**Program Overview**

Anthropology is the study of humans. The anthropological endeavor involves both the sociocultural and biological aspects of humankind. The study of anthropology requires a holistic approach; it is comprehensive, inclusive and integrates information from many different areas of study through ethnographic, biological, cross-cultural, archaeological and sociological inquiries.

Key program components include a rigorous social science curriculum focused on the subfields of cultural anthropology, biological anthropology and archaeology; on lab courses that provide a hands-on learning dimension; on practical applied experiences through fieldwork opportunities and independent research projects; and on connections made with the larger community via internships, study abroad opportunities and a senior capstone project.

Students choose an emphasis on one of three subfields of anthropology:

+ Cultural/social anthropology: the study of human cultures in the present or recent past
+ Physical/biological anthropology: the study of humans from a biological and evolutionary perspective
+ Archaeology: the study of the ancient and recent human past through material remains

An anthropological perspective — including an examination of the similarities and differences among human groups, cultures and societies both locally and worldwide — emphasizes the concepts of cultural relativism, multicultural perspectives and globalization processes that are vital to many areas of study at Saint Louis University.

By participating in anthropology courses in the department of sociology and anthropology, students will be further prepared to successfully function in and partake of an interconnected world. The major and minor degrees in anthropology are designed to complement any other major at the University.

**Curriculum**

The emphasis of the major is on the following three subfields of anthropology: archaeology, the study of peoples through material remains; cultural/social anthropology, the study of human cultures in the present or recent past; and physical/biological anthropology, the study of humans from a biological and evolutionary perspective. The minor in anthropology is designed to complement any other major at this University.

The major degree in anthropology requires 37 credit hours divided between 22 credit hours of required courses and 15 credit hours of elective courses. Of the 15 elective credit hours, at least 12 must be taken at the 3000 or 4000 level.

**Required foundational courses:**

- SOC 1200: Introduction to Anthropology
- SOC 2000: Research Methods
- SOC 2210-01: Biological Anthropology
- SOC 2210-36: Biological Anthropology Lab
- SOC 2240: Introduction to Archaeology
- SOC 3200: Contemporary Anthropological Theory
- SOC 4870: Senior Project/Capstone in Anthropology

Students must maintain an overall GPA at or above 2.0 to participate in the department’s programs.

**About the Faculty**

Our renowned anthropology faculty members hold doctorates in anthropology. Not only do they teach the courses required for the anthropology major and minor, but they also actively participate in research and fieldwork of their own.
Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers

Fieldwork takes place within and outside the U.S. This allows students to experience other cultures in a unique, firsthand way and gain a greater appreciation for cultures different from their own. We are pleased to offer SLU students dynamic courses and fieldwork opportunities in the upcoming months and years that will enrich their classroom learning, as well as their lives.

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Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.