Department of Anthropology and Sociology

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The Department of Anthropology and Sociology offers two programs leading to the bachelor of arts degree.

- **The B.A. in Anthropology**
  Anthropology is the study of humankind in all of its diversity, paying equal attention to the biological and cultural aspects of being human in the past and in the present. Anthropology majors take courses in each of the four overlapping sub-disciplines: archaeology, biological anthropology, linguistics, and socio-cultural anthropology; minors take courses in at least two sub-disciplines. Archaeology is the study of the ancient and recent human past through biological and material remains; biological anthropology examines human biological variation and its evolution over time; linguistic anthropology focuses on the bio-cultural aspects of language and communication; and, socio-cultural anthropology is the study of cultural patterns and their expression through ideas, beliefs, norms, values, interactions, worldviews, and behavior.

  Students in the anthropology program have the option to concentrate their coursework in the areas of archaeology, biological/medical anthropology, museum studies, or ethnographic study to prepare for a variety of jobs, including possible careers in archaeology and preservation; conservation work; consulting and market research; global health and nutrition; museum work; or the tourism and heritage industry. Students completing an anthropology degree are also well prepared for graduate school in anthropology or related fields.

- **The B.A. in Sociology**
  Focuses on the scientific study of society, social life, social change, and human behavior. Students develop the knowledge and skills needed to understand the influence of social forces on human development and action, the workings of society and its components, reasons that societies change in some ways while staying the same in others, and the causes and effects of social power and inequality. Courses examine the influence of social contexts like culture, politics, the economy, and the environment; social processes like socialization, stratification, urbanization, conflict, and change; social structures and statuses like class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality; and social institutions like the family, education, healthcare, religion, the workplace, and mass media. Students develop a foundation in quantitative and qualitative research methods, including digital approaches, as well as classical and contemporary theories for investigating the social world, preparing them for work in many professional fields. Further, students have opportunities to gain real-world experience through participation in original research and data analysis, experiential learning, community engagement, internships, and study abroad. Because sociology unifies multiple disciplines, the B.A. in Sociology prepares students for work and further studies in areas such as education, public policy, social and human services, criminal justice and victim advocacy, urban affairs, community organizing, legal and health professions, social science research, and more.

**Minor Programs**

Students may minor in anthropology or sociology. A minimum of 18 credits is required, including 9 credits of required courses and 9 credits of electives. Students may take either of these minors as one of the minors in the B.A. in Liberal Studies - Arts and Humanities or B.S. in Liberal Studies - Professional Studies programs.

**Programs**

**Majors in Anthropology and Sociology**

- B.A. in Anthropology (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/sciences-mathematics/anthropology-sociology/anthropology-ba)
- B.A. in Sociology (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/sciences-mathematics/anthropology-sociology/sociology-ba)

**Minors in Anthropology and Sociology**

- Anthropology (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/sciences-mathematics/anthropology-sociology/anthropology-minor)
- Sociology (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/sciences-mathematics/anthropology-sociology/sociology-minor)

**Graduate Opportunities**

See the graduate catalog for more information on the Anthropology and Sociology programs. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/sciences-mathematics/anthropology-sociology)

**Policies**

- See undergraduate admissions information. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions)
- See academic policies. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures)

All undergraduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the undergraduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

**Faculty**

**Professors**

- Susan L. Johnston (sjohnston@wcupa.edu) (2001)
- B.A., University of Pennsylvania; B.S., Hahnemann University; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
- Paul Stoller (pstoller@wcupa.edu) (1980)
- B.A., University of Pittsburgh; M.S., Georgetown University; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin
- Heather Wholey (hwholey@wcupa.edu) (2005)
- Chairperson, Anthropology and Sociology
- B.A., State University of New York at Albany; M.A., Ph.D., Catholic University of America

**Associate Professors**

- Miguel Ceballos (mceballos@wcupa.edu) (2012)
- Director, Ethnic Studies Program
- B.A., University of California, Berkeley; M.A., University of Texas at Austin; M.S., Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison
- Valerian Desousa (vdesousa@wcupa.edu) (2008)
- Assistant Chairperson, Anthropology and Sociology
- B.A., Bombay University; M.A., Xavier Labour Relations Institute (India); Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
Gen Ed Attribute: Foreign Language Culture Cluster, Spanish Culture Cluster.

This course will introduce the student to the study of native peoples of South America after the European contact. Geographically, the course will cover the cultural characteristics, similarities, and differences among South American natives including the Amazonia.

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Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
ANT 326. Cultures & Peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa. 3 Credits.
Examination of the cultures and societies of Black Africa.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 326 requires prerequisite of ANT 102.
Typically offered in Spring.

ANT 327. Cultures & Peoples of India. 3 Credits.
Provides a broad understanding of India using a framework that examines the intersection of culture and society, economy, politics, and art and literature.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 327 requires prerequisite of ANT 102.
Typically offered in Spring.

ANT 329. Problems in Ethnology. 3 Credits.
Survey of the ethnographic literature pertaining to specific geographic regions. Area of focus to be announced in advance.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 329 requires prerequisite of ANT 102.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

ANT 340. Folklore in Society. 3 Credits.
Survey of basic American folklore genres. Emphasis on folklore as process, tradition, and as an element of culture.
Typically offered in Fall.

ANT 344. Magic, Religion & Witchcraft. 3 Credits.
An analysis of supernatural and ritual in both tribal and civil society.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 344 requires prerequisite of ANT 102.
Typically offered in Fall.

ANT 347. The Cultures of Cities. 3 Credits.
This seminar introduces students to the cultural dynamics of city life in the era of globalization.
Topics of study include globalization, the politics of urban space, informal economies, and immigration.
Gen Ed Attribute: Diversity Requirement.
Typically offered in Spring.

ANT 348. Dimensions of Ethnographic Film/Video. 3 Credits.
This course will introduce students to the study of ethnographic film/video. Topics to be considered include visual anthropology, ethnographic representation, and film theory.
Typically offered in Fall.

ANT 352. Cultural Heritage: Creating and Preserving the Past. 3 Credits.
What is cultural heritage, and how do societies remember, preserve, and transmit it? This seminar-style class explores the history and politics of cultural heritage and conservation movements, examining the ways in which ‘patrimonial’ heritage is used to create or contest cultural identities across the world. Through case studies, we will discuss why tangible and intangible heritage stir such emotion among diverse peoples, mobilizing political organizations, NGOs, tourists, museums, tomb raiders, and even armies to celebrate, protect, loot, commodify, efface, contest, and even go to war over artifacts and practices rooted in the past.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 352 requires prerequisite of ANT 102 or ANT 103, or permission of instructor.
Typically offered in Fall.

ANT 360. Historical Archaeology. 3 Credits.
Historical research through archaeology. Chester County is emphasized through local research projects.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 360 requires prerequisite or co-requisite of ANT 103.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

ANT 362. Archaeology of Central America. 3 Credits.
The archaeological record of Central America, covering the significant features of each culture area from modern Mexico to Panama.
Gen Ed Attribute: Foreign Language Culture Cluster, Spanish Culture Cluster.
Typically offered in Spring.

ANT 364. Archaeology of Ancient North America. 3 Credits.
A survey of North American prehistory from the earliest inhabitants to the time of European colonization. Covers all culture areas but with an emphasis on the Eastern woodlands.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 364 requires prerequisite of ANT 103.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.
Typically offered in Fall.

ANT 366. Archaeological Lab Methods. 3 Credits.
An overview of analytical methods used to process, describe and interpret archaeological materials. Emphasis on practical hands-on laboratory research through the implementation of qualitative observation and quantitative methodologies.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 366 requires prerequisite of ANT 103.
Typically offered in Fall.

ANT 367. Archaeology and the Environment. 3 Credits.
In this course students will learn about how archaeologists study the relationships between human culture and the natural world, and how archaeology can be applied to some of today’s environmental concerns. Grounded in archaeological research, the course covers topics such as past human impacts on the environment, environmental impacts on the archaeological record, spatial modeling and remote sensing in archaeology, and human ecology, including the role of cultural memory in current conservation practices.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 367 requires prerequisite of ANT 103.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

ANT 368. Archaeological Field School. 3-6 Credits.
Application of archaeological recovery techniques through field investigation. Students participate in the gathering, processing and study of archaeological site data.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 368 requires prerequisite ANT 103.
Typically offered in Summer.

ANT 375. Ethnographic Field School. 3-6 Credits.
This is an anthropological field school in which students gain in-depth, hands-on training and experience in conducting qualitative ethnographic research at a fieldsite, and is intended to provide students with instruction in multiple ethnographic methods and procedures as they design and carry out their own research project. In the course of their research, students will familiarize themselves with relevant social theories and will be given an intensive and interactive look at the culture and history of the people at their research site.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 375 requires prerequisite of ANT 102.
Typically offered in Summer.
Repeatable for Credit.

ANT 405. Topical Seminar in Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Selected topics in the subdisciplines of anthropology. Topics announced in advance.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 405 requires: juniors and seniors only.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

ANT 410. Independent Studies in Anthropology. 1-3 Credits.
Special research projects, reports, and readings in anthropology.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 410 requirement: Permission of department chairperson; juniors and seniors only.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
Repeatable for Credit.

ANT 420. Anthropology Internship. 3 Credits.
This internship is intended to augment student learning through practical professional experiences. Students intern will gain exposure to contemporary anthropological practice outside the classroom and will be provided an opportunity to acquire new skills, develop professional contacts, and gain first-hand knowledge of potential workplaces. The internship program is designed to enhance student preparedness for a future in their area of interest within the discipline while exploring potential workforce matches. Internships can be within any of the subfields of anthropology and will vary according to student interests and the needs and opportunities of the sponsoring organization.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 420 requires prerequisite of ANT 102, at least 80 semester hours of college credit, an additional 12 hours in courses in the anthropology program, and a minimum 2.3 GPA in anthropology and overall.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
Repeatable for Credit.

ANT 459. History of Ethnological Theory. 3 Credits.
Development of ethnological theory with emphasis on the nature of explanation in ethnology.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 459 requires six hours in ethnology and junior or senior standing.
Typically offered in Fall.
ANT 495. Senior Seminar in Anthropology. 3 Credits.
Discussion and supervised research designed to integrate conceptual and methodological skills. The research paper for the seminar must be acceptable as a required departmental senior research paper.
Pre / Co requisites: ANT 495 requires senior anthropology majors only.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC

SOC 200. Introduction to Sociology. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of the sociological perspective on human behavior.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

SOC 225. Digital Social Research. 3 Credits.
An introduction to digital data and the scientific research methods used to study the digital social realm, with an emphasis on the opportunities, challenges, and ethics of using digital data to examine social life. This course is especially suitable for students in the social sciences, health sciences, communication studies, and business fields.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 225 requires a prerequisite of MAT 103 or higher.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 240. Sociology of the Family. 3 Credits.
Comparative, historical, and cross-cultural analysis of the family institution.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 245. Environmental Sociology. 3 Credits.
Human society is currently threatening the environmental resources necessary to maintain life on Earth. This course unravels the deeper roots of our environmental crises and investigates potential solutions from a domestic and global perspective. Through lecture, films, and discussion we will focus on the interplay between social theories, social structure, social institutions, social inequality, social stratification, and the environment. Themes in this course will emphasize how culture shapes environmental processes and everyday life; articulate demographic theoretical perspectives of population growth; examine the social structure of society to better understand the social dynamics of environmental processes; and analyze environmental inequality along the bases of social class, gender, and race/ethnicity. This course is an introduction to the field, suitable for both majors and non-majors with interest in environmental issues and society.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 300. Sociological Theory. 3 Credits.
Historical development of the sociological perspective on human behavior, with emphasis on the perennial issues in sociological explanation.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 300 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 302. Sociology of Everyday Life. 3 Credits.
How people interact in everyday settings, examined from the dramaturgical perspectives of Goffman, Douglas, Burke, and others.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 302 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Summer.

SOC 321. Statistics in Sociological Research. 3 Credits.
The application of statistical methods to sociological hypothesis testing.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 321 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 322. Methods of Sociological Research. 3 Credits.
The logic of social research. Fundamentals of research design, data collection and reduction, and nonstatistical analysis.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 322 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 333. Self and Society. 3 Credits.
A symbolic interactionist perspective on social psychology which focuses on the self in social interaction.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 333 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall.

SOC 335. Racial and Cultural Minorities. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the implications of racial differences, the factors affecting prejudice and discrimination, and structural aspects of group conflicts.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 335 requires a prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall.

SOC 340. Sociology of Work. 3 Credits.
Survey of work theory, history of work in America, inequalities at work, and the contingencies in work today.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 340 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 341. Social Stratification. 3 Credits.
Analysis of inequalities in wealth, power, and prestige in contemporary societies.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 341 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 342. Urban Sociology. 3 Credits.
A descriptive study of the form and development of the urban community with respect to demographic structure, spatial and temporal patterns, and functional organization.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 342 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 343. Sociology of Organizations. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the social structure in small groups and formal organizations and an examination of organizational change with an emphasis on bureaucracy and markets.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 343 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall.

SOC 344. Sociology of Religion. 3 Credits.
Theoretical analysis of social functions of religion, the history and internal structure of religious institutions, and their relationship to other institutions.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 344 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 345. Sociology of Education. 3 Credits.
Sociological dimensions of educational institutions.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 345 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 346. Sociology of Gender. 3 Credits.
Analysis and evaluation of sociological research on sex roles.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 346 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall.

SOC 349. Perspectives on Mental Illness. 3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary examination of mental disorders - their definition, cause, and treatment.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 349 requires a prerequisite of SOC 200.
Gen Ed Attribute: Interdisciplinary Requirement.
Typically offered in Fall.

SOC 350. Sociology of Mental Illness. 3 Credits.
A sociological perspective on mental disorders.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 350 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 351. Deviance. 3 Credits.
Causes and consequences of the construction and violation of social norms.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 351 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 360. Sociology of Culture. 3 Credits.
An exploration of the meaning and significance of culture in sociology, with an emphasis on the cultural context of social change.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 360 requires a prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 361. Sociology of Medicine. 3 Credits.
A sociological perspective on health, illness, and medical care.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 361 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall.

SOC 362. Sexuality in Society. 3 Credits.
The social dimensions of human sexuality.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 362 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.
SOC 364. Sociology of Aging. 3 Credits.
An examination of the problems, adaptations, and contributions of the aging population.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 364 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 366. Gender, Labor and Globalization. 3 Credits.
Sociological and feminist analysis of global labor issues such as immigration, citizenship, motherhood, childcare, emotional labor, guest workers, commodification, and exploitation.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 366 requires a prerequisite of SOC 200 or permission of instructor.
Typically offered in Fall.
Cross listed courses SOC 366, WOS 366.

SOC 369. Social Movements. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the study of social movements, both historical and contemporary.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 369 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 370. Social Problems. 3 Credits.
Analysis of current social disorders: urban unrest, racial tension, poverty, addictions, crime, and mental illness.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 370 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SOC 371. Applied Social Change. 3 Credits.
Strategy and tactics of planning and guiding change in small and large-scale social systems.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 371 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 372. Globalization Across Societies and Cultures. 3 Credits.
This course draws from sociological and related theories to examine globalization as part of a larger historical process that is reshaping the global economic system and changing the role and power of nation states. We examine the mass migration of people in response to changing labor markets, the formation of new global diasporas, the emergence of a global cultural order marked by hybridity and creolization, and how globalization is experienced as a complex process in which people participate and respond in ways that shape, resist, absorb, or avoid globalization.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 372 requires prerequisite SOC 200 or permission of instructor.
Typically offered in Fall.

SOC 383. The Digital Self. 3 Credits.
A symbolic interactionist perspective on self development and self presentation in the digital age.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 383 requires prerequisites of SOC 200.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Spring & Summer.

SOC 401. Social Change. 3 Credits.
Critique of the leading models of social order and change; analysis of major transformation in Western civilization.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 401 requires prerequisite of SOC 200.

SOC 402. Sociology Internship. 1-3 Credits.
In an approved internship, students will gain practical experience and develop skills in professional roles while exploring potential workforce matches. Internships also provide opportunities to develop mentoring relationships, professional contacts, and they enhance student preparedness for a future in their area of interest.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 402 requires prerequisites of SOC 200, 80 credits earned, 9 credits in Sociology beyond SOC 200, a cumulative GPA of 2.5, and a cumulative GPA in sociology courses of 3.0.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

SOC 410. Issues in Sociological Thought. 3 Credits.
Analysis of several of the key philosophical issues underlying sociological thought.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 410 requires prerequisite of SOC 300.
Typically offered in Spring.

SOC 490. Independent Studies in Sociology. 1-3 Credits.
Individual research projects, reports, and/or readings.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 490 prerequisite: Seniors only.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
Repeatable for Credit.

SOC 491. Topical Seminar in Sociology. 3 Credits.
Special topics in theory or methodology. Topics announced in advance.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 491 requirement: Permission of instructor; juniors and seniors only.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Repeatable for Credit.

SOC 492. Senior Seminar in Sociology. 3 Credits.
Preparation of senior research paper.
Pre / Co requisites: SOC 492 requirement: Senior sociology majors only.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.