Cultural Anthropology (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/Anthropology & Sociology Department, and is only available at the St. Louis home campus.

Program Description
Courses in cultural anthropology (ANTH) are designed to help students develop a cross-cultural understanding of the human experience and the analytical skills necessary for critically evaluating the diversity of human belief systems and practices.

Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

• Understand the history and theory of cultural anthropology, characterize various types of ethnographic work and describe the ways applied anthropology can be used to solve human problems.
• Evaluate and critique the assumptions, purposes, methods and ethics of anthropological fieldwork and research.
• Illustrate the centrality of culture in the human experience and apply this understanding to a range of social problems such as class, caste and stratification, race, ethnicity and nationalism and the unequal access to social resources that emerge from these systems.
• Distinguish individual, social and cultural frames of analysis through the use of social and anthropological theory.
• Demonstrate through the verbal and written forms a multicultural and cross-cultural perspective of our world and distinguish the factors contributing to diversity and inequality within and among nations.

Degree Requirements
• 42 required credit hours within anthropology
• Of the required 42 hours, 24 hours must be at the 3000-level and above, with at least 9 hours at the 4000-level
• 6 international language requirement credit hours
• Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
• Electives

No more than 6 credit hours obtained in practica, independent learning experiences, reading courses and assessment of prior learning may be applied toward the 42 credit hours required for a major.

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 27 approved credit hours of academic work at Webster within the major.

Courses completed with a grade below a C- do not count toward fulfilling the specific course requirements of the major.

International Language Requirement
• A minimum of six hours in a non-native language is required in addition to the requirements for the major. Courses used towards the international language requirement may also be used to fulfill general education requirements or a major/ minor in a foreign language.
• Transfer students who have completed their 6 credits at an institution of higher education are considered to have fulfilled the requirement, as are students who have scored a “3” or higher on an Advanced Placement exam in a non-native language.
• For students whose native language is not English, a passing grade on the TOEFL will count as their foreign language requirement. Students who are from bilingual families but have no evidence of academic study of the second language on a transcript will need to take one course.

Curriculum
The 42 credit hours required for the cultural anthropology major include the following:

• ANTH 1100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 hours)
• ANTH 2825 Qualitative Research Methods (3 hours)
• ANTH 3550 Anthropological History (3 hours)
• ANTH 4150 Anthropology in Theory (3 hours)
• ANTH 4825 Senior Thesis (3 hours)
• Electives within the major (27 hours)

Recommended courses:

• PSYC 2750/SOCI 2750 Introduction to Measurement and Statistics (3 hours)
• PSYC 2825/SOCI 2825 Introduction to Research and Methods (3 hours)
• SOCI 3550 Social Theory (3 hours)