Anthropology is the study of human and non-human primate biology and culture from the prehistoric to the present. Students will enhance their critical thinking and communication skills while becoming more informed about how people and systems (socially and ecologically) are connected. Students will recognize common features of the human experience around the world and throughout history. We study the uniqueness of the human animal from a culturally relative perspective.

The most common career opportunities with a baccalaureate degree include: advertising and marketing, museum curation and historic preservation, human resources, public relations, public health, international affairs, computer/technology development, product design, consulting, foreign service, local, state and federal government agencies, urban planning, environmental studies, social services, business and non-profit organizations.

Transfer requirements in Anthropology are available in the Counseling Department. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements.

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- Associate in Arts in Anthropology for Transfer (AA-T) (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/anthropology/associate-arts-anthropology-transfer-aa-t)

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ANTH 010 Cultural Anthropology

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

Equivalent Course: ANTH 010H

This course explores how anthropologists study and compare human culture. Cultural anthropologists seek to understand the broad arc of human experience focusing on a set of central issues: how people around the world make their living (subsistence patterns); how they organize themselves socially, politically and economically; how they communicate; how they relate to each other through family and kinship ties; what they believe about the world (belief systems); how they express themselves creatively (expressive culture); how they make distinctions among themselves such as through applying gender, racial and ethnic identity labels; how they have shaped and been shaped by social inequalities such as colonialism; and how they navigate culture change and processes of globalization that affect us all. Ethnographic case studies highlight these similarities and differences, and introduce students to how anthropologists do their work, employ professional anthropological research ethics and apply their perspectives and skills to understand humans around the globe. (C-ID ANTH120)

Prerequisites:
ENGL 251 or ENGL 261 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures (https://catalog.cos.edu/placement-procedures).

ANTH 011 Biological Anthropology

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

This course introduces the concepts, methods of inquiry, and scientific explanations for biological evolution and their application to the human species. Issues and topics will include, but are not limited to, genetics, evolutionary theory, human variation and biocultural adaptations, comparative primate anatomy and behavior, and the fossil evidence for human evolution. The philosophy of science and the scientific method serve as foundations to the course.

Advisory on Recommended Preparation:
ENGL 251 or ENGL 261 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures (https://catalog.cos.edu/placement-procedures).

ANTH 012 Archaeology

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

This course is an introduction to the study of concepts, theories, and methods of anthropological archaeology, as well as a review of significant data and models that contribute to knowledge of the human past. The course includes a discussion of the history and interdisciplinary nature of archaeological research; dating techniques and methods of survey, excavation, and analysis; cultural resource management; and selected cultural sequences.

Advisory on Recommended Preparation:
ENGL 251 or ENGL 261 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures (https://catalog.cos.edu/placement-procedures).

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