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Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Programs

Anthropology Honours (BA)

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Bachelor Degree

Program Length:

4 Years

The Program

Anthropology is the study of humanity, our culture, history, evolution, language, and biology. Anthropologists follow a holistic approach, integrating all aspects of human existence, offering a humanistic understanding of society, and the way people solve their own problems. Anthropologists are concerned with understanding the structure and functioning of social groups through minimally invasive participant observation and other "qualitative" techniques in their own communities, as well as in other countries.

VIU's program encourages the application of anthropological theory, knowledge and methods in areas such as "race" relations, cultural sensitivity training, archaeology, resource management, human rights facilitation, the interaction of culture and the environment, as well as, the evolutionary biology of our species and the history of cultures around the world. The inclusive nature of anthropology is especially relevant in light of the increasing cultural diversity of our own society and the current intensity of political actions worldwide.

The Anthropology Honours programme will provide students with training and qualifications that extend those in the regular anthropology degree program. The development and completion of the honours essay that is comprised of original research is invaluable experience for those planning to apply to graduate school.

Program Outline

Students must fulfill all the requirements for the B.A. Major in Anthropology with the addition of 12 upper level credits in Anthropology. The additional 12 credits must incorporate 6 credits from ANTH 491 and 492; a 3 credit Methods class selected from the following classes: ANTH 460, 430, 418, 363, 362, 261, 353, 329, 326, and 315; and an additional 3 credits of ANTH designated 300 or above.

Recommended Electives

Liberal Studies, Media Studies, Philosophy, Criminology, Anthropology, Political Studies, Psychology, Geography, Women's Studies, Global Studies, Economics, Biology, Geography.

Completion Requirements

Honours students need an average GPA of 3.33 ("B+") in all 3rd and 4th year courses taken within the discipline in order to graduate from an Honours program. Further, a minimum grade of "B" must be obtained in ANTH 491 and ANTH 492 to fulfill requirements for completion of the Honours program in Anthropology.

Admission Requirements

A min. 3.33 ("B+") average GPA on the most recent 60 credits.

Students will submit an Anthropology Honours application form to the Anthropology Department Chair.

Start Date and Application Deadline

Students may apply at the beginning of their third year, to facilitate planning of remaining courses. The final deadline for applications will be on March 31st of the year preceding their final year of study. Successful students will be connected with a faculty mentor, who will help guide them through the process, including linking to an honours thesis advisor.

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