



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Anthropology and Museum Studies

General Departmental Information

Anthropology presents an integrated perspective on the cultural and biological nature of humans. Anthropologists study present and past human diversity through classroom, laboratory, and field studies in cultural and biological anthropology, including archeology, linguistics, ethnology, and applied anthropology.

Classes at the introductory (100-level) include a general survey of the field and major sub-fields. Intermediate (300-level) focus on selected sub-fields; upper-division standing or relevant lower division anthropology courses are desirable. Advanced (400-level) classes generally assume completion of at least three of the core requirement classes, plus 15 credits in Anthropology. However, prerequisite requirements may be waived with permission of the instructor, or for variable credit classes (490.491, 496, 498).

Students interested in major and minor programs should contact the department office as soon as possible for further information, application forms, and assignment of an advisor. Anthropology majors are expected to meet with their advisors at least once per quarter.

Degrees, Specializations, Minors & Certifications

A Bachelor of Science degree is offered in Anthropology. Bachelor of Arts degrees are offered in Anthropology, and Anthropology Teaching. Minor degrees are offered in Anthropology and Museum Studies. There is also a Museum Studies Specialization that prepares students for employment in museum settings.

Internship Opportunities

The Central Washington Archaeological Survey (CWAS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory are service and research facilities associated with the department, which provide opportunities for course credit, research, and paid employment in archaeological fieldwork.

Scholarship Opportunities

The department sponsors an annual partial tuition scholarship, which is open to anthropology majors and to students transferring from community colleges to major in anthropology at CWU. Anthropology majors are eligible or (and have recently received) the Alumni Scholarship, Domico, and Mohler Scholarship awards. Majors are also employed in the department as

teaching and research assistants and museum docents: federal and state work-study students are encouraged to apply for jobs in the department office.

Facilities and Equipment

In addition to well-equipped classrooms for lecture and seminar use, the department has several laboratory facilities which make it possible to research and practice skills beyond the traditional setting of the classroom. Laboratories in biological anthropology give students experience with hands-on identification of skeletal remains, solving problems in relation to current biological variation among humans, and reaching for broader understanding of human biology and behavior in prelude to studies in language structure and acquisition, and sociolinguistics. These studies are important to bilingual and early childhood education.

The department museum collections emphasize Northwest Coast and Plateau Indian cultures. The collection provides students experience in collection management and exhibit preparation.

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