

Cultural Anthropology

Dear New Major,

Welcome to Cultural Anthropology! Or, what we call, *Cultural Literacy for Global Times*. We are delighted to have you as part of the CA community. Coursework in Cultural Anthropology provides our students with powerful tools for making sense of global politics, society, and culture in the 21st century – with a particular focus on the hierarchies and inequities that structure our world. This broad training in global culture and society is an excellent foundation for a wide array of careers: from medicine and law, to public policy and NGO work. As a discipline, anthropology combines the rigor of science with the creative work of the humanities. We aim to provide you with the critical tools to make sense of global complexities and puzzles in all their diversity and richness. Because Cultural Anthropology is a small department, students are afforded numerous opportunities to get to know our faculty well in small seminar settings. Our classes focus on the specific needs of individual students and provide many opportunities for personally-crafted research projects. *We are here to help you explore your global passions!*

Major Requirements: 10 Courses in CA

- 3 Foundational Courses: CulAnth 101 (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology); CulAnth 301 (Theories in Cultural Anthropology); CulAnth 302 (Fieldwork Methods)
- At least 5 Cultural Anthropology courses at the 100-level or above.
- At least 1 Cultural Anthropology course at the 400-level or above.
- 1 additional course in Cultural Anthropology (any level).
- At least 5 of these courses must be with primary CA faculty.
- No more than 3 courses may be transferred from other institutions or study abroad.

Senior Thesis/Graduation with Distinction: To pursue distinction, qualified juniors will be invited to enroll in the senior seminar, Cultural Anthropology 489S and 499S, in the fall and spring of their senior year where they will learn about research methods and write a thesis. We strongly recommend this capstone experience which often draws on research done by students during a study-abroad experience. Competitive funding is available from the college to support such research. The two-semester thesis course will count towards major requirements.

Advising: The department will assign advisors to first and second majors. Students are invited to e-mail the Department Administrator and Assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Pat Bodager (pbodager@duke.edu), if they would like to request a specific advisor. Please note that some faculty may not be available for advising due to a leave or a full roster of advisees. You are required to meet with your advisor each advising period prior to course registration.

Additional Questions: Students are invited to contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Rebecca Stein (rlstein@duke.edu), with any questions they may have about the major.

More information at: <https://registrar.duke.edu/sites/default/files/undergraduate/2017-18/250>