

Department of Anthropology Learning Outcomes Assessment 5-08

The Department of Anthropology strives to provide students with a well-rounded education about the human experience. To graduate with a B.A. in Anthropology, students will need to:

- 1) Understand the intricacies and implications of cultural diversity in the past and present;
- 2) Understand the important theoretical and methodological issues of the discipline;
- 3) Have the ability to provide, integrate, analyze, and assess evidence as it applies to a larger theoretical framework (i.e. statistical, historical, ethnographic, archaeological, etc.); and
- 4) Have the ability to think critically and communicate ideas effectively.

All Anthropology courses will help educate students in at least one of the important Anthropological Learning Criteria above. However, the Core Anthropology Curriculum consists of ANT 101, ANT 102, ANT 300, ANT 317, and ANT 492, and student understanding of the Anthropological Learning Criteria will be assessed using this Core Curriculum.

Student understanding of **Criteria 1)** will be assessed by obtaining a grade of C- or better in ANT 101 and ANT 102.

Student understanding of **Criteria 2)** will be assessed by obtaining a grade of C- or better in ANT 300 and ANT 317.

Student understanding of **Criteria 3) and 4)** will be assessed by obtaining grade of C or better in ANT 492, the Capstone Paper.

Curricular and Departmental Assessment will take place through yearly departmental discussions on the efficacy of our Core Anthropology Curriculum in meeting Anthropology Learning Criteria 1) through 4) and in our ancillary curriculum in providing students with a well-rounded education about the human experience. Particular attention will be paid to Criteria 3) and 4) and the ability of students to write the Capstone Paper, as this represents a more accumulated anthropological educational experience.