

# Undergraduate Anthropology

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Science in Anthropology
- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

## Anthropology at SIUE

The anthropology program at SIUE is offered through the Department of Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences. At SIUE, the anthropology program emphasizes real-world applications of anthropology, with expertise in community engagement, sustainability, globalization issues, cultural resources and heritage, museology, bioarchaeology, and forensic anthropology. Anthropology develops knowledge of and respect for the biological and cultural diversity of humankind. At SIUE, our students conduct independent research, travel internationally, participate in field work, complete internships and are involved in anthropology-related student organizations and honor societies.

## Fields of Anthropology

- Archaeology - the study of past human cultures through artifacts and physical remains
- Biological - the study of human biological adaptations and evolution
- Cultural - the study of present human cultures and societies
- Linguistic - the study of human languages
- Applied - application of anthropological knowledge, theories, and methods to solving real world needs and problems

## Career Opportunities

Students graduating with a bachelor's degree in anthropology find employment in secondary education, private business and industry, cultural resources management, contract archaeology, environmental studies, museums, health and human services, nongovernmental organizations, and legal and government agencies. Many students will go on to pursue graduate and doctoral level degrees, leading to careers in university-level teaching, basic and applied research, or museum-affiliated work. Due to the diversity of subjects and methods in anthropology, students frequently combine anthropology with other disciplines such as history, sociology, geography, earth science, biology, psychology, medicine, law, and the arts. These interdisciplinary approaches enable students to better understand issues in local and international communities in order to expand their opportunities for rewarding careers.

## Hands-On Learning

At SIUE, our students are regularly involved in experiential learning opportunities. Students in the program conduct supervised research and fieldwork projects, participate in internships, train in museum work in conjunction with our Ethnology Museum Laboratory, and are involved in various community projects. Students at SIUE have received funding for their research projects and have award-winning academic work. The SIUE Anthropology Lab houses resources for preparation and analysis of archaeological artifacts and skeletal remains. Students can develop experiences in local field schools in archaeology, biological anthropology, and ethnography. International travel study experiences can also be incorporated into independent studies or research projects.

## Global Experience

The Department of Anthropology encourages its students to explore anthropology beyond the campus. Opportunities for our students include travel studies led by faculty, such as the anthropology department's ethnographic field school. Anthropology faculty in the past have taken student groups to Costa Rica, Suriname, South Africa and Ghana. Anthropology students have also taken advantage of courses led by faculty from other departments to countries such as Great Britain, Italy and Turkey.

Students can also pursue individual travel opportunities through the SIUE Study Abroad office. Recent students have chosen to study abroad in New Zealand and Thailand, but opportunities are available on virtually every continent. The best time to study abroad is in the junior year, but students can discuss destination and scheduling options with their faculty mentors.

We encourage students who study abroad or take international field schools to integrate these experiences into their senior assignment projects. These opportunities provide the foundation for a uniquely rich senior capstone experience.

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College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Anthropology



## Faculty

**Sasikumar Balasundaram, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor*

Cultural Anthropology, Globalization, Sustainability  
2012, University of South Carolina

**Chad Huddleston, PhD**  
*Instructor*

Cultural Anthropology  
2009, University of Canterbury-New Zealand

**Michele Lorenzini, MA**  
*Instructor*

Archaeology, Cultural Resource Management  
1998, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Nancy Lutz, PhD**  
*Associate Professor*

Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology  
1986, University of California - Berkeley

**Corey Ragsdale, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor*

Biological Anthropology, Bioarchaeology, Forensic  
Anthropology  
2015, University of New Mexico - Albuquerque

**Jennifer Rehg, PhD**  
*Professor*

Biological Anthropology, Primatology  
2003, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Cory Willmott, PhD**  
*Professor*

Cultural Anthropology, Museum Studies, Native  
American Studies  
2001, McMaster University, Canada

**Julie A. Zimmermann, PhD**  
*Professor*

Archaeology, Zooarchaeology, Native American Studies  
2000, New York University

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# Sample Four-Year Curriculum

## Fall Semester

## Spring Semester

Year 1	<b>ANTH 111B</b> Human Culture and Communication (BSS, EGC, EUSC)	3	<b>ANTH 111A</b> Human Ancestry and Adaptation (BLS)	3
	ENG 101 Composition	3	ENG 102 Composition	3
	ACS 101 or 103 Oral Expression	3	RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation	3
	Breadth Humanities (BHUM)	3	QR 101 or MATH 150 or Higher	3
	Experience Health (EH)	3	Breadth Physical Science (BPS)	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15
Year 2	Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA)	3	ANTH Elective (cultural or linguistic)	3
	Breadth Info & Communication in Society (BICS)	3	Elective/Minor	3
	ANTH Elective (biological or archaeological)	3	Elective/Minor	3
	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15
<b>Summer (Year 2 or 3)</b>				
ANTH 473 or 474 or 475 Field School			6	
Total Credits			6	
Year 3	ANTH 300 Ethnographic Fieldwork	3	ANTH 360a Biological Method & Theory	3
	ANTH 301 Anthropology in Practice (BSS)	3	ANTH 360b Biological Lab	1
	Interdisciplinary Studies (IS)	3	ANTH 325 Archaeological Method & Theory	3
	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	13
Year 4	ANTH 490 a&b Senior Assignment	3	ANTH Elective/Internship/Independent Research	3
	Elective/Minor	3	ANTH Elective	3
	Elective/Minor	3	ANTH Elective	3
	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	2
	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
	Total Credits	12	Total Credits	14

**Transfer Students** To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer. Do satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at [siue.edu/transfer](http://siue.edu/transfer).

## Admission Requirements

- Complete all Academic Development courses required by the University
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete all specific program requirements.
- Complete all University requirements, including:
  - All general education requirements.
  - A minimum of 120 credit hours:
    - At least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE.
    - At least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited 4-year institution.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- An average GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in all anthropology courses.
- Bachelor of Arts only: one (1) year of the same foreign language.
- Bachelor of Science only: six (6) credits of field school.
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate.

## Contact Information

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