Department of Anthropology

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Anthropology is the study of human culture, society, and biology
across time and space. Through three fields of inquiry—sociocultural
anthropology, biological anthropology, and archaeology—UIC
anthropology provides a holistic approach to understanding human
cultures and societies from prehistory to the present. By providing
contemporary perspectives on culture and society, it prepares students
to understand the complex problems and challenges posed by a
globalized society and economy. Through explorations of the complex
relationship between culture and biology, biological anthropology
prepares students to think about how cultural understandings, social
experiences and positions, and health are intertwined. Archaeology
extends these understandings into the past, excavating the deep
relationship between human history, prehistory, and the present. The
expertise of the faculty affords students the opportunity to pursue
interests in most of the major time periods and geographic areas of the
world.

An undergraduate education in anthropology provides valuable
preparation for many careers that involve working with individuals of
diverse national or ethnic backgrounds. Undergraduate majors have
found careers in global public health, healthcare services, social case
work, cultural resource management, museum education, public housing,
employment and personnel counseling, public office, the Peace Corps,
field archaeology, import businesses, market research, the Foreign
Service, and social and environmental planning. Anthropology majors
are also well positioned to continue their education, not only to be career
anthropologists, but to enter professions such as computer programming,
law, medicine, business, urban planning, nonprofit management, and
public administration.

Distinction in Anthropology
To be considered for distinction, a candidate must have a 3.00/4.00
cumulative GPA and meet all the requirements for a major in
Anthropology, plus the following:

- 3.50/4.00 GPA in the major for Distinction
- 3.75/4.00 GPA in the major for High Distinction
- 3.75/4.00 GPA in the major and satisfactorily complete a thesis
  in ANTH 390. This course involves the preparation of an honors
research paper, under the supervision of a faculty member of the
student’s choosing, and its acceptance by a three-member honors
committee especially constituted for this purpose.

Degree Program
- BA with a Major in Anthropology (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/anth/ba)

Minors
- Minor in Anthropology (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/anth/minor-anth)
- Minor in Geography (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/anth/minor-geog)