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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

INFORMATION, PROGRAMS, COURSES

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Introduction

Welcome to the Department of Anthropology

Welcome to the Department of Anthropology and thank you for choosing to study with us.

This handbook is designed to provide you with essential information about our Department, and the programs and courses on offer. Other sources of information are available at <http://social.ut.ac.ir/en/>. In addition, you will have access to the comprehensive Faculty Handbook.

We hope that this handbook will address all your questions. Our departmental staff are always ready to assist you and their contact details can be found in this handbook.

If you have any queries, our friendly administrative staff at the Office of International Affairs are always happy to respond promptly and they will facilitate your correspondence to the best people within and outside the Department.

We hope your stay here will be an enriching and rewarding experience. Welcome again to the Department of Anthropology, in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tehran.

Department of Anthropology

Office of International Affairs

About our Department

The course of anthropology was first taught by a German professor in the University of Tehran in 1937. It then developed into a centre for Nomadic Anthropology in 1957, and, finally, after the establishment of the Faculty of Social Sciences, continued as a department in which international scholars alongside Iranian professors engaged in research in different branches of anthropological studies.

Today, the Department of Anthropology is committed to fostering four main branches of anthropology – archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology.

Our goal is to produce researchers who can study social, cultural, biological, and linguistic characteristics of human societies within particular historical periods and geographies focusing on diverse phenomena including art, music, marriage, religion, economy, law, and various other significant aspects of our social life. At the same time, we emphasize the importance and ability of our researchers to participate in the field of social, economic, cultural, and biological planning that contributes to the development of their cities, villages, countries, and the world at large.

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Programs Offered by the Department

Undergraduate Program

- ✓ **Anthropology**

Master's Program

- ✓ **Anthropology**

PhD Program

- ✓ **Anthropology**

Courses Offered by the Department

Undergraduate-level required courses (general)

Course	Credits	Hours		
		Theory	Practice	Total
Principles of Economics	2	32		32
Statistics in Social Science	2	32		32
Introduction to Sociology	2	32		32
Introduction to Demography	2	32		32
Introduction to Psychology	2	32		32
Introduction to Anthropology	2	32		32
Sociological Theory	2	32		32
Introduction to Philosophy	2	32		32
Communication	2	32		32
Specialized English	2	32		32
Total	20	320		320

Undergraduate-level required courses

Course	Credits	Hours			Prerequisites/Corequisites
		Theory	Practice	Total	
Ethnography (practical course)	2	-	32	32	Ethnography (theoretical course)
Cultural Semiotics	2	32		32	
Archaeological Anthropology	2	32		32	
Tribal and Nomadic Anthropology	2	32		32	
Family Studies	2	32		32	Introduction to Anthropology and Cultural Anthropology
Cultural Anthropology	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Health	2	32		32	
Applied Anthropology	2	32		32	
Biocultural Anthropology	2	32		32	
History of Anthropological Thoughts and Muslim Thinkers	2	32		32	
Psychological Anthropology	2	32		32	
Specialized English	2	32		32	Specialized
Applications of Software and Information Technologies in Anthropology	2		32	32	
Research Methods 1	2	32		32	
Folklore Culture	2	32		32	
Mythology	2	32		32	
Economic Anthropology	2	32		32	Basics of Anthropology
History of Anthropology	2	32		32	
Theories of Anthropology	2	32		32	
Linguistic Anthropology	2	32		32	Basics of Anthropology

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West Asian Anthropology	2	32		32	
Political Anthropology	2	32		32	
Research Methods 2	2	32		32	Research Methods 1
Research Methods 3	2	32		32	Research Methods 2
Anthropology of Communication	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Education	2	32		32	
Culture and Development	2	32		32	Introduction to Anthropology
Anthropology of Religion	2	32		32	
Urban Anthropology	2	32		32	Biocultural Anthropology
Biological Anthropology	2	32		32	Biocultural Anthropology
Iranian Languages and Ethnicities	2	32		32	
Rural Anthropology	2	32		32	Introduction to Anthropology Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology of Globalization	2	32		32	
Legal Anthropology	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Gender	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Literature	2	32		32	
Cultural Economy	2	32		32	Principles of Economics
Ethnography (Theoretical)	2	32			
Historical Anthropology	2	32			
Total	78	1184	64	1284	

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Undergraduate-level, elective courses

Course	Credits	Prerequisites/Corequisites		Total
		Theory	Practice	
Anthropology of the State	2	32		32
Anthropology of Leisure Time	2	32		32
Visual Anthropology	2	32		32
American Anthropology	2	32		32
Anthropology of Childhood	2	32		32
Pre-historic Anthropology	2	32		32
European Anthropology	2	32		32
Museum Studies	2	32		32
Anthropology of Seminaries and Universities	2	32		32
Anthropology of Africa	2	32		32
Urban Anthropology	2	32		32
Geography and Human Ecology	2	32		32
Anthropology of Islam and Muslim Societies	2	32		32
Anthropology of Art	2	32		32
Anthropology of Science, Philosophy and Hikmat	2	32		32
Anthropology of Work and Entrepreneurship	2	32		32
Anthropology in the Caucasus and Central Asia	2	32		32
Sociology of Tribes and Nomads in Iran	2	32		32
Anthropological Iranology	2	32		32
Anthropology and Urban Art	2	32		32

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Anthropology of Time and Space	2	32		32
Anthropology of Daily Life	2	32		32
Seminar	2	32		32
Anthropology of Science and Technology	2	32		32
Anthropology of India and the Far East	2	32		32
Anthropology of Food and Body	2	32		32
Anthropology of Cyber Space and Social Media	2	32		32
Anthropology of Civilization and Future Studies	2	32		32
Ethnic Studies	2	32		32
Post Modern Culture	2	32		32
Ethnomusicology	2	32		32
Critical Anthropology	2	32		32
Anthropology of War	2	32		32
Islamic Anthropology	2	32		32
Total	68	1088		1088

*Students are required to pass 16 credits selected from the above table.

*Optional courses may also be selected from courses offered by other departments.

Graduate-level (Anthropology Master's Program), required courses

Course	Credits	Hours			Prerequisites/Corequisites
		Theory	Practice	Total	
Cultural Archaeology	2	32		32	
Linguistic Anthropology	2	32		32	
New Theories of Anthropology	2	32		32	
Research Methods in Anthropology	2	32		32	
Family Relationships in Anthropology	2	32		32	
Genetic Anthropology	2	32		32	
Contemporary Iranian Political Anthropology	2	32		32	
Language and Culture in Iran	2	32		32	
Iranian Economic Anthropology	2	32		32	
Cognitive Anthropology	2	32		32	
Neurological Anthropology	2	32		32	
Total	22	352		352	

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Graduate-level (Anthropology Master's Program), elective courses

Course	Credits	Hours			Prerequisites/Corequisites
		Theory	Practice	Total	
Prehistoric Culture and Technology	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Religion in Iran	2	32		32	
Collaborative Techniques in Anthropological Research	2	32		32	
Post Modern Culture	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Written Literature	2	32		32	
Cultural Semiotics	2	32		32	
Iranian Mythology	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Science and Technology	2	32		32	
Folklore and Popular Culture	2	32		32	
Urban Anthropology	2	32		32	
Methodological Philosophy in Anthropology	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Organizations and Management	2	32		32	
Intercultural Communications	2	32		32	
Fertility and Infertility Anthropology	2	32		32	
Ethno-biology	2	32		32	
Culture and Politics in Muslim Societies	2	32		32	
Anthropology and Ethnography Seminar	2	32		32	
Total	34	544		544	

*Students may also select their elective courses from other departments in the faculty

*Students may select 3 elective courses from the above list

Graduate-level (Anthropology Master’s Program), Compensatory Courses

Course	Credits	Hours			Prerequisites/Corequisites
		Theory	Practice	Total	
Cultural Anthropology	2	32		32	
History of Anthropology	2	32		32	
Bio-cultural Anthropology	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Daily Life	2	32		32	
Anthropology of Globalization	2	32		32	
Legal Anthropology	2	32		32	
Total	12	192		192	

*Compensatory courses are selected from undergraduate courses.

Study Calendar

First Semester

- 26 August - 2 September, **Registration**
- 23 September, **Classes Start**
- 10 January, **Classes End**
- 13 January, **Exams**

Second Semester

- 27 January - 1 February, **Registration**
- 3 February, **Classes Start**
- 6 June, **Classes End**
- 17 June, **Exams**

*dates can slightly differ for international students, particularly those enrolled in postgraduate programs

How to Apply

Around 1000 International students are studying for a degree at the University of Tehran.

- **Bachelor's:** %7; **Master's:** %74; **PhD's:** %19
- **Countries:** Afghanistan, Iraq, Turkey, Japan, China, Syria, Moldavia, Hungary, Ukraine, Poland, Singapore, America, Australia, Pakistan, Netherlands, Korea, Armenia, Italy, Canada, France, Bahrain, UK, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Russia, Denmark, Senegal, Lebanon, Mexico, India, Germany, Egypt, Taiwan, Romania, Slovakia, Pakistan, Croatia, Nigeria, Oman, Serbia, Slovenia, Vietnam, Georgia, Sudan

1. Foreign applicants who wish to apply for admission:
 - For admission to degree programs, applicants should direct their inquiries to the attention of the International Students Office at int.admissions@ut.ac.ir. Detailed information is available at <https://ut.ac.ir/en/page/259/admission>
 - For short term programs: (one or two semester) stay at the University of Tehran, applicants may send their requests to the Office of International Relations at international@ut.ac.ir
 - To apply and study for a certificate in Persian language, applicants may direct their requests to the attention of the International Center for Persian Studies at icps@ut.ac.ir
 - For sabbatical leave or research stay at the University of Tehran, applicants may correspond with the Office of International Relations or with the corresponding college/faculty directly.

2. UT scholarships provide financial grants to a selected number of academically eligible students. The Scholarship programs are determined each respective year and funding is subjected to change. Scholarship applications are sent directly to the Office of International Students at UT and applications by current UT students (after approval by the College/Faculty) will be considered by the UT International Council and decisions will be made based on the C.V. and supporting documents.

Please contact the Office of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences for more information.

3. Accommodation: The University of Tehran has furnished guesthouses near the main campus that are available for visiting scholars. Information about rates and availability can be obtained by sending an email to international@ut.ac.ir
4. Foreign visitors who require the arrangement and obtaining of visas by the University of Tehran should correspond with the respective college/faculty/institute. They will be required to complete a visa form, and after confirmation, their visa will be processed facilitated by the Office of International Relations.

5. Requests for the verification of degrees issued by the University of Tehran should be addressed to the General Office of Academic Affairs (Undergraduate), or General Office of Post-Graduate Studies, located at Enghelab Avenue, 16 Azar Street (Email: acaf@ut.ac.ir).
6. For additional enquiries and assistance, please contact directly the Office of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences at iasocio@ut.ac.ir



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