

Cultural Anthropology, BA (Boston)

Anthropology is the holistic, cross-cultural study of humanity that explores the multiple ways humans live and create meaning in the world. At Northeastern University, the sociology and anthropology departments specialize in cultural anthropology and social anthropology—the relationship of culture to the institutions, relationships, and practices of everyday life that make up social structures.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Cultural Anthropology Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Cultural Anthropology		
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
ANTH 3410	Ethnographic Field Experience	4
ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory	4
ANTH 4600	Senior Seminar	4
or ANTH 4100	Making Anthropology Public	
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
Advanced Area Courses		
Complete two area courses in the range ANTH 4101 and ANTH 4520 not used to satisfy another requirement		8
Anthropology Electives		
Complete six ANTH courses not used to fulfill other requirements. Two study-abroad courses may count toward this requirement with prior permission from the department.		24

Cultural Anthropology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 across all major courses is required.

Cultural Anthropology Major Credit Requirement

Complete 56 semester hours in the major.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer Second Half/Fall**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 1000		1 ANTH 2305		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ANTH 1101		4 SOCL 1101		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 ANTH Elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4					
	17		16		8		8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 3410		4 EESH 2000		1 Elective		4 Co-op	0
ANTH 3421		4 ANTH elective		4 Elective		4	
ANTH elective		4 ANTH area course		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	16		17		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 Anth area course		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
		ANTH elective		4 Elective		4	
		ANTH elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 ANTH 4600		4			
		ANTH elective		4			
		ANTH elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16				

Total Hours: 130

Five Years, Three Co-ops in Summer Second Half/Fall

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 1000		1 SOCL 1101		4 Vacation		Vacation	
ANTH 1101		4 Anthropology elective		4			
Social science elective		4 ENGW 1111		4			
Elective		4 MATH 1215		4			
Elective		4					
	17		16		0		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 2300		4 Social science elective		4 Vacation		Co-op	0
Foreign language core course		4 Foreign language core course		4			
Social science elective		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4 Anthropology elective		4			
		EESH 2000		1			
	16		17		0		0

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 Advanced area ANTH 4500–ANTH 4515		4 ANTH 2305		4 Co-op	0
		Anthropology elective		4 Elective		4	
		ENGW 3315		4			
		Foreign language core course		4			
	0			16		8	0

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 Advanced area ANTH 4500–ANTH 4515		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
		Anthropology elective		4 Elective		4	
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16		8		0

Year 5

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 ANTH 4600	4
		Elective	4
		Anthropology elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 130