The George Washington University has always had a strong focus in biological (physical) anthropology, supported by close connections with the Smithsonian. Because of its emphasis on the sciences, students in this major will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Anthropology. Compared to the general Anthropology major, the B.S. in Biological Anthropology requires fewer second-group anthropology courses (2000s to 4000s), additional science training, and a greater focus on the biological aspects of anthropology. There is no language requirement outside of the G-PAC requirements. Students may double-major in Archaeology and Biological Anthropology, but second-group courses cannot count towards both majors; they may not double-major in Anthropology and Biological Anthropology.

Graduates of this program will be competitive in getting into graduate programs in medicine and other health sciences as well as in anthropology, museum studies, and related disciplines. They will also be eligible for museum technician, lab technician, and archaeological crew positions.

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Requirements for the Major

Students must fulfill the G-PAC requirements of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences and complete 50 or more hours of courses following the distribution below. Most courses are typically offered every year, but may be offered every other year or irregularly. Confer with your advisor before planning your schedule.

I. Introductory Courses (21 hours)
   - Anth 1001 Biological Anthropology (4 credits, fall, spring, summer)
   - Anth 1002 Sociocultural Anthropology (3, fall, spring, summer)
   - Anth 1003 Archaeology (3, fall and spring)
   - Anth 1004 Language in Culture and Society (3, spring and summer)
   - BiSc 1111* Introductory Biology: Cells and Molecules (4, fall)
   - BiSc 1112* Introductory Biology: The Biology of Organisms (4, spring)

II. Second-Group Biological Anthropology Courses (4 courses; 12 or more hours)
   - Anth 3401 Functional Anatomy (3)
   - Anth 3402 Human Evolutionary Anatomy (3, fall)
   - Anth 3403 Forensic Anthropology Lab; corequisite Anth 3404 [146] (2, spring)
   - Anth 3404 Human Variation; corequisite Anth 3403 [145] (1, spring)
   - Anth 3405 Human Growth and Development (3, alternate springs)
   - Anth 3406 Advanced Human Osteology (3, fall)
   - Anth 3408 The Evolution of Human Families (3)
   - Anth 3411 Primatology (3, fall)
   - Anth 3412 Hominin Evolution (3)
   - Anth 3413 Evolution of the Human Brain (3)
   - Anth 3491 Topics in Biological Anthropology (3, variable semester)
   - Anth 3802 Human Cultural Beginnings (3, fall)
   - Anth 3832 Paleoanthropological Field Program (3 or 6, summer)

III. Other Second-Group Anthropology Courses (2 courses; 6 or more hours)
   Any two or more of Anth 2501-2750 and 3501-3891 (excluding 3802)

IV. Second-Group Biology Courses (8 or more hours)
   Any two or more courses (8 hour min.). Students should select at least one upper-level course from (a) cell and molecular biology (BiSc 2202-2323, 3209, and 3320) and (b) suborganismal, organismal, evolutionary, and ecological biology (BiSc 2318-2339, 2450-2467, 3320-3464) and at least one additional course.

   Equivalent courses may be substituted at the discretion of the major advisor.

V. Other Science Course (3 or more hours)
   Any one or more courses (3 hour min.) in Chemistry, Geology, Forensic Sciences, Mathematics, Statistics, or Cognitive or Neuropsychology

Special Honors in Biological Anthropology. Students who meet the CCAS requirements for special honors are encouraged to undertake a thesis research project in their senior year. They should take 3 or more hours of Anth 3995 (Undergraduate Research). See the flyer or visit http://departments.columbian.gwu.edu/anthropology/academics/undergraduate/honors.

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