

Queens College Department of Anthropology	FALL 2026 Updated 4/1/2026
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ANTH 101, 102, 103, & 104 introduce the four subfields of anthropology and may be taken in any order.

ANTHROPOLOGY 101 INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

27225	1	MW 10:45AM-12:00PM	KY 150	John Collins
27220	8	MW 1:40PM-2:55PM	KY 250	Farah Cotter-Norwood
27219	7	MW 9:15AM-10:30AM	TBD	John Clark
27226	2	TR 9:15AM-10:30AM	KY 150	Mandana Limbert
27222	3	TR 10:45AM-12:00PM	KY 250	Tomomi Emoto (Jimee Choi)
27224	4	TR 12:15PM-1:30PM	KY 250	Tomomi Emoto (Jimee Choi)
27217	5	TR 12:15PM-1:30PM	PH 114	Wendy Leynse
27218	6	TR 3:10PM-4:25PM	PH 114	Wendy Leynse
EVENING				
27221	9	MW 5:00PM-6:15PM	KY 250	Nick Welna

This course examines customs, manners and ways of life – what anthropologists call culture – in selected groups around the world. By describing and comparing varieties of political and economic systems, family and kinship, personality and sexual behavior, and art and leisure, this course offers insights into human culture, how it works, and what causes differences and similarities in human behavior. If the course is really successful, you should begin to see how anthropologists look at the world around us, what they perceive the human place in nature to be, and from what perspective or point of view they attempt to define and answer questions involving humankind. **** Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE World Cultures & Global Issues (WCGI) ****

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: NONE

ANTHROPOLOGY 102 BIOLOGY & EVOLUTION OF THE HUMAN SPECIES

27214	3	MW 7:45AM-9:00AM	KY 150	Raquel Lamela Lopez
27207	10	MW 9:15AM-10:30AM	KY 150	Raquel Lamela Lopez
27211	6	TR 9:15AM-10:30AM	PH 114	Madison Grant
27212	2	TR 10:45AM-12:00PM	KY 150	Felicia Madimenos
27215	4	TR 12:15PM-1:30PM	PH 113	Chihiro Shibata
27210	1	TR 1:40PM-2:55PM	KY 150	Thomas Plummer
27209	5	TR 3:10PM-4:25PM	KY 250	Chihiro Shibata
EVENING				
27213	7	F 6:00PM-9:00PM	PH 114	Anthony Pagano

This course provides a survey of biological anthropology, the study of the biology and evolution of the human species. Topics include the nature of the scientific process, the fundamentals of evolutionary theory and genetics, the biology and behavior of nonhuman primates, biological variation and adaptation in modern humans, and the fossil evidence of human evolution. Note that this course was formerly called *Introduction to Human Evolution*. **** Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE Scientific World (SW) or COLLEGE OPTION Science ****

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: NONE

ANTHROPOLOGY 103 INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY

27206	5	MW 7:45AM-9:00AM	KY 150	Francis Feeley
27202	6	MW 9:15AM-10:30AM	KY 150	Francis Feeley
27205	1	MW 1:40PM-2:55PM	KY 150	Timothy Pugh
27203	3	TR 9:15AM-10:30AM	KY 059	Robert Nyamushosho

27204	4	TR 10:45AM-12:00PM	KY 059	Robert Nyamushosho
27201	2	TR 12:15PM-1:30PM	KY 150	Megan Victor
EVENING				
28280	7	MW 5:00PM-6:15PM	PH 114	Jackeline Quinonez Dardon

This course traces major developments in human history and illustrates the methods archaeologists use to study the past. It investigates the origins of cultural behavior, the invention of agriculture and its consequences, and the development and collapse of cities, drawing on archaeological sites from around the world. Students will explore how we think about the past in the present, including the ways in which individuals and communities used physical objects (known as material culture) in the past and the ways present-day people use this same material culture to understand, create, and commemorate their histories.

*** Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE Scientific World (SW) or COLLEGE OPTION Science ***

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: NONE

ANTHROPOLOGY 104

LANGUAGE, CULTURE, & SOCIETY

27391	3	MW 9:15AM-10:30AM	PH 114	Andrea Ariza Garcia
27389	4	MW 10:45AM-12:00PM	PH 114	Andrea Ariza Garcia
27592	1	MW 3:10PM-4:25PM	KY 150	Miki Makihara
27588	5	TR 1:40PM-2:55PM	PH 114	Yelizaveta Yanovskaya
27587	2	TR 3:10PM-4:25PM	KY 150	Juan Rodriguez Aponte

Language plays an important role in our everyday life. Not only is linguistic behavior the central focus of many social settings, but it is also on linguistic evidence that we base many of our evaluations of the world around us. Yet attitudes towards language and the ways in which we use language are highly dependent on social and cultural factors. This course provides an introduction to the field of linguistic anthropology: the study of language use in its socio-cultural context from anthropological perspectives. It focuses on the relationships among language, culture, and society by addressing such questions as: To what extent does language shape our thoughts and identities? What does it mean to know a language? Do all children follow the same language acquisition patterns within a society or across cultures? What is the nature of sign language? How do languages develop and change? What are the differences between language and dialect? How does language reinforce or challenge social stratification? What is the relationship between language and ethnicity? Do women speak more politely than men? Do men and women miscommunicate? How do we study language use and attitudes? How do conversations work? Do we need English-Only laws in the United States? Why is Ebonics controversial? Should we do anything about disappearing languages? Is English going to be the world language? Examples of linguistic phenomena are drawn from peoples around the world.

*** Fulfills Pathways FLEXIBLE CORE Individual & Society (IS) or COLLEGE OPTION Language (LANG) ***

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: NONE

ANTHROPOLOGY 200

HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY

27234	1	MW 10:45AM-12:00PM	PH 351	Kevin Birth
27233	2	MW 1:40PM-2:55PM	PH 351	Kevin Birth

This course provides a survey of anthropological theories, methods, and practitioners from the field's inception in the late 19th Century to the present. While much of the discipline's theorizing has its basis in the subfield of cultural anthropology, this course will trace the development of ideas and approaches to the study of culture through all four subfields of anthropology: cultural anthropology, archaeology, physical anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. ***Required for All Majors***

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: 6 credits in anthropology or permission of instructor.

ANTHROPOLOGY 201**ESSENTIALS OF CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

27231	1	TR 1:40PM-2:55PM	PH 112	Mandana Limbert
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In this course, students will be introduced to topics, themes, and methods in cultural anthropology through a close examination of ethnographic case studies of contemporary social and cultural topics. Selected ethnographies from different time periods will be read that address issues of social structure, psychology, illness and healing, and politics and represent a variety of geographical settings including North America, South America, South Asia, and the Middle East. ****Fulfills Area Course OR Essentials Course Requirement for the Major****

3 hr.; 3 cr.

Prerequisite: 6 credits in social science or sophomore standing and ENGL 110, or permission of instructor.

ANTHROPOLOGY 206**PEOPLES OF SOUTH AMERICA**

29648	1	MW 1:40PM-2:55PM	PH 114	John Collins
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This course will foster an ethnographic and historical understanding of the peoples and cultures of South America. It will explore the concept of Latin America and the peoples, institutions, and types of knowledge that have helped produce it. We will review the multiple ethnic and racial groups, social classes, government institutions, and cultural manifestations found within modern South American nation-states, as well as some key historical processes. We will consider South America's relation to the rest of the world, emphasizing impact on the lives of people, and the importance of Latin American nation-state formations to the theories of the modern polity. We will focus on questions of citizenship, exclusion and belonging through the lens of racial ideologies, battles over land, labor and political autonomy, the concept of indigeneity, gender relations, definitions of community, and family and personhood. ****Fulfills Area Course Requirement for the Major****

3 hr.; 3 cr.

Prerequisite: 6 credits in social science or sophomore standing.

ANTHROPOLOGY 225**MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

27229	1	TR 9:15AM-10:30AM	PH 115	Murphy Halliburton
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Medical anthropology is the study of concepts about health and illness and forms of medicine of different cultures. This course will analyze various expressions of illness and methods of healing and examine what these reveal about the societies in which they develop. Studies of medical systems of South Asia, China and other regions will be presented along with cultural analyses of western medicine. This course will also take into account socioeconomic differences and examine how issues such as ethnicity and gender relate to access to health care in the U.S. and other societies.

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: 6 credits in social science or sophomore standing.

ANTHROPOLOGY 238**RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHOD**

27227	1	TR 1:40PM-2:55PM	KY 059	Megan Victor
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This course shows students how anthropologists go about answering the questions they ask. We look at how research is designed, how data are collected and analyzed, and how empirical results are presented. Students will learn the fundamentals of sampling, descriptive and inferential statistics, and techniques for displaying relationships graphically. **** Required for Pre-Professional Majors ****

3 hr.; 3 cr.

Prerequisite: 6 credits in social science or sophomore standing.

ANTHROPOLOGY 240**ESSENTIALS OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

27228	1	TR 3:10PM-4:25PM	KY 059	Robert Nyamushosho
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This course is an examination of archaeological techniques and methods of interpretation that provide the basis for reconstructing the lifeways of past cultures. Its purpose is to get you to think like an archaeologist. To assist in this purpose, you will first learn about the questions that archaeologists ask and the methods they use to find, collect, and analyze material remains (ceramics, lithics, botanical, faunal). This portion of the course will include a series of in-class and take-home exercises designed to illustrate various aspects of archaeological analysis. In the second part of this course, we will try to understand how archaeologists bridge the gap between material remains and different aspects of past

behaviors and cultures (technology, social relations, exchange, art, etc.) through a close reading of archaeological case studies. ***Fulfills Essentials Course Requirement for the Major***

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: 6 credits in social science or sophomore standing, or permission of instructor.

ANTHROPOLOGY 241

ARCHAEOLOGY OF MESOAMERICA

27312	1	MW 10:45AM-12:00PM	KY 059	Timothy Pugh
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This course will introduce students to the major cultural developments of the Maya from the arrival of indigenous peoples up to their conquest by the Spaniards in the 16th century. We will begin with a discussion of social complexity in the Maya region including some discussion of influence from the Olmec and other groups. Next, we will examine Maya writing and calendars. Students will follow the Maya into the Classic period with discussions of major cities such as Tikal, Copan, Palenque, Calakmul, Seibal, Uxmal, and Chich'en Itzá. The contributions of Teotihuacan will be considered as well. After the "collapse," students will investigate Postclassic settlements such as Mayapán, Tulum, and Zacpetén, with some discussion of interactions with Central Mexico. Finally, we will chart the arrival of the Spaniards, the conquest, and the beginnings of colonialism. ***Fulfills Area Course Requirement for the Major***

Fulfills Area Course Requirement for the Major

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: 6 credits in social science or sophomore standing.

ANTHROPOLOGY 260

ESSENTIALS OF BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

27232	1	MW 10:45AM-12:00PM	PH 311	Raquel Lamela Lopez
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This course reviews of the field of biological anthropology with more in-depth coverage of topics from Anth 102, including basic Mendelian and molecular genetics, the process of evolution, primate behavior and ecology, the nature and causes of biological variation in modern human groups, and the fossil record of primate and human evolution. The course will include hands-on experience using the comprehensive primate and human fossil cast collection in the biological anthropology teaching laboratory. This course should be of value not only to Anthropology majors and minors but also to students who may pursue health related fields. ***Fulfills Essentials Course Requirement for the Major***

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: ANTH 102 or any college biology course, or permission of instructor.

ANTHROPOLOGY 262

THE NONHUMAN PRIMATES

28281	1	TR 9:15AM-10:30AM	PH 351	Louis Gorgone & Larissa Swedell
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Who are our closest relatives and why do they matter to us, as humans? What can monkeys tell us about the evolution of human behavior? How do we explain the colorful faces of mandrills or the thick cheek pads of orangutans? In this course we will survey the order Primates – lemurs, lorises, galagos, tarsiers, monkeys, apes and humans – from a comparative perspective. We will examine the traits that unite primates as a whole and discuss the biological and behavioral features of each major taxonomic group of primates, both to foster an appreciation of nonhuman primate biology and behavior and as a means to examine the place of humans in the natural world.

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: ANTH 102 or permission of instructor.

ANTHROPOLOGY 264

FAUNAL ANALYSIS

29649	1	TR 10:45AM-12:00PM	PH 311	Thomas Plummer & Ryan Shinn
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This course will give students training in the study of animal bones from archeological and paleontological sites. It will begin with a broad survey of skeletons from a variety of animals (mammals, birds and reptiles) and then will focus on the bones of medium-sized ungulates commonly found at archeological sites (e.g., the white-tailed deer *Odocoileus virginianus*). The class period will be divided between lecture and lab time. Students will be involved in hands-on identification of bones, and will learn how to identify damage on bones made from a variety of processes including weathering, butchery with stone tools, and carnivore feeding. Experiments will be carried out to illustrate the relationship between particular activities and specific types of bone damage. As part of the final, students will conduct an analysis of a

faunal assemblage and interpret how it formed using the information gained during the course of the semester. Limited to 15 students.

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: Anthropology 102 or any Biology class.

ANTHROPOLOGY 280

LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL IDENTITY

27300	1	TR 12:15PM-1:30PM	PH 302	Juan Rodriguez Aponte
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This course introduces the linguistic and social theories used to examine the relationship between identities and the use of language. It explores these issues through reading ethnographic accounts and conducting projects in conversation analysis. **Fulfills Essentials Course Requirement for the Major**

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: 6 credits in social science, or in courses in the Linguistics and Communication Disorders Department, or permission of the instructor.

ANTHROPOLOGY 330

ANTHROPOLOGY AND THE POLITICS OF SCIENCE

27297	1	TR 3:10PM-4:25PM	PH 302	Murphy Halliburton
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Anthropologists have long engaged in studies of science and technology as human practices that are shaped by sociocultural worlds. Many aspects of science and technology are causing controversy and anxiety in today's society although they are also wrapped up in hopes and ambitions. Communications technologies and the variety of information ecospheres available, meanwhile, can make it difficult to discern what to believe about science and technology. This course will examine the political struggles over knowledge about climate change, race and eugenics, vaccines and information technology through readings of ethnographic studies of these topics. Students will also develop a research project on a contemporary scientific controversy.

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: 12 credits in anthropology including ANTH 200 and ANTH 201 as PRE/CO, or permission of instructor.

ANTHROPOLOGY 361

HUMAN VARIATION

29647	1	TR 1:40PM-2:55PM	PH 311	Felicia Madimenos
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Humans live in a greater variety of environments than do any other animals. This course will examine the ways in which humans adapt biologically and culturally to different environments, and how this adaptation has produced the biological variation seen in living human populations. Major topics to be covered include genetic variation, human growth, nutritional variation, disease, demography, and adaptations to climatic stresses such as heat, cold, high altitude and solar radiation.

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: Anthropology 260 or two college biology courses and junior standing.

ANTHROPOLOGY 380

GLOBALIZATION AND LANGUAGE

27292	1	MW 10:45AM-12:00PM	PH 304	Miki Makihara
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Does an ever more globalized world imply a monolingual future? While often equated with cultural "flattening," globalization has also catalyzed new transnational identities as well as strong indigenous resistance and the rise of nationalisms and yearning for lost pasts. This course explores language as a primary site where these tensions play out. Moving from the streets of New York to the borders of cyberspace, we ask: How does the movement of people and capital rewrite our sense of belonging and change our languages and ways of speaking? We will investigate how individuals employ language for political action and critically examine how liberal appeals to universal ideals sometimes mask or impose linguistic hierarchies. We further ask questions such as: Why has "heritage" become a global obsession? And: What happens when a community's linguistic past becomes a commodity?

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prerequisite: 12 credits in anthropology or linguistics, or permission of instructor.
Course may be repeated for credit provided the topic is different.