



Bachelor of Social Science in Anthropology (BSS in ANT) North South University



The Bachelor of Social Science (BSS) in Anthropology at North South University offers a dynamic and interdisciplinary curriculum that examines the diversity of human life, culture, and society. The program is designed to equip students with a strong foundation in the major subfields of anthropology—cultural, biological, archaeological, and linguistic anthropology—while emphasizing both theoretical understanding and practical application. By combining classroom learning with hands-on experience, the BSS in Anthropology at NSU prepares graduates to pursue advanced studies or professional careers in research, development organizations, academia, and policy-making sectors.

The Bachelor of Social Science (BSS) in Anthropology (ANT) requires students to complete a minimum of 128 credits over four years, which corresponds to twelve semesters, in order to earn their degree. Students enrolled in BSS in Anthropology (ANT) must complete at least 69 credits from core and recommended elective courses to meet their program requirements. Specifically, they are required to take all relevant core courses (14*3=42 credits) and recommended elective courses (9*3=27 credits). This program has been designed in accordance with the guidelines set by the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA).

DETAIL COURSE AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE BSS in ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM

Breakdown	Number of Courses	Credit ¹	Total Credit
Requirements for Anthropology (ANT)	23	3	69
University Core	9	3/4	29
School Core	8	3	24
Recommended Electives	2	3	6
	40		128

REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTHROPOLOGY (ANT)

List/ Name of Course	Number of Courses	Credit	Total Credit
Core Courses (including three research courses)	14	3	42
Elective courses	9	3	27
	21		69

University and School Core

University Core: 29 Credits

Area	Course	Course Code	Credit
Language 9cr (any 3)	Introduction to Composition (must take if not waived)	ENG 102	0

¹ A course with a Lab has 4 credits instead of 3 credits.

	Intermediate Composition	ENG 103	3
	Advanced Composition	ENG 105	3
	Bengali Language and Literature/ Public Speaking	BEN 205/ENG111	3
Humanities 3cr (any 1)	Introduction to Ethics	PHI 104	3
	Emergence of Bangladesh	HIS 103	3
	Introduction to Sociology	SOC 101	3
	Introduction to Political Science	POL 101	3
	Introduction to Governance	POL 104	3
	Introduction to International Relations	INT 101	3
Social Science 3cr (any 1)	Introduction to Anthropology	ANT 101	3
	Introduction to Sociology	SOC 101	3
	Introduction to Political Science	POL 101	3
	Introduction to Governance	POL 104	3
	Introduction to International Relations	INT 101	3
Computer and Math Skills 3cr	Information System & Computing	MIS 107	3
Business & Economics 3cr(any1)	Statistics I	BUS 172	3
	Introduction to Microeconomics	ECO 101	3
Sciences 8cr (any 2)	Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101	(3+1) 4
	Introduction to Psychology (Lab)	PSY 101L	
	Introduction to Environmental Science	ENV 107	(3+1) 4
	Introduction to Environmental Science (Lab)	ENV 107L	
	Introduction to Public Health	PBH 101	(3+1) 4
	Introduction to Public Health (Lab)	PBH 101L	
School Core: 24 Credits			
Humanities and Social Sciences			
Language 6cr (any 2)	Language I	CHN/FRC/SPA/ARB/JAP 101	3
	Language II	CHN/FRC/SPA/ARB/JAP 201	3
	Language III	CHN/FRC/SPA/ARB/JAP 301	3
Humanities 6cr (any 2)	World Civilizations	HIS 102	3
	Introduction to World Religions	REL 205	3
	Introduction to the Legal System & Legal Processes	LAW 101	3
Social Science 12cr (any 4)	Introduction to Public Administration	PAD 201	3
	Global Affairs	POL 103	3
	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	ANT103	3
	Introduction to Criminology	SOC 103	3
	Contemporary Issues in Gender Relationship	SOC 201	3

Recommended Electives: 6 credits			
Recommended Electives 6cr	Gender and Development	WMS 201	3
	Television and New Media	TNM 201	3
	Courses from any 100 and 200-level university wide courses		3+3

CORE AND ELECTIVE COURSES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY (ANT)

(14*3=42 credit core courses)		
Name of Course	Course Code	Credit
1. Introduction to Anthropology	ANT 101	3
2. Basic Theories in Anthropology	ANT 102	3
3. Research Methods in Anthropology	ANT 206	3
4. Introduction to Physical/Biological Anthropology	ANT 202	3
5. Introduction to Linguistics Anthropology	ANT 204	3
6. Introduction to Archaeology	ANT 205	3
7. South Asian History, Society and Culture	ANT 301	3
8. Advanced Theories in Anthropology	ANT 302	3
9. Medical Anthropology	ANT 305	3
10. Applied Anthropology	ANT 307	3
11. Economic Anthropology	ANT 312	3
12. Ethnicity and Nationalism	ANT 403	3
13. Research Monograph ²	ANT 404	6
14. Internship ³	ANT 405	3

9*3=27 credits recommended elective courses		
15. Anthropology of Violence and Peace	ANT 203	3
16. Selected Ethnographies of the World	ANT 303	3
17. Visual and Media Anthropology	ANT 304	3
18. Anthropology of Religion	ANT 306	3
19. Environmental Anthropology	ANT 308	3
20. Anthropology of Gender	ANT 309	3
21. Digital Anthropology	ANT 311	3
22. Anthropology and Contemporary Issues	ANT 313	3
23. Rural Society and Culture	ANT 314	3
24. Anthropology of Science and Technology	ANT 315	3
25. Anthropology of Global Health	ANT 316	3
26. Introduction to Ethnic Studies	ANT 317	3
27. Migration, Displacement, and Diaspora	ANT 401	3
28. Anthropology of Development	ANT 402	3
29. Critical Ethnography	ANT 406	3
30. Anthropology and User Experience Design (UXD)	ANT 407	3

² If a student maintains a CGPA of 3.50 or above up to the 3rd year with at least 100 credits completed, then he or she can take a research monograph.

³ If a student takes an internship instead of a research monograph, then he or she needs to complete another recommended elective course to complete the degree.

31. Globalization, Citizenship, and Identities	ANT 409	3
32. Indigenous Knowledge and Development	ANT 410	3
33. Urban Anthropology	ANT 411	3
34. Business Anthropology	ANT 413	3
35. Anthropology of Cultural Heritage	ANT 414	3
36. Ethnographic and Documentary Filmmaking	ANT 415	3
37. Quantitative Research Methods in Anthropology	ANT 416	3
38. Anthropology of Sports	ANT 417	3
39. Anthropology of Law	ANT 418	3
40. Popular Culture, Media and Representation	ANT 419	3
41. Political Anthropology	ANT 420	3
42. Psychological Anthropology	ANT 421	3
43. Introduction to Ethnomusicology	ANT 422	3
44. Anthropology of Policy	ANT 423	3
45. Anthropology and History	ANT 424	3
46. Posthuman Anthropology	ANT 425	3
47. Decolonizing Anthropology	ANT 426	3
48. Public Anthropology	ANT 427	3
49. World Cultures through Film	ANT 428	3
50. Anthropology of Disability	ANT 429	3
51. Museum Anthropology	ANT 431	3
52. Anthropology of Art and Material Culture	ANT 432	3
53. Cultural Resource Management	ANT 433	3
54. Anthropology of Work	ANT 434	3
55. Multi-Species Anthropology	ANT 435	3

SEMESTER-WISE COURSES FOR MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

1 st Semester Level 1 Term 1		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT101	Introduction to Anthropology	03
ANT204	Linguistic Anthropology	03
ENG102/ENG 103	Introduction to Composition/Intermediate Composition	03
HIS103	Emergence of Bangladesh	03
Total Credits		12
2 nd Semester Level 1 Term 2		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT103	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	03
ANT102	Basic Theories in Anthropology	03
ENG105	Advanced Composition	03
MIS107	Information System and Computing	03
Total Credits		12
3 rd Semester Level 1 Term 3		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT205	Introduction to Archeology	03
ANT202	Introduction to Physical/Biological Anthropology	03

PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	03
PSY101L	Introduction to Psychology (Lab)	01
BEN205/ENG111	Bengali Language and Literature/ Public Speaking	03
Total Credits		13
4th Semester Level 2 Term 1		
		(12+12+13=37)
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT206	Research Methods in Anthropology	03
ANT305	Medical Anthropology	03
ANT308	Environmental Anthropology	03
BUS172/ECO101	Statistics I/ Introduction to Microeconomics	03
Total Credits		12
5th Semester Level 2 Term 2		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT301	South Asian History, Society and Culture	03
ANT306	Anthropology of Religion (Elective course)	03
ANT401	Migration, Displacement, and Diaspora (Elective course)	03
SOC103	Introduction to Criminology	03
Total Credits		12
6th Semester Level 2 Term 3		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT304	Visual and Media Anthropology	03
PBH 101	Introduction to Public Health	03
PBH 101L	Introduction to Public Health (Lab)	01
ANT410	Indigenous Knowledge and Development	03
Total Credits		10
7th Semester Level 3 Term 1		
		37+(12+12+10=34)=71
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT312	Economic Anthropology	03
ANT302	Advanced Theories in Anthropology	03
ANT303	Selected Ethnographies of the World	03
CHN/FRC/SPA/ARB/ JAP101	Language I	03
Total Credits		12
8th Semester Level 3 Term 2		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT402	Anthropology of Development (Elective course)	03
ANT403	Ethnicity and Nationalism	03
CHN/FRC/SPA/ARB/ JAP201/301	Language II/ Language III	03
Total Credits		09
9th Semester Level 3 Term 3		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT309	Anthropology of Gender	03
WMS201	Gender and Development	03

LAW101	Introduction to the Legal System & Legal Processes	03
ANT411	Urban Anthropology (Elective)	03
Total Credits		12
10th Semester Level 4 Term 1		
		71+(12+09+12=33) =104
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
PAD 201/POL 103	Introduction to Public Administration/ Global Affairs	03
ANT203	Anthropology of Violence and Peace	03
ANT409	Globalization, Citizenship and Identities	03
Total Credits		9
11th Semester Level 4 Term 2		
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
SOC201	Contemporary Issues in Gender Relationship	03
ANT419	Popular Culture, Media and Representation (Extra Elective course for Internship)	03
ANT404/ANT405	Research Monograph or Internship plus one extra course	06/03
Total Credits		09
12th Semester Level 4 Term 3		
		104+(09+09+06=24) =128
Course Code	Course Name	Credit
ANT307	Applied Anthropology	03
REL205	Introduction to World Religion	03
Total Credits		06
Grand Total Credits		128

**Elective Courses are subject to change*