

ARCHAEOLOGY, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

This specialized program in Archaeology is not intended to be used as a license for independent unsupervised archaeological research. Rather it is designed to introduce students to archaeological research, and provide opportunities to actively participate in supervised archaeological survey, excavation, and artifact analysis.

To earn an Associate in Arts Degree with a major in Archaeology, students complete 24 specified units, plus General Education Degree Requirements for a minimum total of 60 units. These major requirements optimize preparation for upper-division coursework for advanced degrees in Archaeology offered by four-year institutions. In addition, earning this degree suggests an achievement of technical skills that may be helpful in seeking immediate employment with a local archaeological firm, or obtaining a position on an archaeological project either within or outside the United States.

In addition to General Education degree requirements, complete the following:

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Courses		18
ANTH M01 or ANTH M01H	Biological Anthropology Honors: Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH M02	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH M03	Archaeology	3
Choose 3 of the Following 4 Courses:		
ANTH M05	Archaeological Field Methods	3
ANTH M10	Archaeological Survey and Mapping	3
ANTH M12	Archaeological Laboratory Procedures	3
ANTH M19	Professionalism in Archaeology: Cultural Resource Management	3
Units from Restrictive Electives		6
Total Required Major Units		24

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Restrictive Electives: Select and complete 6 units		
ANTH M01L	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
ANTH M06	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
ANTH M07	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3
ANTH M08	Linguistic Anthropology	3
ANTH M09	Sex, Gender, and Culture	3
ANTH M11	The Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft and Religion	3
ANTH M13	The Chumash and Their Neighbors: Indians of California	3
ANTH M15	Egyptology: Archaeology of the Land of the Pharaohs	3
ANTH M16	Mysteries of the Ancient Maya	3
ANTH M17	Forensic Anthropology	3
ANTH M18	Culture, Health, and Healing	3
ANTH M80	Internship in Anthropology	1-4

ANTH M122	Independent Study-Anthropology	0.5-3
BIOL M05	Field Biology: A Natural History of California	4
GEOL M02 or GEOL M02H	Physical Geology Honors: Physical Geology	3
GIS M01	Introduction to Mapping and GIS	3
HIST M135	Native American History and Culture	3
GEOL M03	Earth History	3
MC General Education units		28
Double-Counted Units: 6-12		
Electives to meet 60 associate degree units: 12-18		
Total Units Required for AA Degree		60

The plan of study is for the student to complete all classes within two years. Ideally, they would begin by taking core classes such as ANTH M01, M02, M03 and then continue with the "Saturday field classes," specifically ANTH M05, M10, M12, and M19. There is no particular order which these classes need to be taken, with the exception of ANTH M03, which is strongly recommended to be taken in the first semester (or as soon as possible).

Year 1		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
ANTH M03	Archaeology	3
ANTH M05	Archaeological Field Methods	3
ANTH M10	Archaeological Survey and Mapping	3
or		
ANTH M12	Archaeological Laboratory Procedures	3
ENGL M01A	English Composition	4
MATH M05	College Algebra for STEM Studies	4
or		
MATH M15	Introductory Statistics	4
		Units/Hours
		24
Spring Semester		
ANTH M01	Biological Anthropology (and)	3
ANTH M01L	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
ANTH M05	Archaeological Field Methods	3
or		
ANTH M10	Archaeological Survey and Mapping	3
or		
ANTH M12	Archaeological Laboratory Procedures	3
or		
ANTH M19	Professionalism in Archaeology: Cultural Resource Management	3
or		
Any course from List of Restrictive Electives		3
VCCCD/CSU GE		
		Units/Hours
		19
Year 2		
Fall Semester		
ANTH M02	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH M05	Archaeological Field Methods	3
or		
ANTH M10	Archaeological Survey and Mapping	3
or		
ANTH M12	Archaeological Laboratory Procedures	3
or		
A course from the List of Restrictive Electives		3
VCCCD/CSU GE		6
		Units/Hours
		21

Spring Semester

VCCCD/CSU GE	
Units/Hours	0
Total Units/Hours	64

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the perspectives, theories, methods, and core concepts of archaeology as a social science and scientific discipline.
- demonstrate a skill set in archaeological field methods including mapping, excavating, and laboratory analysis that will enable them to be an active member of future archaeological research projects.