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NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

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Department Anthropology

College Arts and Letter

Program Name

Certificate Program in Public and Professional Archaeology (CPPA)

☑ **New Program***

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Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)

Spring 2027

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

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ANT 4166 Archaeological Research Methods
ANT 3190 Real Archeology

Students choose any two of the following (6 credits)
ANT 3165 South America Before Columbus
ANT 3163 The Maya and their Neighbors
ANT 3143 Archaeology of Europe
ANT 4158 Florida Archaeology
ANT 4824 Fieldwork in Archaeology
*See attachment for rationale.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation

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Rationale for Undergraduate Certificate Program in Public and Professional Archaeology Department of Anthropology

The Certificate Program in Public and Professional Archaeology (CPPA) prepares students for future employment in the public sector in the United States. This new certificate program explicitly meets the job requirements set by federal agencies and private employers.

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The certificate program will integrate well with FAU's Southeast Regional Public Archaeology Center, which provides internship and volunteer opportunities for undergraduates.

This program of study helps achieve FAU's strategic goal of meeting statewide professional and workforce needs, as well as helping to "prepare students to fulfill a productive destiny in the workplace and in society" (FAU Strategic Plan: Values).

Anthropology
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

(Minimum of 120 credits required)

The Anthropology Department offers an undergraduate program that provides a framework for understanding human cultures and societies through culture, archaeology, adaptation and evolution. The department also offers an Honors Program for qualified students and a minor.

Anthropology prepares students for understanding the past and the present of a rapidly globalizing world by developing knowledge of contemporary national, ethnic and cultural complexities. Graduates with a major in Anthropology have a knowledge and understanding of the cultures of Western and non-Western peoples and are qualified to work in local, national and international agencies and the corporate world. An undergraduate degree in Anthropology provides the foundation for a graduate degree in Anthropology and any of the other social sciences. Students who have graduated with a degree in Anthropology from FAU have also gone on to graduate work in law, medicine, journalism, education and other graduate programs.

Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students
Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the General Education Curriculum) and requirements for the College and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the *Transition Guides.*

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

Outline of the Anthropology Major
In addition to the college and university requirements, an Anthropology major must satisfy the following departmental requirements:

1. Three credits in an introductory course;
2. Six credits in biological anthropology courses (3000 level or above);
3. Six credits in archaeology courses (3000 level or above);

4. Six credits in sociocultural courses (3000 level or above);
5. Six credits in research methods courses;
6. Nine credits in electives (anthropology courses at the 3000 level or above from any of the subfields);
7. Thirty-six credits total in anthropology; a grade of "C" or better is required for a course in anthropology to count toward the major.

Introductory Courses (3 credits)

Course Title	**Course Number**	**Credits**
University Honors Seminar in Anthropology	ANT 1930	3
Introduction to Anthropology	ANT 2000	3
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	ANT 2410	3
Introduction to Biological Anthropology with Lab	ANT 2511&L	3
Anthropology Study Abroad	ANT 2952	1-6

Upper-Division Courses (33 credits)

Biological Anthropology Courses (6 credits minimum)

Course Title	**Course Number**	**Credits**
Human Variation	ANT 3516	3
Human Evolution	ANT 3586	3
Environment and Disease	ANT 4463	3
Forensic Anthropology	ANT 4520	3
Primate Behavior	ANT 4552	3
Directed Independent Study	ANT 4905	1-3
Directed Independent Research	ANT 4917	1-3
Directed Independent Research (S/U)	ANT 4918	0-3
Special Topics	ANT 4930	1-3

Anthropology Study Abroad	ANT 4957	1-6

Archaeology Courses (6 credits minimum)

Course Title	**Course Number**	**Credits**
Stones and Bones: Unearthing the Past	ANT 3114	3
Archaeology of Europe	ANT 3143	3
The Maya and Their Neighbors	ANT 3163	3
South America Before Columbus	ANT 3165	3
Real Archaeology	ANT 3190	3
Native-American Culture and Society	ANT 3312	3
Development of Ancient Civilization	ANT 4141	3
History of Archaeology	ANT 4144	3
Florida Archaeology	ANT 4158	3
Directed Independent Study	ANT 4905	1-3
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Sociocultural Anthropology Courses (6 credits minimum)

Course Title	**Course Number**	**Credits**
Peoples Around the World	ANT 3212	3
Anthropology of Religion	ANT 3241	3
Cultures of South Asia (WAC course)	ANT 3361	3

Anthropology of Film: An Introduction to Visual Anthropology	ANT 3391	3
Anthropological Linguistics	ANT 3610	3
Gender and Culture	ANT 4302	3
Human and Cultural Rights	ANT 4006	3
Economic Anthropology	ANT 4266	3
The Anthropology of Politics	ANT 4274	3
African-American Anthropology	ANT 4315	3
Asian Medical Systems	ANT 4365	3
Anthropology of Peace and Violence	ANT 4409	3
Social Anthropology	ANT 4412	3
Anthropology of Sex and Gender	ANT 4413	3
Cultural Anthropology	ANT 4414	3
Anthropology of Nature	ANT 4419	3
Systems and Institutions in Anthropological Perspective	ANT 4425	3
Psychological Anthropology	ANT 4433	3
Culture, Gender and Health	ANT 4469	3
Global Health and Culture	ANT 4480	3
Epidemics, Culture, Science and Policy	ANT 4532	3
Cultural Life History	ANT 4543	3
Directed Independent Study	ANT 4905	1-3
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Research Methods Courses (6 credits minimum)

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Archaeological Research Methods	ANT 4116	3
Research Methods in Bioarchaeology	ANT 4192	3
Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology	ANT 4495	3
Ethnographic Fieldwork	ANT 4802	3-6
Fieldwork in Archaeology	ANT 4824	3-6
Directed Independent Study	ANT 4905	1-3
Directed Independent Research	ANT 4917	1-3
Directed Independent Research (S/U)	ANT 4918	0-3

Foreign Language Requirement
Anthropology majors are required to take 8 credits of appropriate college-level courses in one modern foreign language. College-level transfer credits or credits earned through CLEP or Advanced Placement Examination may satisfy or be applied toward the foreign language requirement for graduation.

Free Electives
The remaining credits of upper-division work are defined as free electives. Students are advised to select courses relevant to their interests in anthropology. STA 2023 (Introductory Statistics) is recommended for students interested in a quantitative approach to anthropology, and LIN 3010 is recommended as an introduction to linguistics.

Three elective credits from departments outside Anthropology, but taught by anthropologists at FAU (e.g., courses in Comparative Studies, History, Art History, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies), may be substituted for the free- electives part of the major with permission of the Anthropology Department chair.

Many anthropology courses fulfill some requirements for interdisciplinary certificate programs at FAU, such as the Ethnic Studies, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Caribbean and Latin American Studies certificates.

Honors Program in Anthropology

The Honors Program in Anthropology encourages students to engage in the subject more intensely and engage in significant original research while undergraduates. Because Anthropology is a field and laboratory science, students should seek opportunities, in consultation with their faculty advisor(s), to conduct or participate in original research.

Admission Requirements

1. FAU students must have completed between 60 and 90 credits with an overall GPA of at least 3.5 and a GPA in Anthropology courses of at least 3.5.
2. Transfer students must complete 9 upper-division Anthropology credits with a GPA of at least 3.5 in those classes at FAU before they are eligible to apply for the Honors Program. Transfer students must also earn an overall GPA of at least 3.5 to be eligible for admission to the program.
3. Students should complete an application provided by the department, including a personal statement addressed to the chair of the department explaining why they seek honors in the field. Students should also solicit a letter from one Anthropology Department faculty member supporting their application. Completed applications will be reviewed by faculty. Admission to the Honors Program is contingent on approval by the department faculty.

Standards for Maintaining Active Status

1. Once accepted, students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 overall and in the Anthropology major. Students may request a temporary probationary status for a semester in the Honors Program if their GPA falls below the required level. However, subsequent failure to raise the GPA will result in dismissal from the Honors Program.
2. Continued enrollment in the program is contingent upon strict adherence to the Code of Academic Integrity. Any violation of the Code will be grounds for dismissal from the Honors Program.

Honors-Level Enrichment

To receive the designation of Honors in the Major, students in the program shall enhance their education in Anthropology by completing 39 credits in Anthropology courses and performing at least three of the following:

1. Interdisciplinary research as part of the Honors Thesis (see below);

2. Original research as part of the Honors Thesis;
3. Successful completion of Honors Compacts in at least two upper-division Anthropology courses;
4. Leadership, including, for example:
    a. Documented service on an official university committee;
    b. Documented service as an officer of an anthropology club, society or other organization, whether affiliated with FAU or not;
    c. Documented service to the Department of Anthropology as, for example, chair or organizer of a research symposium or speakers' colloquium;
5. Documented field and laboratory experience such as:
   Attendance at a field school or participation as a laboratory assistant;
6. Documented civic engagement on anthropological issues in the public arena.

Thesis Requirement

1. Students in the Honors Program must consult with at least one faculty member of their choice about their honors research prior to embarking on the research;
2. Students shall complete with a grade of "B+" or higher a minimum of a two-semester sequence (6 credits) of Honors Thesis in Anthropology (ANT 4972) culminating in the presentation of an honors thesis approved by the faculty;
3. Students shall defend the thesis research orally before the faculty;
4. Students shall publicly disseminate the results of their research, for example:

    a. Through a poster or presentation at a conference or symposium, such as the FAU Undergraduate Research Symposium or a departmental symposium; or
    b. Through submission of the manuscript of research report or article to a research journal, such as FAU's Undergraduate Research Journal.

Students will receive the designation "Honors in Anthropology" at the time of graduation upon satisfactory completion of the foregoing requirements if they also fulfill all normal distribution requirements for the Anthropology major and provided they have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 overall and a GPA of at least 3.5 in all Anthropology courses at graduation.

Students who fail to meet any of these requirements, will receive credit for all work successfully completed but will not be certified as having received honors.

Students interested in the Honors Program in Anthropology should contact the chair of the Department of Anthropology.

Anthropology
Undergraduate Minor

(Minimum of 15 credits required)

1. For students majoring in another field, a minor in Anthropology shall consist of a minimum of 15 credits in upper-division anthropology courses, earned in any five courses at the 3000 level or above.
2. A minimum of 12 credits must be taken in residence at FAU.
3. A grade of "C" or better is required for a course in anthropology to count toward the minor.

Anthropology Study Abroad Programs
The Department of Anthropology participates in Florida Atlantic University's Study Abroad Programs and offers ANT 2952 and ANT 4957. The department also operates a Field School in Ecuador with programs in archaeology and ethnographic methods in which students may participate during the summer terms. To participate, students enroll in ANT 4802 or ANT 4824.

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