

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Minor in Health and Culture

Department of Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, Queens College

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Anthropology plays a crucial role in fostering a holistic understanding of the human condition that can serve to enhance traditional medical training. The Anthropology Minor in Health & Culture includes courses focusing on the human condition from both biological and cultural perspectives. These courses will collectively facilitate an understanding of the *evolutionary and biological underpinnings of health, cultural beliefs about disease and the body, and the social, political, and economic roots of health disparities.* This Minor helps prepare students to pursue careers related to human health, including social work, public health, nursing, medical insurance consulting, dentistry, physiotherapy, orthopedics, and medical or veterinary schools.

The Minor in Health & Culture consists of *six courses* totaling *18 credits*. The three required courses are designed to give students a solid background in both the biological and cultural factors that together shape human health. In addition, students will be required to choose one elective from a list of offerings focusing on cultural diversity and two electives from a list of offerings focusing on the biology of human and nonhuman primates. The full list of Anthropology courses with descriptions can be found on the Anthropology Department website:

qc.cuny.edu/academics/anthropology/courses

The Minor in Health & Culture can be easily combined with Majors in other departments. If combined with a Major in Anthropology, four of the six courses (12 of the 18 credits) can overlap between the Major and the Minor and *only* 2 extra courses (6 extra credits) are required.

Requirements for the Minor in Health and Culture

Three required courses:

ANTH 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 102 Introduction to Human Evolution
ANTH 260 Essentials of Biological Anthropology

Three elective courses in total, one from list A and two from list B:

List A. Choos	se <u>one</u> elective from this list:	List B. Choos	e <u>two</u> electives from this list:
ANTH 205	Peoples of Mexico & Central America	ANTH 262	The Nonhuman Primates
ANTH 206	Peoples of South America	ANTH 270	Evolutionary Medicine
ANTH 207	Native North Americans	ANTH 271	Human Biology
ANTH 208	Peoples of South Asia	ANTH 272	The Human Skeleton
ANTH 208W	Peoples of South Asia (W)	ANTH 275	Disease in the Past
ANTH 210	Peoples of East Asia	ANTH 276	Human Growth & Development
ANTH 211	Peoples of Africa	ANTH 276W	Human Growth & Development (W)
ANTH 212	Peoples of the Middle East	ANTH 279	Topics in Biological Anthropology
ANTH 215W	Peoples of the Caribbean (W)	ANTH 361	Human Variation
ANTH 216	Peoples of Southeast Asia	ANTH 361W	Human Variation (W)
ANTH 219	Topics in Cultural Area Studies	ANTH 363	Interpreting the Human Skeleton
ANTH 222	Sex, Gender, & Culture	ANTH 368	Evolution & Human Behavior
ANTH 225	Medical Anthropology	ANTH 369	Primate Behavior & Ecology
ANTH 280	Language & Social Identity		
ANTH 309	Psychological Anthropology		
ANTH 354	Time		

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