

Department of Anthropology
ANTHRO 3372G: Applying Anthropology
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Winter 2027

Date: June 26, 2026

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Jeremy Trombley

Method of delivery: In Person.

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: Registration in Year 3 or 4 and 0.5 course in Anthropology.

Course Description:

Anthropology is known for providing holistic and nuanced understandings of human life. It offers a valuable set of tools for understanding human diversity and for examining the social conditions cultural influences that shape our everyday worlds as well as the myriad ways that people respond to these conditions. These tools are not only effective for generating new theories about humanity, but also can be applied to projects that may help to improve people's lives. In this course, we will examine the application of anthropology and some of the opportunities and challenges that applied anthropology presents to the discipline.

In this course, you will encounter different forms of applied anthropology including practicing anthropology, governance anthropology, and engaged anthropology. Through these forms, you will discuss the unique contribution that anthropology can make to the world as well as some of the ethical and practical considerations that applied anthropology introduces to the field. You will have the opportunity to design an applied anthropology research project and consider how these practices will contribute to your own future career.

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define anthropology and applied anthropology.
- Describe the history of anthropology and its application in different forms.
- Recognize the forms of applied anthropology and how they contribute to different sectors.
- Reflect on the ethical and practical considerations of applying anthropology to broader problems.
- Analyze and critique applied anthropology research.

Design an applied anthropology research project of your own.

Course Materials:

No textbook

Evaluation:

Pre-Course Reflection	5%
Engagement	10%
Activities Notebook	50%
Applied Research Design	40%
Post-Course Reflection	5%

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