
Concentration Requirements

This document is best used in conjunction with the Archaeology Concentration Worksheet to which the category numbers herein are keyed.

NOTES AND KEY:
Courses given in the past, which may or may not be given again in the future, are listed in brackets [ ] for reference purposes.
SEE THE ON-LINE COURSE CATALOG FOR A DEFINITIVE, PERIODICALLY UPDATED, LIST OF CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS.
See the website of the Office of the Registrar for previous years’ course catalogs.

Key to courses offered 2014-2015:
° = Fall Term
† = Spring Term
‡ = Both Terms

Overall requirement: 10 half-courses for concentration, 13 half-courses for honors (including honors thesis)

1) SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY OR HUMAN EVOLUTION
Choose one half-course in social anthropology, e.g., ‡Anthropology 1600 or another course approved by the Archaeology Head Tutor;
OR one half-course dealing with human evolution, e.g.,
[†Anthropology 1212. The Archaeology of Modern Human Origins: Seminar]
[°Anthropology 1230. African Archaeology]
°Freshman Seminar 44s. Neanderthals and Human Evolutionary Theory
†Human Evolutionary Biology 1480. Human Evolution through Developmental Change
°Human Evolutionary Biology 1490r. Primate Evolution
†Science of Living Systems 16.
Consult the Archaeology Head Tutor for assistance and to receive approval of your choice.

2) GROUP TUTORIAL, SOPHOMORE YEAR (required of all concentrators including those taking a combined Archaeology and Social Anthropology concentration and those taking a joint concentration with another department)
†Anthropology 97x. Sophomore Tutorial

3) GROUP TUTORIAL, JUNIOR YEAR (required of all concentrators including those taking a combined Archaeology and Social Anthropology concentration and those taking a joint concentration with another department)
°Anthropology 98xa. Junior Tutorial

4) INTRODUCTORY ARCHAEOLOGY (One half-course) (required of all concentrators including those taking a combined Archaeology and Social Anthropology concentration and those taking a joint concentration with another department)
°Anthropology 1010. Fundamentals of Archaeological Methods and Reasoning
5) NEW WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY (One half-course)
†Culture and Belief 21. Pathways through the Andes–Culture, History, and Beliefs in Andean South America
°Societies of the World 30. Moctezuma's Mexico: Then and Now
[°Societies of the World 40. The Incas: The Last Great Empire of Pre-Columbian South America]
[†Anthropology 1080. North American Archaeology. Lost Tribes and Ancient Capitals of Native America]
°Anthropology 1130. Archaeology of Harvard Yard
†Anthropology 1131. Archaeology Harvard Yard II. Laboratory Methods
[°Anthropology 1158. Maya Narratives: Gods, Lords, and Courts]
†Anthropology 1168. Maya Glyphs
[°Anthropology 1170. Mesoamerican Writing Systems]
[†Anthropology 1190. Encountering the Conquistadors]
[†Anthropology 2062. Religions of Latin America]
°Anthropology 2110r. Issues in Mesoamerican Archaeology: Ritual and Power in Mesoamerica
[°Anthropology 2177 South American Archaeology]

6) OLD WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY (One half-course)
†Societies of the World 38. Pyramid Schemes: Archaeological History of Ancient Egypt
[°Anthropology 1065. The Ancient Near East]
°Anthropology 1095. Urban Revolutions: Archaeology and the Investigation of Early States
†Anthropology 1155. The Archaeology of Cities in Ancient Mesopotamia
°Anthropology 1210. The Archaeology of Early China
[†Anthropology 1212. The Archaeology of Modern Human Origins: Seminar]
[°Anthropology 1230. African Archaeology]
°Anthropology 1250. Pyramids of Giza: Technology, Archaeology, History (Seminar)
†Ancient Near East 113. Environmental Archaeology of the Ancient Near East - (New Course)
°Ancient Near East 115. Archaeology of the Levant
°Ancient Near East 117. Biblical Archaeology
†Ancient Near East 155r. Ancient Mesopotamia: Archaeology and Texts

7) TOPICAL / METHOD / THEORY (One half-course)
[°Anthropology 1040. Origins of the Food We Eat]
[†Anthropology 1045. Ancient Settlement Systems. Seminar]
[°Anthropology 1090. Ethnography and Archaeology]
°Anthropology 1130. Archaeology of Harvard Yard
†Anthropology 1131. Archaeology Harvard Yard II. Laboratory Methods
[†Anthropology 1150. Ancient Landscapes]
[°Anthropology 1165. Digging the Glyphs: Adventures in Decipherment]
[°Anthropology 1170. Mesoamerican Writing Systems]
[°Anthropology 1175. The Archaeology of Ethnicity]
°The Talking Dead: Archaeology of Death, Burials and Commemoration
†Anthropology 1202. Forensic Archaeology
[†Anthropology 2020. GIS & Spatial Analysis in Archaeology]
[°Anthropology 2022. Picturing the Past: An Introduction to Digital Epigraphy and Archaeological Illustration]
[°Anthropology 2070a. Archaeological Method and Theory: Seminar]
[°Anthropology 2085. Archaeology of Ritual and Religion]
†Anthropology 2210. Archaeology and the Ancient Economy
[°Anthropology 2240. Archaeology of Production: Seminar]
°Anthropology 2250a. Proseminar in Archaeology (small-scale societies)
8) ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE (One half-course)
†Anthropology 1060. Archaeological Science (at MIT)
†Anthropology 1202. Forensic Archaeology
°Anthropology 2000. Osteoarchaeology Laboratory
°Anthropology 2010ar. Materials in Ancient Societies (at MIT) pre-enrollment required]
†Anthropology 2010br. Materials in Ancient Societies (at MIT) prerequisite: 2010ar
[†Anthropology 2020. GIS and Spatial Analysis in Archaeology]
†Human Evolutionary Biology 1421. Teeth
°Human Evolutionary Biology 1590. Ancient Biomolecules

NOTE: The student may petition the Head Tutor for Archaeology to count for this requirement a course in a science department that has direct application to archaeology. Such a course should normally have a field or lab component. General Education courses are normally not acceptable.

9) RESEARCH SEMINAR (one 2000-level archaeology half-course; see course catalog. Note that 2000-level courses other than the one counted for this requirement may also be used to fulfill other concentration requirements, as appropriate, including Requirements 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10.)
2000-level courses offered in 2013-2014 include:
°Anthropology 2000. Osteoarchaeology Laboratory
[†Anthropology 2020. GIS and Spatial Analysis in Archaeology]
[°Anthropology 2022. Picturing the Past: An Introduction to Digital Epigraphy and Archaeological Illustration]
[†Anthropology 2062. Religions of Latin America]
[°Anthropology 2070a. Archaeological Method and Theory: Seminar]
[†Anthropology 2085. Archaeology of Ritual and Religion]
°Anthropology 2110r. Issues in Mesoamerican Archaeology: Ritual and Power in Mesoamerica
°Anthropology 2177. South American Archaeology
†Anthropology 2210. Archaeology and the Ancient Economy
[†Anthropology 2212. Archaeology of the Enlightenment]
[†Anthropology 2240. Archaeology of Production: Seminar]
°Anthropology 2250a. Proseminar in Archaeology (small-scale societies)
[°Anthropology 2250b. Proseminar in Archaeology (complex societies)]

10) READING AND RELATED (One half-course)
Any course given by Anthropology faculty, including Freshman Seminars or General Education courses; selected courses from other departments (see the Archaeology Head Tutor); approved courses taken out of residence (requires a course syllabus for approval). See the courses listed under “Archaeology” in the course catalog.

The following museum and language-based courses may be counted as Reading and Related:
[†Anthropology 1025r. Museum Anthropology, Thinking with objects]
[†Anthropology 1166. Amerindian Languages and Literatures]
[†Anthropology 1167. Colonial and Modern Ch’olan Literatures]
[†Anthropology 1170. Mesoamerican Writing Systems]
†Anthropology 1400. Quests for Wisdom: Religious, Moral and Aesthetic Experiences in the Art of Living
†Anthropology 1650. Museum Anthropology: Thinking with Collections
°Egyptian Aa. Language of the Pharaohs: Egyptian Hieroglyphs I
†Egyptian Ab. Language of the Pharaohs: Egyptian Hieroglyphs II
[†Egyptian 150. Voices from the Nile: Ancient Egyptian Literature in Translation]

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ADDITIONAL HONORS REQUIREMENTS (3 half-courses – Individual tutorials with a member of the faculty)

11) †Anthropology 98xb. Junior Tutorial (Pre-thesis research and research project preparation: half-course, normally spring term of junior year supervised by faulty adviser)

12) & 13) ‡Anthropology 99x. Senior Tutorial (Honors thesis writing: full-course, senior year, supervised by faculty adviser)

NOTE 1:
The following independent study courses:
‡Anthropology 91xr. Supervised Reading and Research OR
‡Anthropology 92xr. Research Methods in Museum Collections
may be used to fulfill a requirement above; consult the Archaeology Head Tutor.

NOTE 2: °Anthropology 1130 and †Anthropology 1131 each provide a half-course credit. One of these half-course credits may be used to fulfill Requirement 5 OR Requirement 7. The other may be used to fulfill Requirement 10.

NOTE 3: successful completion of the Harvard Summer School field-school course in archaeology provides 2 half-course credits. One of these half-course credits may be used to fulfill Requirement 5 or 6 OR Requirement 7 OR Requirement 10. The other may not be used to fulfill a concentration requirement.

NOTE 4: A combined Archaeology–Social Anthropology concentration is possible. Joint concentrations with other Harvard departments are also possible, provided that the other department permits joint concentrations. See the Archaeology Concentration "at-a-glance" spreadsheet for an idea of the requirements involved. Consult the Directors of Undergraduate Study/Head Tutors of the Departments/Programs involved for more information.
An application for the joint concentration between Anthropology and another department is required. Consult the Anthropology Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), Assistant DUS, or Undergraduate Coordinator.