



School of Human Evolution and Social Change

Sociocultural Anthropology Graduate Program Curriculum

The sociocultural anthropology program at ASU provides all students with a broad background in the fundamentals of sociocultural anthropology while affording each student the opportunity to pursue an individualized curriculum focused on his or her areas of interest in anthropology and related fields. All students will also receive extensive methodological training and be required to conduct in-depth fieldwork for their dissertation projects.

The curricular track for graduate study in sociocultural anthropology at ASU includes SHESC-required courses, a history of sociocultural theory course, and additional coursework in sociocultural anthropology and related fields.

SHESC-Required Courses

- Scholarly Inquiry (ASB 540)
- One or more research methods courses. Sociocultural methods courses include:
 - Ethnographic Research Methods (ASB 500)
 - Ethnography and Museums (ASB 591)
 - Qualitative Data Analysis (JUS 521)
- One research design, professionalism, and ethics course

All students will receive a broad training in theory in sociocultural anthropology and are expected to take the following course:

- Theory in Sociocultural Anthropology (ASB 541)

In consultation with his or her committee, students select additional courses within and beyond SHESC that best fit the student's interests and needs. ASU offers strong preparation and training in the following areas of sociocultural anthropology.

Ethnography and Cultural Identity

- Cultures in Public (ASB 591)
- Ethnic Relations (ASB 504)
- Gender and Culture (ASB 591)
- Global/Transnational Ethnography (ASB 591)
- Identity, Nationalism, and Globalization (ASB 591)
- Language and Culture (ASB 591)
- Material Culture (ASB 591)

- Modernity (ASB 591)
- Sociolinguistics and the Ethnography of Communication (ASB 591)
- Visual Anthropology (ASB 591)

Anthropology and the Environment

- Ecological Anthropology (ASB 530)
- Environmental Issues in the Urban West (ASB 591)
- Environmental Social Science: Theory and Practice I (ASB/ESS 601)
- Environmental Social Science: Theory and Practice II (ASB 591)
- Gender and Environment (ASB 591)
- Health and the Environment (SSH 614)
- Institutions, Society, and the Environment (ESS 613)
- Nature in Culture (ASB 591)
- Origins and Consequences of Technologies (ESS 611)
- Society and Environment (ASB 591)
- Urban Environments (ESS 610)
- Work and Environment (ASB 591)

Anthropology of Health and Human Adaptation

- Advanced Medical Anthropology (ASB 503)
- Applied Medical Anthropology (ASB 501)
- Epidemiology for Social Scientists (ASB 514/SSH 514)
- Ethics in Health Social Science Research (ASB 511/SSH 511)
- Health of Ethnic Minorities (ASB 502)
- Health and Human Biology (ASM 591)
- Health: Social and Biocultural Theories (ASB 510/SSH 510)
- Human Life History (ASM 591)
- Poverty, Social Justice, & Global Health (ASB 591)
- Research Design and Proposal Writing in Health Social Science (ASB 513/SSH 513)
- Social Science Applications in Community Health (ASB 512/SSH 512)
- Urban and Environmental Health (ESS 514/SSH 505)

Globalization and Political Economy

- Anthropology of Development (ASB 531)
- Contemporary International Migration (ASB 591)
- Culture and Political Economy (ASB 529)
- Global/Transnational Ethnography (ASB 591)
- Migration and Society (ASB 591)
- Modernity (ASB 591)
- Political Economy of Modern Cities (ASB 591)
- Poverty, Social Justice & Global Health (ASB/SSH 591)

The above course lists are illustrative, not exhaustive, and they do not include the many courses offered in other units at ASU that sociocultural anthropology graduate students may wish to take.