

Notice of Change for Anthropology Major (BA)

Date: August 18, 2015

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: Sociology & Anthropology

Program: Anthropology

College: Arts & Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: Fall 2016

First degree date (w/ new requirements): Spring 2020

4. Intended location of the program

Kingston Campus

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

We are seeking to make two changes to the Anthropology core curriculum.

1. Require APG 427: Unity of Anthropology (an existing course) as a capstone to be taken just prior to graduation.

All of our students start out with introductory courses in each of the 4 subfields of anthropology (linguistics, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and archaeology). Students then tend to specialize in one of the subfields for the methods requirement and electives. The goal of APG 427 is to have students consider the discipline as a whole before they graduate and to make connections between the subfields and the courses they have completed. APG 427 is designed to explicitly address the second half of our first programmatic learning outcome: *Describe the historical development of anthropology and be able to characterize how each subfield contributes to the unified discipline.*

We anticipate that discussions in the Unity of Anthropology course will help students think more broadly about the skills they have developed while working on their undergraduate degree and help refine their career goals. Therefore, APG 427 (as proposed) will be four credits; the additional credit will be a career development component, in which students will consult with the instructor and then work

independently on a project over the course of the semester (e.g. developing a resume/cover letter, writing and editing a personal statement for graduate school, working on applications for internships or fellowships, etc.). With the addition of the 4th credit capstone, the total requirements for the Anthropology major will be 31. The “Course Change Proposal Form” for APG 427 will be submitted in September 2015.

2. Delete the second theory requirement of either APG 327 or APG 417.

We are proposing to delete the second theory requirement for the following reasons:

- We are proposing to eliminate APG 327 (History of Physical Anthropology) because it is redundant with the way that Prof. Dunsworth now teaches APG 350 (Human Variation). Paperwork to delete APG 327 will be submitted in Fall 2015.
- APG 417 (Archaeological Method and Theory) is also a requirement for the underwater archaeology minor and a theory option for the History MA (Anthropology and Archaeology Option) Program, so it may be difficult to meet student demand if APG 417 was the only existing option for the second Anthropology theory requirement.
- Students interested in biological anthropology or archaeology almost always take either APG 350 or APG 417 (or other high-level courses that emphasize theory).
- All students are still required to take APG 401: History of Anthropological Theory, as well as a proposed new capstone course (see #1 above), which emphasize theory.
- Since we are proposing to add a new 4th credit capstone, we want to eliminate the second theory requirement so that we are not significantly increasing the number of required credits for the major.

The new Anthropology Curriculum requirements will be as follows:

REQUIRED COURSES:

- APG 200: Language and Culture (3 credits)
- APG 201: Human Origins and Evolution (3 credits)
- APG 202: Introduction to Archaeology (3 credits)
- APG 203: Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- APG 401: History of Anthropological Theory (3 credits)
- APG 427: Senior Seminar: Unity of Anthropology (capstone: 1 cr. seminar + 1 cr. independent study)

METHODS REQUIREMENT (Students must choose **one** of the following 3 cr courses):

- APG 302: Methods of Anthropological Inquiry (focus on cultural anthropology)
- APG 411: Paleoanthropology (formerly APG 300: Human Fossil Record)
- APG 412: Primate Behavior and Organization
- APG 417: Archaeological Method and Theory

ELECTIVES:

Students must take at least 3 elective courses (9 credits). Electives may be any Anthropology classes that are offered (additional Methods courses could count as Electives). No more than 6 credits in independent study and/or field experience courses may be used.

If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.

EXISTING CATALOG LANGUAGE:

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers the degree of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in anthropology.

Faculty: Professor Peters, chairperson. Professor Poggie; Assistant Professors Bovy, Dunsworth, and Garcia-Quijano; Professors Emeriti LaVelle and Loy.

Students desiring to major in anthropology must complete a total of 30 credits (maximum 45 credits) in anthropology including introductory courses: APG 200, 201, 202, and 203 (12 credits); methods courses: APG 300, 302, 412, or 417 (3 credits); theory courses: APG 401 (3) and APG 327 or 417 (3), for a total of six credits. Note: APG 417 may be taken to fulfill either the methods or theory requirement, but not both. The remaining nine credits may be from any APG course. No more than six credits in independent study and/or field experience courses may be used toward the 30 credits required for the major.

It is strongly recommended that anthropology majors take at least one course in inferential statistics (e.g., STA 308 or 409), complete a foreign language through the intermediate level, and gain computer proficiency. Early in the junior year, students who plan to go on to graduate school should meet with their advisor for curricular counseling.

A total of 120 credits is required for graduation. At least 42 of these must be in courses numbered 300 or above. In order to transfer into the anthropology program from University College, a student must have completed at least 24 credits and have earned a minimum of a 2.00 GPA.

PROPOSED CATALOG CHANGES (w/ changes marked / highlighted):

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers the degree of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in anthropology.

Faculty: Professor **Carroll**, chairperson. Professor Poggie; **Associate** Professors Bovy, Dunsworth, and Garcia-Quijano; Professors Emeriti LaVelle and Loy.

Students desiring to major in anthropology must complete a total of **31** credits (maximum **46** credits) in anthropology including introductory courses: APG 200, 201, 202, and 203 (12 credits); **one** methods courses: APG 300, 302, **411**, 412, or 417 (3 credits); theory courses: APG 401 (3); **and capstone course: APG 427 (4)**, and APG 327 or 417 (3), for a total of six credits. Note: APG 417 may be taken to fulfill either the methods or theory requirement, but not both. The remaining nine credits may be from any APG course. No more than six credits in independent study and/or field experience courses may be used toward the **31** credits required for the major. **APG 427 is to be taken during the senior year.**

It is strongly recommended that anthropology majors take at least one course in inferential statistics (e.g., STA 308 or 409), complete a foreign language through the intermediate level, and gain computer proficiency. Early in the junior year, students who plan to go on to graduate school should meet with their advisor for curricular counseling.

A total of 120 credits is required for graduation. At least 42 of these must be in courses numbered 300 or above. In order to transfer into the anthropology program from University College, a student must have completed at least 24 credits and have earned a minimum of a 2.00 GPA.

6. Signature of the President

David M. Dooley

Anthropology-BA

120 Total Credits

30-45 Major Credits

Fall 2008 - Spring 2014

This form is for reference only. Students should consult catalog to confirm degree requirements.

Major Required Courses:

Course #	Semester	Grade
APG 200		
APG 201		
APG 202		
APG 203		
Methods: 3 Credits chosen from: APG 300, 302, 411, 412 or 417†		
APG _____		
DELETE REQUIREMENT of APG 327 or APG417		
APG 401		
APG 427 (4 cr): ADD this requirement		

Additional Courses from Major:

Course #	Semester	Grade
No more than 6 credits of Independent Study and/or Field Experience may be used toward major minimum of 30-31 required credits.		

General Education Requirements:

Discipline	Course	Semester	Grade
Fine Arts: 3 Cr. (A)			
Literature: 3 Cr. (A)			
Letters: 6 Cr. (L)			
Natural Sciences: 6 Cr. (N)			
Social Sciences: 6 Cr. (S)			
Communication: 3 Cr. (EC)			
Writing: 3 Cr. (ECW)			
Language/Culture: 6 Cr. (FC)			
Mathematics: 3 Cr. (MQ)			

* For a list of courses that satisfy General Education requirements consult the Arts & Sciences (pg. 49) requirements found in the catalog from the term that the student first matriculated at URI.

** Courses must come from different course codes.

*** General Education credits cannot be satisfied by courses from major course code unless student has more than one major.

It is strongly recommended that anthropology majors take at least one course in inferential statistics: STA 308 or 409

Upper-Level Courses (300+ level) All Course Codes - 42 Credits Total Necessary

**** Please note: Student cannot graduate unless major and cumulative GPA exceed 2.0****

