Credits: 3
- [PLS 304 - Political Parties and Interest Groups](#) Credits: 3
- [PLS 310 - Politics and Health Policy](#) Credits: 3
- [PLS 313 - International Organization](#) Credits: 3
- [PLS 316 - Human Rights in International Politics](#) Credits: 3
- [PLS 327 - Politics of Developing Countries](#) Credits: 3
- [PSY 362 - Environmental Psychology](#) Credits: 3
- [PSY 367 - Health Psychology](#) Credits: 3
- [PA 335 - Grant Writing](#) Credits: 3
- [PA 360 - Voluntarism and the Nonprofit Sector](#) Credits: 3
- [PA 372 - International and Comparative Administration](#) Credits: 3
- [WGS 335 - Women, Health and Environment](#) Credits: 3

Or other elective approved by faculty advisor

For more information, please visit:

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