

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

2. Department/Division: Department of Anthropology

3. Minor Name: Biological and Medical Anthropology

4. Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2021

5. Which campus(es) will offer this program: Athens

6. Program Description:

The proposed minor in Biological and Medical Anthropology will provide students with a comprehensive overview of the anthropological study of human health and the biological and behavioral variation in the human lineage. It emphasizes anthropology's unique biocultural perspective by focusing on adaptation, variation, and a holistic understanding of global health, disease, and well-being. Students will learn foundational theory and research methods used to examine human-environmental interactions. Courses will also introduce students to cutting-edge theory and methods used to understand diet, health, and disease risk in anthropology. The Biological and Medical Anthropology minor is especially relevant for those planning careers in the health and medical professions.

Student learning outcomes for this program are as follows: 1. Develop an awareness of the relevance of anthropological perspectives to research in environmental, life, and health sciences; 2. Cultivate an awareness of connections between biology, society, and culture with respect to health and disease. 3. Effectively read and synthesize scholarly literature in order to develop scientific literacy, 4. Develop communication skills consistent with student's academic or professional goals, and 5. Provide students a pathway to study medical and biological anthropology as part of their academic careers.

7. Program of Study:

Required Courses - 6 hours (select from the following)

a) ANTH 2045 Introduction to Biological Anthropology (3 hours)

b) Choose one of:

ANTH 2800 Food, Environment, Culture (3 hours)

ANTH 2265 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 hours)

ANTH 2030 The Art and Science of Asking Questions (3 hours)

Elective Courses –12 hours (select from the following)

ANTH 3040 Multicultural Health Care (3 hours)

ANTH 3590 Nutritional Anthropology* (3 hours)

ANTH 4070 Cultural Ecology (3 hours)

ANTH 4100 Evolution and Human Behavior (3 hours)

ANTH 4265 Bioarchaeology (3 hours)

ANTH 4370 Human Osteology (3 hours)

ANTH 4300 Ethnobotany (3 hours)

ANTH 4540 Health, Biology, and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (3 hours)

ANTH 4590 Ecology and Evolution of Human Disease (3 hours)

ANTH 4740 Primate Ecology and Evolution (3 hours)

ANTH 4744 Primate Behavior (3 hours)

*Pending approval of ANTH 3590. The course has been submitted to CAPA in January 2021.

8. Justification

Anthropology provides a holistic and comparative framework that encourages students to become scientifically literate and globally informed citizens. This minor will provide an opportunity for students interested in medicine, human health, environmental issues, or life sciences to develop knowledge and skills that will help them in post-graduate training and their future careers.

Anthropology course offerings currently attract students interested in the health and medical professions. This minor will provide structure to their program of study and provide a way to document their integrative, interdisciplinary undergraduate training. Several institutions offer minors in Medical Anthropology and they are generally successful. The UGA Department of Anthropology is well positioned for this to be a successful minor due to consistent enrollments in courses associated with the proposed minor.

9. Approvals:

 Anthropology Department 2/8/2021
Department Head Department Date

Dean School/College Date