

# Anthropology

(Joint Honours programmes)

The Joint Honours Anthropology degree programme at Birmingham offers the critical, comparative perspective offered by anthropology in combination with another subject. Anthropology is taught in the Department of African Studies and Anthropology, which is a small, friendly community of undergraduates, postgraduates, visiting scholars and staff.

As a Joint Honours subject, Anthropology can be combined with: African Studies, Classical Literature and Civilisation, History and Political Science.

## Programme

All our programmes have their compulsory core modules which give them their cohesion and distinctiveness. However, choice is always present; in all three years, you are free to choose modules from a wide range of Anthropology and African Studies options. You will also develop an extended research project/dissertation/independent study topic based on your interests in consultation with a supervisor with relevant expertise.

## How will my work be assessed?

Our modules are made up of a combination of mostly lectures and tutorials, but with occasional student workshops, presentations and debates. You will be expected to devote at least as much time to private study as to attending formal lectures and tutorials. There are unseen examinations in some modules.

**How many contact hours will I have per week?** This will vary from year to year and from module to module. All our programmes are designed to enable a student to progress from being a dependent to an independent learner. Furthermore,

each of our modules has its own learning outcomes and these can involve very different teaching methods.

## Year Abroad

This four year route offers you the additional educational benefit of a year of study in a host University which is approved by the University of Birmingham's International Office within the Study Abroad and Exchanges scheme, and which the Department deems offers modules relevant to the degree programme and comparable with modules offered at Birmingham. Students with grades of 2.1 or above in their first year are invited to apply for a Year Abroad in their second year and go abroad in their third year. They return to Birmingham for their final year of study.

## Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning in the School of History and Cultures takes the form of **critical enquiry, debate and self-motivation**, summed up by the term Enquiry-based Learning. Enquiry-based Learning describes an environment in which learning is driven by the shared enquiry of students and tutors. Depending upon the level and the discipline, it can encompass problem-based learning, evidence-based learning, small scale investigations, field work, projects and research. Enquiry-based

Learning places you at the centre of your own learning process so that you learn through involvement and ownership and not simply by being a passive recipient of information thrown at you. You will spend time developing comprehension and note-taking skills. Reading, thinking and analysing for yourself are the most important parts of your degree.

## Careers

Let's give you some examples of the career paths of recent African Studies and Anthropology graduates:

- Bank Management
- Teaching
- Civil Service
- Foreign Office
- Retail management
- Aid work with Save the Children
- Probation work
- Welfare rights worker
- Computer programmer
- NGO work in Kurdistan

African Studies and Anthropology graduates have also gone on to postgraduate work in African Studies and Anthropology and in other fields like Development Studies, Systems Analysis, Education, and Political Science. Our students are also able to benefit from a dedicated College of Arts and Law careers service.

First Year/Level C	Second Year/Level I	Third Year/Level H
<p><b>Focus on Studying Societies</b> 20 credits <i>Essays and group presentation</i> (Small Group Teaching, including a one-to-one)</p>	<p><b>Theory, Ethnography and Research</b> 40 credits <i>Essay and project work</i> (Small Group Teaching and tutorials in pairs)</p>	<p><b>Either</b></p> <p><b>Independent Study</b> 20 credits (on an anthropological topic) <i>5,000 word project</i> (one-to-one sessions with a supervisor and workshops with other students)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Dissertation</b> (on an anthropological topic) 40 credits <i>10,000 word dissertation</i> (one-to-one sessions with a supervisor and workshops with other students)</p>
<p><b>Thinking Anthropologically</b> 20 credits <i>Essays/course work</i> (Small Group Teaching, including a one-to-one)</p>	<p><b>Option</b> Choose 20 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules <i>Assessment Variable</i></p>	<p><b>Either</b></p> <p><b>Option</b> Choose 20 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules if Dissertation is chosen. <i>Assessment Variable</i></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Option</b> Choose 40 credits of Department of African Studies and Anthropology modules if the Independent Study module is chosen <i>Assessment Variable</i></p>
<p><b>African Societies</b> 20 credits <i>Essay and exam</i></p>		

- ***This table is based on a 60/60 credit split throughout a three/four year degree programme. If students choose an 80/40 or 40/80 credit split in the second and third/final year, module choice will vary.***

We are happy to answer any questions about the Joint Honours Anthropology programme at Birmingham. Please address your enquiries to:

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