Anthropology Goals and Outcomes

Having completed or taken courses in Anthropology, students will . . .

1. Understand the core concepts of Anthropology.
   - Describe the science of anthropology, including the methods utilized to document the natural history of humans. [101-1]
   - Describe the history of adaptations in Primates and the social organization of living populations. [102-5]
   - Describe the development of archaeological methods and interpretations. [105-1]
   - Describe archaeological contexts, recovery, and analysis. [105-2]
   - Explain the reconstruction and interpretation of the archaeological record, including theories of cultural change. [105-3]

2. Develop critical thinking skills as they relate to analyzing evolutionary, historical, and contemporary situations.
   - Discuss the popular explanations for the emergence of modern humans. [102-7]
   - Explain the differences in perceptions of the supernatural among contemporary populations. [103-5]
   - Explain how anthropology contributes to both the explanation and the solution of contemporary human problems. [103-6]
   - Discuss the evolution of human culture. [103-7]

3. Appreciate the diversity of culture practiced through time and space.
   - Discuss the explanations for the similarities and the diversity in human culture. [101-4]
   - Describe the variety of adaptive strategies of humanity including patterns of economic exchange and social control. [103-3]
   - Describe the diversity of social life including patterns of kinship, residence, marriage and family life, child-rearing, and politics. [103-4]

4. Understand the development of people.
   - Describe the patterns and the variation of biological changes in humans. [101-2]
   - Identify the diversity of production and reproduction strategies in human history. [101-3]
   - Describe the characteristics of Homo sapiens, [102-3] and populations of Hominidae. [102-6]
   - Give examples of physical variation within and between populations of contemporary humans. [102-8]

5. Integrate biological and cultural perspectives on human behavior, social organization, and the environment.
   - Identify the relationships between human physical and cultural evolution and the environments humans occupy. [101-5]
   - Explain the relationship between the individual and the sociocultural system. [103-2]
   - Describe the variety of adaptive strategies of humanity including patterns of economic exchange and social control. [103-3]