

Anthropology

Essentials

What anthropology degrees are there?

Anthropology
Anthropology and a Language (one from French, Italian or Spanish)
Anthropology and Cultural Studies
Anthropology and History
Anthropology and International Development

Geography and Anthropology (p77)
International Relations and Anthropology (p84)

See also

International development (p80)

What A levels/IB scores do I need?

(For other qualifications information, refer to pages 125-129)

Typical A level offer range: AAB-ABB

For Anthropology and a Language, A levels (or equivalent) must include the language you wish to study at grade B

Typical IB diploma offer range: 34-36 points

For Anthropology and a Language, 34-36 points normally including your chosen language at Higher Level with a final grade of 5

Fees

Refer to pages 137-138 for information on fees

English language requirements

IELTS 6.5 overall and not less than 6.0 in both the Listening and Writing sections. Internet-based TOEFL with 90 overall, including at least 24 in Speaking and 25 in Writing. For alternative English language requirements, refer to page 130

Foundation year for non-EU students

If your qualifications (including English language) do not yet meet our entry requirements for admission direct to the first year of these degree programmes, we offer an international foundation year entry route. Refer to pages 26 and 131 for details

How do I find out more?

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When can I visit?

Our Open Day dates for 2011 are 11 June and 8 October. We also run regular campus tours.

Please book online at **www.sussex.ac.uk/visitors** or call 01273 876787

Why anthropology?

Anthropologists study cultural and social diversity. Historically, they studied so-called 'small-scale' and 'traditional' societies. Increasingly, anthropologists are concerned with towns and cities in a modern and changing world.

Anthropologists collect information through participant observation – living in the societies they are studying for lengthy periods of time and learning their languages. This attention to close, detailed accounts of particular cases (known as ethnography) enables anthropologists to analyse and explain aspects of social change that may not be visible at the larger, or macro, level.

Although anthropology depends on the detailed study of specific cases, the issues we investigate are much broader and are concerned with understanding humans both as being created by, and as the creators of, culture and society.

Why anthropology at Sussex?

- Sussex is ranked among the top 15 universities in the UK for anthropology: 8th in *The Times Good University Guide 2011*, 8th in *The Complete University Guide 2010-11*, and 11th in *The Guardian University Guide 2011*.
- Rated 5th in the UK for research into social anthropology in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). 90 per cent of our research was rated as recognised internationally or higher, with over half rated as internationally excellent or higher, and one-quarter rated as world leading.
- Sussex has one of the largest anthropology departments in the UK covering anthropology across the globe and attracts applicants from around the world.
- Our research interests include religion and modernity; the impact of globalisation in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America; migration, development and social change; science and technology; and the politics of human rights.
- The Department is young and dynamic, and all members of faculty are research active. All teaching is research led and benefits from faculty's ongoing research on contemporary issues in anthropology.
- There are opportunities for placements overseas through our study abroad programme and through the Erasmus exchange scheme.

Christine's perspective

'Studying anthropology at Sussex is not just about what you learn in the lectures and seminars – you're encouraged to explore and interrogate every aspect of the human world.'

'Studying anthropology teaches you to look at things from many different viewpoints, and I've met so many fascinating people from all walks of life here. As well as the regular lectures given by a whole range of experienced lecturers, I've really enjoyed the way seminars push you to assess and discuss different theories and ideas with each other.'

'The whole experience has broadened and encouraged my inquisitive mind, and by combining anthropology with a language I've also been able to study abroad for part of my degree, really putting my anthropological skills into practice!'

Christine Odro
BA in Anthropology
and a Language
(Spanish)



Luke's perspective

'Studying Anthropology and International Development at Sussex means getting involved! You get to explore questions asked by the learned experts here and you are offered a range of choices, from economics and gender to health and social change. Having the opportunity to sit in on guest lectures at IDS (the Institute of Development Studies) on campus has been a highlight of my time at Sussex. The chance to engage with practitioners of development, from the UN, NGOs and the private sector, helps bridge the gap between theory and practice. Opportunities like these are a defining asset of an education in anthropology and international development at Sussex, providing a lens through which you can view the career possibilities opened up by your degree.'

Luke Heslop
BA in Anthropology
and International
Development





Women fetching water at a well in Rajasthan, India

Core courses

Courses currently include:

Year 1

Anthropology in Theory • Ethnographic Film • Ethnographic Methods • Gender Across Cultures • Reading Anthropology • The Anthropological Imagination

Year 2

Culture and Representation • Issues in Contemporary Anthropology • Material Cultures • Politics, Power and Legitimacy • Reproduction, Self and Society

Year 3

Anthropology of Economic Processes • Religion and Ritual
 You also take one or two advanced topics in anthropology including:
Anthropology of Africa
 • Anthropology of Development
 • Anthropology of Europe
 • Anthropology of South Asia
 • Anthropology of the Body
 • Human Rights • Landscape/ Memory/Identity • Medicine and Culture • Reproduction and Health
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 • The Anthropology of South Asia

What sort of career could I have?

Anthropology tends to attract students with creative minds. Given this, and the central interests of anthropologists in cultural diversity in a changing world, anthropology degrees lead to a wide range of career opportunities. These include:

- development work in agencies such as the Department for International Development (DFID) or UN organisations; international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as Oxfam or Amnesty International; and charities
- Civil Service, including local government, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Environment Agency
- community development work in the UK and overseas
- British Council, journalism and the world of business
- further study in anthropology or related disciplines (development, international relations, media, migration) to gain professional qualifications, ie in law, or research qualifications, ie Masters or PhD.

How will I learn?

We emphasise interactive forms of teaching such as seminars, workshops and tutorials, though there are also lectures. You will develop your ability to work independently and to communicate ideas through essays and other forms of presentation. Assessment includes exams and coursework, as well as end-of-course essays and dissertations.

What will I achieve?

- a wide understanding of contemporary cultures and societies and an ability to understand processes of change in the modern world
- the ability to relate anthropology to a broad range of practical contexts
- an understanding of the nature of cultural and social differences and how to approach these differences in the contemporary world
- competence and confidence in presenting your own ideas as well as those of others
- analytical skills, useful in a wide range of contexts.

Degrees

Anthropology BA (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: L600

This degree provides you with an excellent understanding of contemporary anthropology. It develops your intellectual and practical skills in the analysis and interpretation of ethnographic data and your grasp of anthropological theory.

By the end of the degree you will understand the major contemporary debates in anthropology and the history of the discipline. You learn about a wide range of ethnographic data and the ways in which theory can be used to understand this material. You also develop an appreciation of the ethical issues involved in research and analysis.

In Years 1 and 2, in addition to the courses listed on the left, you have a choice of complementary course options drawn from related subjects such as art history, international development, languages and international relations.

These courses give you greater breadth and choice in your studies. In the third year you devote all your time to anthropology. Refer to the core courses list on the left for details of anthropology courses.

Anthropology and a Language (one from French, Italian or Spanish) BA (Hons), 4 years UCAS Code: RL96



This degree programme is an excellent choice for those wishing to obtain an excellent understanding of anthropology. This understanding, together with an in-depth knowledge of a language, is particularly attractive to international employers.

In Year 1 and 2, you study anthropology core courses along with your chosen language. You spend your third year studying at a university in mainland Europe, and in the final year you pursue an in-depth study of options, as well as continuing with your language studies.

Refer to the core courses list on the left for details of anthropology courses; refer to the languages subject entry on page 85 for information on these courses.

Anthropology and Cultural Studies BA (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: LR6X

You graduate from this degree with a comprehensive knowledge of anthropology and cultural studies and the complex ways in which the two disciplines relate to, and inform, each other.

In Years 1 and 2, you take the core courses in both anthropology and cultural studies. In Year 3, you choose options from both subjects.

Refer to the core courses list on the left for details of anthropology courses; refer to the cultural studies subject entry on page 54 for more information on these courses.

Anthropology and History BA (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: VL16

During the first two years of this degree you combine the core history and anthropology courses. In Year 3, you pursue an in-depth study of specialised topics drawn from both areas of study: the history core courses; an Anthropology of Religion, or Anthropology of Economic Processes option; and an option from Advanced Topics in Anthropology.

Refer to the core courses list on the left for details of anthropology courses; refer to the history subject entry on page 78 for more information on these courses.

Anthropology and International Development BA (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: LL69

This degree provides you with an excellent understanding of contemporary anthropology and international development and the close (if at times tense) relationship between them.

In Years 1 and 2, you take the core courses in both anthropology and international development. In Year 3, you choose options from both subjects.

Refer to the core courses list on the left for details of anthropology courses; refer to the international development subject entry on page 80 for more information on these courses.