

COMPUTER SCIENCE + ANTHROPOLOGY, BSLAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Computer Science + Anthropology

How does culture shape technology and technology shape culture? Does technology bridge inequalities or make them even wider? Anthropologists use computational tools and algorithms to analyze substantial amounts of data, gathered from a field site or by studying online social communities and social networks, to consider these questions.

With a Bachelor of Science in CS + Anthropology, which combines expertise from the Siebel School of Computing and Data Science and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, students will gain the knowledge necessary to use computer, social, and behavioral sciences within larger cultural questions of globalization, community, security, the ethics of privacy, social transformation, and social justice.

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Please see the computer science advisor as well as the anthropology advisor.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office by the beginning of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see the computer science advisor as well as the anthropology advisor.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: Normally equates to 66 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level Anthropology courses must be taken on this campus.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Code	Title	Hours
Required Computer Science Coursework		
CS 100	Computer Science Orientation (recommended; CS 100 is an orientation course aimed at first-year students, so students who declare the major after the first year are not required to complete it.)	1
CS 124	Introduction to Computer Science I	3
CS 128	Introduction to Computer Science II	3
CS 173	Discrete Structures	3
CS 225	Data Structures	4
CS 222	Software Design Lab	1
Choose one of the following combinations		8-11
CS 233 & CS 341	Computer Architecture and System Programming	
OR		

CS 340	Introduction to Computer Systems & two CS courses at the 400 level above CS 403, excluding CS 421 and CS 491	
Choose one of the following:		
STAT 200	Statistical Analysis	
STAT 212	Biostatistics	
CS 361	Probability & Statistics for Computer Science	
CS 374	Introduction to Algorithms & Models of Computation	4
CS 421	Programming Languages & Compilers	3

Mathematics (may also fulfill the General Education Quantitative Reasoning I and II requirements)

MATH 221 or MATH 220	Calculus I Calculus	4-5
MATH 225 or MATH 257	Introductory Matrix Theory Linear Algebra with Computational Applications	2 or 3
MATH 231	Calculus II	3

Required Anthropology Coursework - Minimum of 24 hours

Required Foundation Courses. Select at least 4 courses from the following. Students may make one course substitution for one of the required foundation courses, choosing from the option listed.

ANTH 101	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 110	Humanizing Science	
ANTH 220 or ANTH 105	Introduction to Archaeology World Archaeology	
ANTH 230 or ANTH 103	Sociocultural Anthropology Anthro in a Changing World	
ANTH 240 or ANTH 102	Biological Anthropology Human Origins and Culture	
ANTH 270 or ANTH 104	Language in Culture Talking Culture	
ANTH 374 or ANTH 372	Anth of Science and Technology Topics in Lang & Culture	

Electives (Substitutions with permission of advisor) 6-9

ANTH 241	Human Biological Variation	
ANTH 268	Images of the Other	
ANTH 368	'America' in the World	
ANTH 375	The Culture of Nature	
ANTH 399	Special Topics (check with advisor for appropriate topics)	
ANTH 411	Research Methods in Socio-Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 423	Economic Anthropology	
ANTH 453	Landscape Archaeology	
ANTH 499	Topics in Anthropology (check with advisor for appropriate topics)	

Optional Senior Capstone Project (See advisor for details)

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	1
CS 100	1
ANTH Foundation course	3
CS 124	3
Composition I or General Education course	4
General Education course	3
Total Hours 15	15

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First Year

Second Semester	Hours
CS 128	3
CS 173	3
ANTH Foundation course	3
MATH 220 or 221	4
General Education course or Composition I	3
Total Hours 16	16

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Second Year

First Semester	Hours
CS 222	1
CS 225	4
MATH 225 or 257	3
Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
General Education course	3
Total Hours 15	15

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Second Year

Second Semester	Hours
CS 233 or 340	4
STAT 200, 212, or CS 361	3
MATH 231	3
Language Other than English (4th level)	4

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General Education course	3
Total Hours 17	17

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Third Year

First Semester	Hours
CS 341 (or CS 400-level course)	4
ANTH Foundation course	3
ANTH Elective course	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Total Hours 16	16

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Third Year

Second Semester	Hours
CS 374	4
CS 400-level course or Free elective course	3
ANTH Elective course	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Total Hours 16	16

Total Hours 16

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours
ANTH 421	3
ANTH Foundation course	3
General Education Course	3
Free Elective course	4
Total Hours 13	13

Total Hours 13

Fourth Year

Second Semester	Hours
ANTH Foundation course	3
General Education Course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours 12	12

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Total Hours: 120

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1. A broad knowledge of cultural, social, linguistic and biological facets of the human condition and the methods anthropologists use to study them.
2. Ability to conduct independent research through data collection, critical analysis, synthesis, and written presentation of findings.

3. An understanding of the ethical and social dimensions of anthropological research and their impacts on society.

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CS + X Degrees (<https://cs.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/degree-program-options/cs-x-degree-programs/#requirements>)

CS + Anthropology (<https://anthro.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/computer-science-and-anthropology/>)

Anthropology department page (<https://anthro.illinois.edu/>)

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Overview of Liberal Arts & Sciences admissions & requirements (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)

The Grainger College of Engineering website (<https://grainger.illinois.edu>)