Course Catalog

Sociology and Anthropology

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Requirements

The Major

The requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Arts with a major in sociology or anthropology are as follows:

I. Departmental requirements:

A. The Sociology major consists of 33 credit hours to be taken as follows:

1. At least one lower division SOCI course.
2. Required courses: SOCI 2335 and 3359.
3. At least one of the following courses: SOCI 3460, 3365, or 3461.
4. At least 24 hours must be in upper division sociology courses chosen in consultation with the adviser. At least 28 hours of the 33 hours required for the Sociology major must be completed in residence at Trinity University. SOCI 2335, SOCI 3359, and SOCI 3460 or SOCI 3461 or SOCI 3365 must be completed in residence at Trinity University.

B. The Anthropology major consists of 33 credit hours to be taken as follows:

1. ANTH 1301 and one of the following courses: ANTH 1305 or 2310.
2. Required courses: ANTH 2401 and 3359.
3. At least one of the following courses: ANTH 3361, 3365, or 3460.
4. At least one of the following courses in archaeology or physical anthropology: ANTH 3335, ANTH 3356, ANTH 3466, and ANTH 4354. ANTH 3394 and ANTH 4394 may also fulfill this requirement if approved by the department chair.
5. At least one of the following courses in cultural anthropology: ANTH 2339, ANTH 2357, 3327, 3428, 3329, 3331, 3343, 3445, 3446, 3448, 3349, 3452, 3355, 3367, and 3464. ANTH 3394 and ANTH 4394 may also fulfill this requirement if approved by the department chair.
6. At least 24 hours must be in upper division anthropology courses chosen in consultation with the adviser. At least 28 hours of the 33 hours required for the Anthropology major must be completed in residence at Trinity University. ANTH 2401, ANTH 3359, and ANTH 3460 or ANTH 3461 or ANTH 3365 must be completed in residence at Trinity University.

II. University requirements: completion of all other required elements of the Pathways curriculum and at least 124 credit hours.

The Minor

Two minors are offered in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. The department requirements are as follows:

I. The Sociology minor consists of 18 credit hours to be taken as follows:

   A. Completion of at least one of the following courses: SOCI 1301, 1316, 2306, 2311, 2312, or 2314.
   B. At least 12 hours must be in upper division courses.

II. The Anthropology minor consists of 18 credit hours to be taken as follows:

   A. Completion of at least two of the following courses: ANTH 1301, 1305, or 2310.
   B. At least 12 hours must be in upper division courses.

Students in one of the two disciplines who choose to double major in the other may have no more than nine hours of overlap between the two disciplines.

Honors in Sociology and Anthropology

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATING WITH MAJOR HONORS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Students will be eligible to graduate with Major Honors if they have fulfilled all the following requirements:
a. maintained at least a 3.33 overall grade point average at Trinity;
b. maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average in their major in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology;
c. completed a Senior Thesis over the course of two semesters, enrolling in and successfully completing ANTH 4395 or SOCI 4395 in two consecutive semesters prior to graduation,
d. made an oral presentation of the Senior Thesis to the members of their Thesis Committee and the Chairperson of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology; and

e. been unanimously recommended for graduation with Major Honors by the Thesis Committee and the Chairperson of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

To be considered for graduation with Major Honors, students should address a written request for consideration to the chairperson of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology no later than the end of the first full week of their penultimate semester at Trinity.

Courses

Sociology Courses - Lower Division

SOCI-1301 Introduction to Sociology
A study of the nature of human society. Special attention will be given to the nature of culture, social organization, personality development, institutions, and social stratification. (Offered every year.)

SOCI-1110 Service Learning: Homelessness
This course combines service-learning in the San Antonio community with sociological perspectives on housing, hunger, and homelessness. Students in this course will analyze their experiences volunteering at San Antonio service sites using insight gained from sociological readings, guest speakers, and lectures. This course includes coverage of the sources of social inequality in the United States, social welfare and policies, and pressing issues in different homeless demographic groups, including attention to homeless families, women, children, youth, and the chronically homeless. Students in this course will be required to complete at least 30 hours of volunteer work over the course of the semester at a pre-approved service site. (Offered every Fall.)

SOCI-1310 The Urban Experience
An introduction to the city, its origins, contemporary form, and likely future. The course will present the city and urban phenomena in both the American context and other national environments. The major emphasis will be placed on understanding the physical, social, economic, and political systems that create and sustain urban areas. (Also listed as URBS 1310.) (Offered every year.)

SOCI-1316 People and Places in Global Context
A study of the complex ways in which modern social organization materializes geographically. Topics include the distribution and movement of human populations, characteristics and distribution of cultural mosaics, patterns of
economic interdependence, and the forces of cooperation and conflict among peoples from both global and local perspectives. (Also listed as URBS 1316).

SOCI-2306 Introduction to Social Psychology
This course examines the effects of culture and social structure upon the thoughts, emotions, identities, and behaviors of individuals – how the individual exists within society and how society exists within the individual. Topics include how language and stereotypes shape perception and prejudice; how birth order and family dynamics shape personality; television's impacts upon sexuality and aggression; the historical evolution of individualism; urban psychology; and how group dynamics influence the success of sports teams and the creativity of think tanks. (Offered every year.)

SOCI-2311 Sociology of Sex Roles
An analysis of social, psychological, and physiological approaches to the development of sex identity and sex roles. Differential socialization methods from infancy through adolescence will be examined along with the impact on both men and women of contemporary changes in sex roles. (Offered every other year.)

SOCI-2312 Sociology of Marriage and the Family Experience
An examination of the various structures and functions of the family as the basic social institution of society. Special attention will be given to conflict and change as it has occurred in modern industrial America resulting in a diversification of family types and mores. (Offered every year.)

SOCI-2314 Social Problems and Human Values
A documented and critical analysis of major social problems in the United States, in a global as well as national context. This course aims at providing an understanding of the structure of society and of the underlying causes and conditions that maintain social problems. Special attention will be given to how we think about social problems: the social definitions of problems, the role of ideologies, the role of mass media, and the impact of these social processes on social policy formation. Students will explore their personal values in response to social issues in such areas as health, work, children's welfare, and the environment. (Offered every year.)

SOCI-2323 Deviance: Social and Personal
An analysis of the current theoretical perspectives on deviant behavior and an examination of deviance in the context of the social-political conditions of contemporary society. Selected empirical studies will be used to examine specific problems, theory, and societal definitions and responses to deviance. (Offered occasionally.)

SOCI-2328 Social Inequality
A study of the stratification of American society in terms of the unequal distribution of wealth, status, and power. Theories on the origin and development of social classes as well as of the functional necessity of social inequality will be examined along with empirical works dealing with inequality. (Also listed as URBS 2328). (Offered occasionally.)

SOCI-2335 The Sociological Imagination
A critical survey of classical social theory of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The course will also examine the subsequent emergence of theories regarding other dimensions of social life -- such as race, gender, sexuality, generational phenomena, and modern communication technologies -- that classical theory did not adequately address. (Offered every Spring.)

SOCI-2339 Health, Illness, and Society
This course introduces students to medical anthropology and the sociology of health and illness. The course focuses on 1) factors influencing morbidity/mortality and health/well-being and the forces conditioning the uneven distribution of these states; 2) cross-cultural experiences and meanings of health and illness; 3) the wide range of strategies, techniques, and ways of knowing, apprehending, treating, and preventing sickness, of which contemporary biomedicine is but one. (Offered every Fall.) (Also listed as ANTH 2339.)

Sociology Courses - Upper Division

SOCI-3313 Social Movements
This course is an introduction to the theory and research on social movements with a focus on contemporary American movements. The sociological study of social movements emphasizes how political, organizational, and cultural factors shape social movement emergence and development. Movements studied in this class may include the women's movements, gay/lesbian activism, environmental movement, the civil rights movement, and disability activism. (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in Sociology

SOCI-3424 Crime and Criminal Justice
This course examines the causes of crime, as well as how we treat the problem of crime and try to prevent it. We will examine what crime and the criminal justice system look like in the United States in comparison to other countries and what criminologists believe are the causes of different types of crime. Through case studies, we will also look at some critical perspectives on mainstream beliefs about the causes of crime. (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in Sociology.

SOCI-3428 Gender Transgressions
What does it mean to transgress gender rules? This class charts the range of gender transgressions in contemporary society, with attention to drag, intersex, and transgender practices and identities. It explores how gender transgressive individuals operate within existing social institutions, such as work and the family, and covers theories of gender performance. (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: Any one of the following courses: Any lower division SOCI course, ANTH 1301, WAGS 2310, 2350, 2351, or 2352, or consent of instructor.

SOCI-3329 Sexuality and Society
An investigation of the social construction and regulation of sexuality across cultures and through time. This perspective on sexuality looks at social, rather than biological or personal, explanations for how human sexuality is practiced. Specific topics may include queer studies, queer communities, and HIV/AIDS in society. (Also listed as ANTH 3329.) (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH or SOCI.
SOCI-3331 Language, Culture, and Society
Students will analyze the functions of language in everyday life in various cultures, including the role of language in the social production and reproduction of power relations, stratification, gender roles, the formation of racial and ethnic identities, and in the process of social change. (Also listed as ANTH 3331.) (Offered occasionally.)

SOCI-3333 Sociology of Religion
A study of institutionalized and non-institutionalized forms of religious expression. Various forms of religious expression, their social sources, and their societal consequences will be examined. The relation between religion and secular institutions (the economy, polity, education, etc.) will be investigated. Particular attention will be focused on emerging forms of religious expression in modern, urban-industrialized society. (Also listed as RELI 3370). (Offered occasionally.)

SOCI-3337 Organizations: Private, Public and Popular
Business, government, and social movement organizations in their historic, economic, and political contexts; how organizational structures constrain individuals, and how individuals reform, subvert, and/or rebel against those structures. Applying theories to our own organizational environments (present and future), we will focus on characteristics of organizations and the interrelationships among organizational actors. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in Sociology.

SOCI-3340 Urban Geography
This course examines the history and contemporary processes of urbanization, primarily in the North American context. In particular, we are concerned with the geography of these processes, resulting in differentiation of space and the creation of distinct places. We will examine the geography of urbanization at several scales, ranging from the development of the North American urban system to the experiences of neighborhoods within cities. (Also listed as URBS 3340.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in Sociology.

SOCI-3343 Relaciones fronterizas Mexico-Estados Unidos (bilingue)
In this seminar we will examine a variety of social, cultural, political, and economic phenomena that characterize the Mexico-US border region. Includes an optional overnight excursion to communities located on the international boundary itself. This course is part of the Spanish across the Curriculum component of Trinity University's International Studies Program. It is conducted bilingually in Spanish and English, i.e., in both languages of the Mexico-U.S. border region. Competence in speaking, reading, writing, and listening in both Spanish and English is a requirement for participation in the course. (Also listed as ANTH 3343 and LAC 3343.) (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisites: Completion of SPAN 2302 or equivalent Spanish competence.

SOCI-3345 International Issues in Health and the Environment
This course explores social factors, such as inequality and power, in creating environmental conditions that affect global health, focusing on marginalized regions and people. Case studies will explore historical colonization and urbanization and control of natural resources, in their degradation of the environment, effects of climate change, and risks to human and environmental health. (Also listed as ANTH 3345.) (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH or SOCI.
SOCI-3445 Understanding Refugees
An interdisciplinary study of the refugee experience from global and local perspectives. The course will examine how the human rights of refugees are understood from the points of view of international law, humanitarian institutions, and refugees themselves. The ways in which refugees negotiate the trauma of the past and the demands of everyday life in cities in their host countries will also be examined. Includes a directed field research experience. (Also listed as ANTH 3445 and URBS 3445.) (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH, SOCI, or URBS.

SOCI-3346 Childhood and Youth
Social factors surrounding childhood and children’s perceptions of social life, reveal a great deal about society in general. The purpose of this course is to provide a sociological framework for understanding the roles of childhood and youth in society. This framework will involve historical, cross-cultural, economic, and political considerations of childhood and young adulthood. Using comparative and historical methods, we will examine the changing social status of children. Various social institutions, such as families, education, and the media, will be studied. Finally, we will study how contemporary American children and young adults fare, and why this is so. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in Sociology

SOCI-3446 Punishment and Society
While much of criminology is concerned with understanding why people commit crime, this course focuses on society’s response to crime. As such, the course is an introduction to the ways social scientists measure, think about, and theorize punishment. It introduces students to the American model of criminal punishment, contextualizes the American system internationally, and critically analyzes concepts of punishment generally. (Also listed as ANTH 3446). (Offered every Spring).

SOCI-3347 The Aging Revolution
With an estimated 20 percent of everyone who has reached the age of 65 being now alive, it is not surprising that the United Nations proclaimed 1999 to be the International Year of Older Persons. Contemporary generations, particularly those in developing nations, are among the first in history to be raised with the expectation of old age, forerunners of a longevity revolution that will be felt for centuries to come. Using the theoretical and methodological tools of the social sciences, this course investigates both the personal and social ramifications of this great demographic event, developing the interrelationships between the biological, psychological, social, and cultural aspects of old age. (Offered every other year.)

SOCI-3348 Death and Dying
A critical overview of the social and cultural sources of humanity’s outlooks and practices toward dying and the dead. Beginning with historical and cross-cultural analyses of death systems, the course proceeds to develop sociologically the roles of religion, philosophy, psychology, science, politics, and medicine in shaping orientations toward war, abortion, suicide, environmental destruction, organ transplants, euthanasia, funerary ritual, and capital punishment. It concludes with analyses of the experiences of those who die and those who survive. (Also listed as ANTH 3348.) (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: Junior standing (includes rising juniors.)

SOCI-3349 Globalization and Social Change
Study of the relationship between economic development and social change at the international level. Examines the rise of capitalism as a global mode of production and its impact on local cultures in the contemporary period. Special attention paid to the rise of transnational communities and grassroots movements for social justice. (Also listed as ANTH 3349) (Offered every other year.) Prerequisites: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH, ECON, PLSI, or SOCI

SOCI-3350 Sociology of Law
The content and form of legal systems provide a framework for the examination of two key sociological concepts: social organization and social control. This course will focus on sociological theories of law as developed by Durkheim, Weber, and Marx. The course will also examine modern perspectives with a focus on sociological jurisprudence and criminal law. Course materials will be supplemented with an examination of current issues in the development and application of law. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in SOCI.

This course is an interdisciplinary introduction to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It examines the biological, historical, sociocultural, political, economic, ethical, and technological dimensions of the current epidemic, drawing from work in anthropology, sociology, the history of science/medicine, philosophy, epidemiology, and public health. (Offered every other Spring.) (Also listed as ANTH 3355.) Prerequisites: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH or SOCI.

SOCI-3159 Social Research Skills Workshop
A hands-on workshop integrating new research methods with emerging social scientific software. Attention will be given to the analysis of qualitative, quantitative, and spatial data using computer software, along with developing research skills in interviewing, survey collection, and creating databases. Must be taken concurrently with SOCI 3359. (Also listed as ANTH 3159.) (Offered every Fall.) Prerequisite: At least 6 hours completed in Sociology and/or Anthropology.

SOCI-3359 Social Research Design
An introduction to the basic research techniques used in the social sciences with an emphasis on research design, data collection, and analysis. This course will include an overview of common methods in the social sciences, including ethnography, qualitative interviews, focus groups, historical comparative methods, experiments, and survey methods. SOCI 3159 must be taken concurrently. (Also listed as ANTH 3359.) (Offered every Fall.) Prerequisite: At least 6 hours completed in ANTH and/or SOCI.

SOCI-3460 Research Methods: Applied Social Statistics
This course provides a hands-on approach for learning how to undertake quantitative social research focused on the design and completion of a semester long research project. A variety of statistical tools are addressed, including descriptive statistics, tests of significance, linear regression, and correlation. The course goals emphasize writing and rewriting, learning how to formulate and test research hypotheses, and understanding how to present results in an accurate and effective manner. (Also listed as ANTH 3460 and URBS 3460.) (Offered every Spring.) Prerequisite: ANTH 3359 or SOCI 3356.

SOCI-3461 Research Methods: Fieldwork
This course provides a hands-on approach for learning how to undertake qualitative research through fieldwork, focused on the design and completion of a semester long research project. The course goals emphasize survey and interview techniques, writing and rewriting, and understanding how to present results in an accurate and effective manner. (Also ANTH 3461) (Offered every Spring) Prerequisites: SOCI/ANTH 3359

SOCI-3365 Research Methods: GIS
This course provides a hands-on approach for learning how to undertake spatial social research focused on the design and completion of a semester-long research project. Spatial tools introduced emphasize geographic information systems. The course goals include map making and the integration of information technology and cartography. (Also listed as URBS/ANTH 3365). (Offered every year.) Prerequisite: SOCI 3359 or ANTH 3359

SOCI-3-91 Special Topics in Sociology
Occasional courses will be offered on current events or desired topics that students bring to the attention of the Department Chair. A student may repeat this course if the topics are different. A maximum of nine hours can be taken in SOCI 3-91 or 3-94. (Offered occasionally.)

SOCI-3-71 Sociology Internship
Fieldwork experience in a setting arranged and approved by the student, professor, and agency selected. Supervision and guidance must be provided in the field and contact with the professor must be maintained. A student may repeat the course for a maximum of six semester hours. This course is taken Pass/Fail. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor

SOCI-3-90 Sociology Independent Study
Individual research in selected areas. A student may repeat the course for a maximum of six semester hours. A project proposal must be submitted to and approved by the professor supervising the research prior to registration. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

SOCI-4-71 Sociology Internship
Fieldwork experience in a setting arranged and approved by the student, professor, and agency selected. Supervision and guidance must be provided in the field and contact with the professor must be maintained. A student may repeat the course for a maximum of six semester hours. This course is taken Pass/Fail. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor

SOCI-4394 Seminar
Topics will vary as necessitated by student interest. A student may repeat the course if the topics are different for a maximum of nine semester hours. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor

SOCI-4395 Senior Thesis
Students will conduct research on a topic of their choice and produce a written thesis under the supervision of at least two tenured or tenure-track members the Trinity University faculty, at least one of whom must hold a Ph.D. in Sociology. To graduate with honors in the major, students must enroll in this course in each of their last two
semesters at Trinity. Students should contact the chairperson of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology for more information about procedures to follow for writing a senior thesis. (Offered every semester.) Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and Senior standing.

**Anthropology Courses - Lower Division**

**ANTH-1301 Introduction to Anthropology**
Variation in human thought and behavior is viewed in diverse cultural settings. The anthropological perspective on sociocultural processes at work in contemporary societies is presented. (Offered every semester.)

**ANTH-1304 Introduction to Classical Archaeology**
An introduction to the history of archaeological activity in the Mediterranean and archaeological theory and field techniques. Course will also examine major sites and monuments of ancient Greece and Rome. (Also listed as CLAS 1304.)

**ANTH-1305 Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology**
Introduction to the methods and theories of prehistoric archaeology and the study of the origin and development of culture beginning with the earliest evidence and including the rise of complex societies known as civilizations in the Old and New Worlds. (Offered every year.)

**ANTH-1309 Pirates, Merchants, and Marines: Seafaring in the Ancient Mediterranean**
This course explores how human relations with the sea affected the social, economic, military, political, and technological aspects of life in the ancient Mediterranean littoral. Evidence includes hulls and cargoes of shipwrecks, harbor-works, inscriptions, graffiti, wall paintings and mosaics, literary texts, and gravestones. A central focus will be an introduction to the methodology and technologies of archaeology, but the subject matter of this course and the nature of the discipline of maritime archaeology incorporate methodologies and substance also from the fields of Anthropology, Ethnography, Physical Sciences, Engineering, Art History, History and Geography. (Also listed as CLAS 1309.)

**ANTH-2310 Human Evolution**
Human evolution studied through fossil and archaeological evidence; description and explanation of modern human biological variation; and the study of non-human primates in order to develop perspectives on the human capacity for culture. (Offered every year.)

**ANTH-2339 Health, Illness, and Society**
This course introduces students to medical anthropology and the sociology of health and illness. The course focuses on 1) factors influencing morbidity/mortality and health/well-being and the forces conditioning the uneven distribution of these states; 2) cross-cultural experiences and meanings of health and illness; 3) the wide range of strategies, techniques, and ways of knowing, apprehending, treating, and preventing sickness, of which contemporary biomedicine is but one. (Offered every Fall.) (Also listed as SOCI 2339.)
ANTH-2340 Seeds of Change: Food Commodities of the Nineteenth Century
This course will spend the semester focusing on food commodities of the 1800s to provide insight into the cultural traditions, politics, working conditions, social class, gender, and racial tensions the 19th century. Many of these edible goods have deep histories beginning in prehistoric times, which come to a head during the 19th and early 20th century when they become major food commodities on the world market. In this course, we will use a wide array of literature from anthropology, history, and food studies to examine how food commodities are a reflection of the revolutionary and tumultuous times of the nineteenth century, and will reveal the daily life of their producers, traders, and consumers.

ANTH-2357 Humans and the Environment
The seminar will analyze humans’ relationship with the natural environment. It will first focus on cultural adaptation to natural resources, with case studies drawn from African foragers, South American gardeners, and Asian farmers. The course will also analyze the effects of contemporary development, focusing on the destruction of the rainforest. The class will try to create new models for development from indigenous peoples' use of tropical resources. (Offered every year.)

ANTH-2401 The Anthropological Imagination
This course provides students a comprehensive understanding of anthropology as an academic discipline, focusing on anthropologists and what they do. Rather than read a text or abstract debates, the class studies specific anthropologists and the classic ethnographies they wrote concerning non-Western cultures, looking at how each work was shaped by the particular life and time of the author. Classic studies will be chosen from each of the major periods in anthropology’s history: from functionalism and structuralism to more recent work in Marxist, feminist, and interpretive anthropology. (Offered Every Spring.)

Anthropology Courses - Upper Division

ANTH-3327 Race in America
A study of relations between dominant and subaltern racial groups in the United States and other American republics. Special attention will be paid to the social construction of racial categories and the ways in which societies are stratified on the basis of nationality and racial group membership. The evolving dynamics of race relations will be considered with regard to matters of power, prestige, immigration, citizenship, and identity-formation. Various forms of contemporary racism and means of combating them will also be examined. (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in SOCI, ANTH, or PLSI.

ANTH-3428 Gender Transgressions
What does it mean to transgress gender rules? This class charts the range of gender transgressions in contemporary society, with attention to drag, intersex, and transgender practices and identities. It explores how gender transgressive individuals operate within existing social institutions, such as work and the family, and covers theories of gender performance. (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: Any one of the following courses: Any lower division SOCI course, ANTH 1301, WAGS 2310, 2350, 2351, or 2352. Or consent of instructor.
ANTH-3329 Sexuality and Society
An investigation of the social construction and regulation of sexuality across cultures and through time. This perspective on sexuality look at social, rather than biological or personal, explanations for how human sexuality is practiced. Specific topics may include queer studies, queer communities, and HIV/AIDS in society. (Also listed as SOCI 3329)(Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in Sociology or Anthropology

ANTH-3331 Language, Culture, and Society
Students will analyze the functions of language in everyday life in various cultures, including the role of language in the social production and reproduction of power relations, stratification, gender roles, the formation of racial and ethnic identities, and in the process of social change. (Also listed as SOCI 3331.) (Offered occasionally.)

ANTH-3335 Pre-Columbian Art of Mesoamerica
This course is a survey of the art of the ancient peoples of Mesoamerica. It will examine the art of a variety of major groups, including the Olmec, the Maya, the Toltec, the Zapotec, the Mixtec, and the Aztec, as well as other indigenous peoples of Western Mexico and the Gulf Coast. (Also listed as ARTH 3335.) (Offered every other year.)

ANTH-3343 Relaciones Fronterzas Mexico-Estados Unidos (bilingue)
In this seminar we will examine a variety of social, cultural, political, and economic phenomena that characterize the Mexico-United States border region. Includes an optional overnight excursion to communities located on the international boundary itself. This course is part of Spanish across the Curriculum component of Trinity University's International Studies Program. It is conducted bilingually in Spanish and English, i.e. in both languages of the Mexico-U.S. border region. Competence in speaking, reading, writing, and listening in both Spanish and English is a requirement for participation in the course. (Also listed as LAC 3343 and SOCI 3343)(Offered occasionally.) Prerequisites: Completion of SPAN 2302 or equivalent Spanish competence

ANTH-3345 International Issues in Health and the Environment
This course explores social factors, such as inequality and power, in creating environmental conditions that affect global health, focusing on marginalized regions and people. Case studies will explore historical colonization and urbanization and control of natural resources, in their degradation of the environment, effects of climate change, and risks to human and environmental health. (Also listed as ANTH 3345)(Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in SOCI or ANTH.

ANTH-3445 Understanding Refugees
An interdisciplinary study of the refugee experience from global and local perspectives. The course will examine how the human rights of refugees are understood from the points of view of international law, humanitarian institutions, and of refugees themselves. The ways in which refugees negotiate the trauma of the past and the demands of everyday life in cities in their host countries will also be examined. Includes a directed field research experience. (Also listed as URBS 3445 and SOCI 3445). (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH, SOCI, or URBS.

ANTH-3446 Punishment and Society
While much of criminology is concerned with understanding why people commit crime, this course focuses on society's response to crime. As such, the course is an introduction to the ways social scientists measure, think about, and theorize punishment. It introduces students to the American model of criminal punishment, contextualizes the American system internationally, and critically analyzes concepts of punishment generally. (Also listed as ANTH 3446.) (Offered every Spring.)

ANTH-3348 Death and Dying

A critical overview of the social and cultural sources of humanity's outlooks and practices toward dying and the dead. Beginning with historical and cross-cultural analyses of death systems, the course proceeds to develop sociologically the roles of religion, philosophy, psychology, science, politics, and medicine in shaping orientations toward war, abortion, suicide, environmental destruction, organ transplants, euthanasia, funerary ritual, and capital punishment. It concludes with analyses of the experiences of those who die and those who survive. (Also listed as SOCI 3348) (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: Junior standing (includes rising juniors.)

ANTH-3448 Modern South Asia: India, Pakistan, and Beyond

This interdisciplinary course explores the historical, cultural, and political terrain of modern South Asia, a region that includes India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: PLSI 1331 or at least 3 hours completed in ANTH.

ANTH-3349 Globalization and Social Change

Study of the relationship between economic development and social change at the international level. Examines the rise of capitalism as a global mode of production and its impact on local cultures in the contemporary period. Special attention paid to the rise of transnational communities and grassroots movements for social justice. (Also listed as SOCI 3349) (Offered every other year.) Prerequisites: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH, ECON, PLSI, or SOCI

ANTH-3452 Global Cities: Africa, Asia, and the Americas

This course offers theoretical and empirical tools for the study of urban processes in Asia, Africa, and the Americas. It examines the major problems of housing and infrastructure confronting cities in these regions and emphasizes the role of globalization in urban transformation. (Offered every other year). (Also listed as URBS 3452) Prerequisite: URBS 1310 or at least 3 hours completed in ANTH.


This course is an interdisciplinary introduction to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It examines the biological, historical, sociocultural, political, economic, ethical, and technological dimensions of the current epidemic, drawing from work in anthropology, sociology, the history of science/medicine, philosophy, epidemiology, and public health. (Offered every other Spring.) (Also listed as SOCI 3355.) Prerequisites: At least 3 hours completed in SOCI or ANTH.

ANTH-3356 Seminar on the Ancient Maya

This course surveys the culture of the ancient Maya, including material culture, as well as mythology, calendrics, art, and writing. It will cover several ancient Maya sites in depth, as well as the contact period and the contemporary Maya. (Offered every other year.)
ANTH-3159 Social Research Skills Workshop
A hands-on workshop integrating new research methods with emerging social scientific software. Attention will be given to the analysis of qualitative, quantitative, and spatial data using computer software, along with developing research skills in interviewing, survey collection, and creating databases. Must be taken concurrently with ANTH 3359. (Also listed as SOCI 3159.) (Offered every Fall.) Prerequisite: At least 6 hours completed in SOCI and/or ANTH.

ANTH-3359 Social Research Design
An introduction to the basic research techniques used in the social sciences with an emphasis on research design, data collection, and analysis. This course will include an overview of common methods within the social sciences, including ethnography, qualitative interviews, secondary data analysis, content analysis, and survey methods. ANTH 3159 must be take concurrently. (Also listed as SOCI 3359)(Offered every Fall.) Prerequisite: At least 6 hours completed in SOCI and/or ANTH.

ANTH-3460 Research Methods: Applied Social Statistics
This course provides a hands-on approach for learning how to undertake quantitative social research focused on the design and completion of a semester long research project. A variety of statistical tools are addressed, including descriptive statistics, tests of significance, linear regression, and correlation. The course goals emphasize writing and rewriting, learning how to formulate and test research hypotheses, and understanding how to present results in an accurate and effective manner. (Also listed as SOCI 3460 and URBS 3460)(Offered every Spring.) Prerequisite: ANTH 3369 or SOCI 3359.

ANTH-3461 Research Methods: Fieldwork
This course provides a hands-on approach for learning how to undertake qualitative research through fieldwork, focused on the design and completion of a semester long research project. The course goals emphasize survey and interview techniques, writing and rewriting, and understanding how to present results in an accurate and effective manner. (Also listed as SOCI 3461). (Offered every Spring.) Prerequisite: ANTH/SOCI 3359.

ANTH-3464 Morality in the Marketplace
The course explores rationality and morality in economic relations from a cross-cultural perspective. Lectures and readings will draw on neoclassical, Marxist, and cultural ecological models and case studies in Southeast Asia and Latin America. In addition to analyzing tribal and peasant economies, this course will study theories of global economic development. In addition to 3 credit hours of lecture and discussion, this course will include a 1 credit hour tutorial in anthropological research and writing. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH.

ANTH-3365 Research Methods: GIS
This course provides a hands-on approach for learning how to undertake spatial social research focused on the design and completion of a semester-long research project. Spatial tools introduced emphasize geographic information systems. The course goals include map making and the integration of information technology and cartography. (Also listed as URBS/SOCI 3365). (Offered every year.) Prerequisite: ANTH 3359 or SOCI 3359.
ANTH-3466 Anthropological Forensics
This course is a broad overview of anthropological forensics, and will include laboratory projects in which students catalogue human remains, determining age, sex, ancestry, and stature of a laboratory collection of human bones. Specific attention is paid to forensics and human rights, forensic case studies, and techniques such as forensic entomology and dental ontology. Students should be prepared for a strenuous workload, including extensive readings, oral presentations, a major research paper, laboratory reports, and a significant amount of independent lab work. Meets 4 hours per week. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: ANTH 2310.

ANTH-3367 South American Indigenous Peoples: Conquest and Development
The impact of colonialism and development on tropical forest and Andean Indian societies in South America with emphasis on the influence of native social and cultural systems in these groups’ relations with national societies and international economies. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH.

ANTH-3368 Anthropological Ethics
This course will analyze ethical case studies and their ramifications in socio-cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, and archeology. Case studies will range from historical incidents that shaped the ethics of current anthropology to ethical dilemmas of practitioners in the field today. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: At least 3 hours completed in ANTH.

ANTH-3-91 Anthropology Special Topics
Occasional courses will be offered on current events or desired topics that students bring to the attention of the Department Chair. A student may repeat this course if the topics are different. A maximum of nine semester hours can be taken in 3-91 and 3-94. (Offered occasionally.)

ANTH-3-71 Anthropology Internship
Fieldwork experience in a setting arranged and approved by the student, professor, and agency selected. Supervision and guidance must be provided in the field and contact with the professor must be maintained. A student may repeat the course for a maximum of six semester hours. This course is taken Pass/Fail. Prerequisites: Consent of Instructor.

ANTH-3-72 Archaeological Practicum
Participation in an approved excavation in the Mediterranean world, Western Europe, or the Near East. Students will be expected to receive instruction in excavation techniques and in the recording and study of the site and the material. Two weeks' work will normally be counted as equivalent to 1 credit, up to a maximum of 3 credits. (Also listed as CLAS 4-72.) (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor.

ANTH-3-73 Archaeological Fieldwork
Fieldwork experience in a setting arranged and approved by the student, professor, and agency selected. Supervision and guidance must be provided in the field. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor.

ANTH-3-90 Anthropology Independent Study
Individual research in selected areas. A student may repeat the course for a maximum of six semester hours. A project proposal must be submitted to and approved by the professor supervising the research prior to registration. Prerequisites: Consent of Instructor.

ANTH-3-94 Seminar
Topics will vary as necessitated by student interest. A student may repeat the course if the topics are different for a maximum of nine semester hours. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor.

ANTH-4354 Seminar on Primatology
Advanced study of human evolution, ecological conservation, and culture and behavior by investigation of humans’ closest living relatives, the non-human primates. Includes completion of a research project involving primate observation and original data collection about primate behavior. (Offered every other year.) Prerequisite: ANTH 2310.

ANTH-4-72 Archaeological Practicum
Participation in an approved excavation in the Mediterranean world, Western Europe, or the Near East. Students will be expected to receive instruction in excavation techniques and in the recording and study of the site and the material. Two weeks’ work will normally be counted as equivalent to 1 credit, up to a maximum of 3 credits. (Also listed as CLAS 4-72.) (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor

ANTH-4394 Seminar
Topics will vary as necessitated by student interest. A student may repeat the course if the topics are different for a maximum of nine semester hours. (Offered occasionally.) Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor.

ANTH-4395 Senior Thesis
Students will conduct research on a topic of their choice and produce a written thesis under the supervision of at least two tenured or tenure-track members of the Trinity University faculty, at least one of whom must hold a Ph.D. in Anthropology. To graduate with honors in the major, students must enroll in this course in each of their last two semesters at Trinity. Students should contact the chairperson of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology for more information about procedures to follow for writing a senior thesis. (Offered every semester.) Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and Senior standing.