



## ANTHROPOLOGY

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Annual Intake: 40

## WHY STUDY ANTHROPOLOGY AT BRUNEL?

- ★ Anthropology at Brunel offers both conventional three-year degrees and 'thin-sandwich' four-year degrees which include work placements.
- ★ Roughly half of our students spend their second work placement abroad, engaged in research in countries such as South Africa, Botswana, India and Nepal. You can also take advantage of the opportunity offered by our membership of the ERASMUS scheme to study at one of a number of continental European universities.
- ★ Brunel Anthropology is home to internationally respected scholars and research groups. Our areas of expertise include the anthropology of: health, disease and medicine; childhood and youth; education and learning; emotions, mind and consciousness. Staff have conducted fieldwork in Oceania, Africa, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, South America and Europe on such diverse themes as religion, witchcraft, disability, memory, sport, race and ecology. Our exciting research allows us to deliver excellent teaching at the cutting edge of anthropology.
- ★ As a result of the profession-enhancing research experiences provided to students, Brunel Anthropology graduates have one of the best employment rates nationally.

## COURSES AT A GLANCE

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Craig spent four months in Nepal on his first work placement



I still remember the day I flew to Nepal, dreading the unknown. Now a year on, I wouldn't have changed a thing.

During my placement I dealt with various things from helping street children to working with young monks on a health programme.

It was hard at times, and a steep learning curve. Seeing abject poverty not on a TV screen but as part of my daily experience will stay with me for life.

Being able to turn your mobile off and realise that you don't need it is a strange but awesome thing. I think a placement should be about opening doors and opening your eyes to the endless possibilities that the world has to offer you.



## ENTRY CRITERIA

**GCE A-level BBB** (General Studies/ Critical Thinking accepted).

**Advanced Diploma Progression**  
Diploma Grade B in Society, Health and Development plus a B at A-level for Additional and Specialist Learning.

**BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma**  
DDD in a related subject.

**IBDP** 32 points.

**Access Pass**, including at least 50% of units with Merit or Distinction.

For all of the above, 5 GCSEs or equivalent at Grade C or above are also required, to include English and Maths (please note that these must have been gained by the time you submit your UCAS application).

## MODE OF STUDY/ UCAS CODES

### ANTHROPOLOGY BSc

**L601** 3-YEARS FULL-TIME

**L602** 4-YEARS THIN-SANDWICH

### ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY BSc

**LL6H** 3-YEARS FULL-TIME

**LL63** 4-YEARS THIN-SANDWICH

### PSYCHOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY BSc

**LC68** 3-YEARS FULL-TIME

**LC6V** 4-YEARS THIN-SANDWICH

# Anthropology BSc

**Check the Web for up-to-date course, entry criteria and fees information.**

## ABOUT THE COURSE

Anthropology offers a unique and powerful means for understanding cultural and social diversity in the modern world. It is concerned with contemporary issues such as multiculturalism, identity politics, racism and ethnic nationalism, changing forms of the family, religious conflict, gender, and the political role of culture. It also addresses perennial questions about human nature such as, 'What do we have in common with each other cross-culturally?' and 'What makes us different?'

Anthropology is the most outward-looking and cosmopolitan of the social sciences, its subject being the documentation and explanation of cultural diversity. At Brunel we also apply the ideas of anthropology to practical issues, particularly in the field of medical anthropology and in the analysis of cultural processes in Britain and Europe as a whole.

Our staff have carried out fieldwork in Oceania, Africa, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, South America, Britain and other parts of Europe, and our teaching scope is genuinely worldwide.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Level 1 (Year 1)

Students will receive a broad introduction to the central themes of anthropology. Students doing the four-year degree will also embark on their first work placement.

### Level 1 Core

- Introduction to Anthropology: Themes
- Introduction to Anthropology: Institutions and Beliefs
- Anthropology Through Film
- Dimensions of Ethnography
- Introduction to Social and Cultural Research
- Individual and Social Processes
- First work placement (four-year degree only) – June-December

### Level 2 (Year 2/3)

Students take modules in anthropology and research methods, along with an option in sociology. Those doing the four-year degree also embark on their second work placement. Typical modules:

### Level 2 Core

- Ethnicity, Identity and Culture
- Issues in Social Anthropology
- History and Theory of Social Anthropology
- Sex and Gender

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- Ethnography of the Contemporary World
- Second work placement – January–September of year 3 (four-year degree only)

### Level 3 (Year 3/4)

Students take advanced options in anthropology, which are based on regional expertise from Africa, South and Southeast Asia, Oceania, Europe and Latin America.

### Level 3 Optional

- Anthropology of the Body
- Anthropology of Childhood and Youth
- Anthropology of Education and Learning
- Themes in Psychological and Psychiatric Anthropology
- Anthropology of the Person
- Anthropology of Global Health
- Anthropology of Disability and Difference
- Kinship and New Directions in Anthropology
- Anthropology of Biomedicine and Psychiatry
- Medical Anthropology in Clinical and Community Settings
- Anthropology of International Development

### DISSERTATION

All students write a 10,000 word dissertation in their final year (which, on four-year degrees, usually combines with the second work placement). This is on a topic of your choice.

### Typical Dissertation Topics

- A New Age Settler Colony in South India
- The Effectiveness of AIDS Education Programmes

- The Role of Indigenous Healers in a South African Village
- Migration and Social Investment in a Mexican Village
- Exploring Modern Urban Paganism

### TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

You will be taught through lectures, tutorials, workshops and seminars with one-to-one supervision in your final year project. Methods of assessment vary and depends on which modules you select. Some courses are assessed on coursework only, some by (seen or unseen) examination, and some by a combination of the two.

### EMPLOYABILITY

Anthropology at Brunel is virtually unique because it offers both a conventional three-year degree and a 'thin-sandwich', four-year degree which involves two six-month work placements, (shorter if unpaid). Students gain experience and contacts vital for future employment in a world that increasingly expects job candidates to offer something more than a degree certificate.

Over half our students carry out a placement or fieldwork abroad, in places such as India, Nepal, Australia, Southern Africa, Papua New Guinea and Jamaica.

Recent UK placement destinations include the BBC, the Foreign Office, the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom, Amnesty International and the Department of Health.

### PLACEMENTS

This three-year course is also available as a four-year sandwich (with Professional Development) course offering high-quality work placements which will help you to succeed in the competitive job market. Students who complete the thin-sandwich course will be awarded their degree 'with Professional Development'.

### CAREERS

Anthropology students can go on to pursue both private and public sector careers including work with governmental organisations such as the United Nations and with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as Save the Children and Oxfam. Others now work as teachers, journalists and research officers in the health and social sectors, and in other professions requiring knowledge of social and cultural processes. Some pursue further research degrees in anthropology and become academic anthropologists.

### ANTHROPOLOGY BA JOINT HONOURS

You will select modules from those offered by each of the two subjects. Check the course page on the Web for more detailed information on the joint honours course.

### Anthropology and Sociology BSc

**GCE A-level BBB.** Refer to Sociology page 192.

### Psychology and Anthropology BSc

**GCE A-level BBB.** Refer to Psychology page 186.