

Honors in the Major Program in Anthropology

Proposal

The faculty of the Anthropology Department respectfully submit the following proposal to create an Honors program in the undergraduate major. The goals of developing the Honors in the Major program include increasing student interest in the major, encouraging majors to engage in the subject more intensively, and increasing student participation in original undergraduate research. The following is a detailed description of the proposed program in language that resembles a catalog description.

The Honors in the Major program is designed to increase student interest in the major, to encourage majors to engage in the subject more intensively, and to engage students in significant original research while undergraduates. Because anthropology is a field and laboratory science, students should seek opportunities, in consultation with their faculty advisor(s), to conduct or participate in original research.

A. Admission to the Honors in the Major program.

- a. Students wishing to apply for admission to the Honors in the Major program should complete an application provided by the Department, including a personal statement addressed to the Chair of the Department of Anthropology explaining why they seek honors in the field. Applicants should also solicit a letter supporting their application from one Anthropology Department faculty member. Completed applications will be reviewed by the faculty, and admission to the Honors in the Major program is contingent on approval by the department faculty.
- b. To be eligible for the Honors in the Major program in Anthropology, students must have completed between 60 and 90 credits with an overall GPA of at least 3.5 and a GPA in Anthropology courses of at least 3.5. Transfer students must complete 9 upper division Anthropology credits with a GPA of at least 3.5 in those classes at FAU before they are eligible to apply for the Honors in the Major program. Transfer students must also earn an overall GPA of at least 3.5 to be eligible for admission to the program.

B. Continued Enrollment in the Honors in the Major program.

- a. Once accepted, students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 overall and in the Anthropology major. A student may request from the Department temporary probationary status for a semester in the Honors in the Major program if his or her GPA falls below the required level. However, subsequent failure to raise the GPA will result in dismissal from the Honors in the Major program.
- b. Furthermore, continued enrollment in the Honors in the Major program is contingent upon strict adherence to the Code of Academic Integrity. Any

violation of the Code will be grounds for dismissal from the Honors in the Major program.

C. Enhancements to the learning experience.

- a. To receive the designation of Honors in the Major, students in the program shall enhance their education in anthropology by performing at least three of the following:
 - i. Interdisciplinary research as part of the Honors Thesis (see below);
 - ii. Original research as part of the Honors Thesis;
 - iii. Successful completion of Honors Compacts in at least 2 upper division Anthropology courses;
 - iv. Leadership, including, for example,
 1. Documented service on an official University committee;
 2. Documented service as an officer of an anthropology club, society or other organization, whether affiliated with FAU or not;
 3. Documented service to the Department of Anthropology as, for example, chair or organizer of a research symposium or speakers' colloquium.
 - v. Documented field and laboratory experience such as
 1. Attendance at a field school; or
 2. Participation as a laboratory assistant.
 - vi. Documented civic engagement on anthropological issues in the public arena.
- b. To receive the designation of Honors in the Major, students in the program shall enhance their education in anthropology by completing 39 credit hours in Anthropology courses.

D. Thesis Requirement.

- a. In addition, students shall complete with a grade of "B+" or higher a minimum of a two semester sequence (6 credit hours) of Honors Thesis in Anthropology (ANT-4972) culminating in the presentation of an Honors Thesis approved by the faculty.
 - i. Students accepted into the Honors in the Major program must consult with at least one faculty member of their choice about their Honors research prior to embarking on the research.
 - ii. Students shall defend the thesis research orally before the faculty.
 - iii. Students shall publicly disseminate the results of their research, for example,
 1. through a poster or presentation at a conference or symposium, such as the FAU undergraduate research symposium or a departmental symposium; or

2. through submission of the manuscript of research report or article to a research journal, such as FAU's undergraduate research journal.

Students will receive the designation "Honors in Anthropology" at the time of graduation upon satisfactory completion of the foregoing requirements if they also fulfill all normal distribution requirements for the Anthropology major and provided they have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 overall and a GPA of at least 3.5 in all Anthropology courses at graduation. If a student fails to meet any of these requirements, then he or she will not be considered for Honors.

Students in the Honors in the Major program in Anthropology who complete all Honors requirements but do not meet or exceed the GPA minimums at the time of graduation will receive credit for all work successfully completed but will not be certified as having received honors. Students interested in the Honors in the Major program should contact the Chair of the Department of Anthropology.

Please note the following administrative considerations:

- 1) The minimum GPA entrance requirements are set so as to limit eligibility to approximately 20 percent of our undergraduate majors in the sophomore-junior cohort.
- 2) The Chair will monitor the GPAs of Honors students at least annually.
- 3) Instructors who submit a grade lower than a B+ for a student in the Honors Thesis course will notify the Department Chair.
- 4) The Department faculty shall establish a limit on the number of Honors Theses a single faculty member may supervise simultaneously and shall create a procedure for obtaining a waiver for the numerical limit.

Approved by:	Date:
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