Program of Study
Anthropologists are responsible for popularizing the concept of culture by emphasizing a holistic understanding of the connectivity between gender, religion, ethnicity, nationality, and economics. Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology will be encouraged to see the world as the sum of its biological, social, and cultural parts.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology is offered through the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. As an Anthropology major, you are required to complete two introductory-level Anthropology courses, in addition to one of four methodology courses; a course covering trends in anthropological theory; one of several courses focusing on world cultures; and one linguistics course, which investigates the role of language in human communities. In the junior and senior years, students may choose courses to focus on one or more fields of anthropology, including cultural, linguistic, biological or physical anthropology, and archaeology. Your major adviser will assist you in selecting courses to best reach your career goals.

A minor in Anthropology complements a wide variety of professional careers in the U.S. and abroad. Anthropology provides learning opportunities to gain skills needed for careers in museums, international development, forensic anthropology, medicine, cultural resource management, archaeology, human ecology, environmental sciences, national and international corporate management, health and human rights advocacy, public service, and academia. A minimum of 18 semester hours in Anthropology, including ANTH 110 and ANTH 111, is required for the minor. Your minor adviser will help you select courses to best complement your major field of study.

Faculty
Our faculty members come from diverse academic, social, and ethnic backgrounds and represent superior professional experience in teaching and research. Each are nationally and internationally recognized scholars who publish in peer-reviewed research publications and journals. Members of the faculty have been recipients of significant grants, including grants from the National Science Foundation, and they regularly incorporate students into ground-breaking research in archaeology, sociocultural anthropology, and biological anthropology.

Scholarships
Detailed information on scholarships is available from the department advising office, (309) 298-2189; Western's Scholarship Office, (309) 298-2001; or on the Web at wiu.edu/Scholarship.

Honors College Admission Requirements
To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT score of at least 28 or have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15% of their graduating class; or have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. A comparable SAT score is acceptable. Transfer and current WIU students who wish to join the Honors College (including the Quad Cities Honors Program) must have a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale based upon 12 s/h. Honors credit is given for honors coursework completed at other accredited institutions. To learn more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.
Student Activities
Our majors and minors are active in WASC, the Western Anthropology and Sociology Club, which sponsors several activities throughout the academic year. In addition to inviting guest speakers for campus programs, WASC organizes events such as career, résumé, and internship workshops; topical events relating to sociology and anthropology; and social events.

Special Opportunities
Anthropology faculty at WIU have extensive field research experience in Central and Latin America, Europe, India, and Southeast Asia. Anthropology faculty regularly lead short-term abroad field schools to India, Germany, and Puerto Rico. Anthropology students have an opportunity to work with mentors who are actively engaged in applied research. We have developed relationships with regional institutions, including the Field Museum of Natural History, the Dickson Mounds Museum, the Henson Robinson Zoo (Springfield, IL), and the Niabi Zoo (Moline, IL). For students interested in biological anthropology, they can also participate in the Functional Morphology and Evolutionary Anatomy minor program.

After College
Our students are uniquely prepared to apply their understanding of human relationships to a variety of fields, including medicine and health care, law and law enforcement, international relations, ecology, conservation, community planning, politics, marketing and business, social work, and human relations. In a time when new employees are expected to have an extensive skill set in many careers, anthropology is an ideal primary or secondary major for WIU students.

For More Information
Call the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at (309) 298-1056 or e-mail the adviser at SB-Keeling@wiu.edu. You can learn more about the department by visiting the department's website: wiu.edu/cas/sociology/anthro.

General Outlook
In addition to completion of the University General Education and College of Arts and Sciences curriculum requirements, Anthropology majors are required to complete four core courses (ANTH 110, ANTH 111, ANTH 419G & ANTH 380 or EIS 440), two courses in the directed electives (either ANTH 201 or ANTH 249, and either ANTH 305, ANTH 310, ANTH 325, or ANTH 326) plus 15 sh of Anthropology electives. A total of 33 sh are required for a major in Anthropology. Like all Western programs, studies in Anthropology build upon the General Education courses you’ll take during your freshman and sophomore years.

Sample Course Planning for Anthropology Major (*indicates required course for major)
Semester One: Anthropology 110*
Semester Two: Anthropology 111*, 201,* or 249*
Semester Three: Anthropology elective, EIS 440* or Anthropology 380*
Semester Four: Anthropology 305*, 325*, 326*, or 310*
Semester Five: Anthropology electives
Semester Six: Anthropology 419G*
Semester Seven: Anthropology electives
Semester Eight: Anthropology electives