

Anthropology Bachelor of Arts at UCF

Information session



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What is Anthropology?

- The study of humankind across time and geography.
- Anthropology at UCF seeks to advance anthropological concepts through teaching and research by actively investigating relevant questions of today's world.
- Course of study covers all subdisciplines:
 - Archaeology*
 - Cultural & Medical Anthropology*
 - Biological Anthropology*
 - Linguistic Anthropology
 - Public & Applied Anthropology

*UCF strengths

Anthropology at UCF

- **On-Campus Degree Program**
 - Methods & Practice Track
 - General Track
 - Campus students take a combination of face-to-face, hybrid, and online courses to complete their degree.
- **Online Degree Program through UCF Online**
 - UCF Online students only take courses online to complete their degree.

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Methods & Practice track (45 credit hours)

- **Five core courses** in the subdisciplines including linguistics, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and biological anthropology;
 - 3 core lower-level courses and 2 core upper-level courses
- One anthropological **methods** course from the cultural, archaeological or biological subfields;
- One **applied, field, or lab method** course;
- One **high-impact learning experience** high-impact learning experience course (e.g., internship, field school, study abroad, honors undergraduate thesis, or directed research);
- Seven restricted electives.

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General track (45 credit hours)

- **Seven core courses** in the subdisciplines including linguistics, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and biological anthropology;
 - 3 core lower-level courses and 4 core upper-level courses
- One **area study** course;
- **Seven restricted electives.**

The General and Online tracks require the same core courses; however, the General Track for on-campus students has the option to take courses on campus **and online.

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Course Offerings include (but not limited to):

- **Lab-based courses:** flintknapping, ceramics, primatology, osteology, human evolution, paleoethnobotany
- **High-Impact courses:** internships, study abroad, and field schools
- **Area Studies courses:** North America, Latin America, Middle East, SE Asia, Eastern Mediterranean, etc.
- **Methods-based courses:** ethnographic methods, archaeology methods, GIS, quantitative methods, digital anthropology
- **Applied courses:** public anthropology, forensic anthropology, professional archaeology

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High-Impact Learning Experiences

- The **Methods & Practice track** requires 3 credit hours of a **High-Impact Learning** experience.
- **High-Impact Learning** courses include study abroad programs, anthropological field schools, internships, Honors Undergraduate Thesis (HUT), directed research, and the Careers Applying Anthropology course.
- Students in the **General track** are not required to complete a high-impact course however they can apply 3 credit hours towards the restricted elective requirement.

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High-Impact Learning Experiences

- Our **High-Impact Learning** courses include:
 - Archaeology in the Caribbean (summer A)
 - Archaeology in Turkey (summer C)
 - Archaeology in the Ocala National Forest, FL (summer A)
 - Archaeological internship at Cape Canaveral, FL (spring)
 - Bioarchaeology in Croatia (summer A)
 - Cultural/Medical Anthropology internship in Peru (fall, spring)
 - Editorial Assistant internship for the Reviews Editor of the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* (as needed)
- Students may also choose to complete an internship, study abroad, or field school outside of UCF. Speak with your advisor on how this works.
- Honors thesis, directed research, and other internships are also high-impact learning courses

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Research Labs

- Our faculty maintain 8 research facilities (more labs are coming!)
 - BioARC Lab
 - Forensic Anthropology Lab
 - Geophysical Lab
 - Interdisciplinary Geospatial Science Lab
 - Latin American and Caribbean Archaeology Lab
 - Lithic & Ceramic Analysis Archaeology Lab
 - Paleoethnobotany Archaeology Lab
 - The UCF Laboratory for Bioarchaeological Sciences

Anthropology at UCF Clubs!

- Anthropology at UCF has two registered student organizations; one for undergraduates and one for graduate students.
- **Hominids Anonymous** is the official Anthropology Undergraduate Club at UCF!
 - Mission: to provide a social and educational environment for UCF students interested in Anthropology to meet and share ideas. Follow them through KnightsConnect or their FaceBook account, Hominids Anonymous.
- **The Graduate Anthropology Association** is the official graduate Anthropology student organization at UCF!

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