The Department of Anthropology’s major with emphasis in Biological Anthropology combines our core biological anthropology courses into a cohesive program designed to prepare majors for careers in the biological and evolutionary sciences, such as human evolutionary genetics, paleoanthropology, and anthropological demography. The emphasis is ideal for students desiring rigorous theoretical training combined with hands-on practical experience through our various labs and field programs.
REQUIRED CLASSES
*Indicates a prerequisite is required

Required Foundation
ANTH 1010 Culture and the Human Experience [BF]
ANTH 1020 Human Origins, Evolution and Diversity [LS]
ANTH 1030 Prehistoric Archaeology [BF]
ANTH 1050 Evolution of Human Nature [LS]
ANTH 2001 Anthropology as a Major and Career (1 credit)

Lower-Division Core (select 1 class, 3 credits total)
ANTH 2281 Primates: Studying our Closest Relatives
ANTH 2225 Genes and Society

Upper-Division Core (select 3 classes, 9 credits total)
*ANTH 3261 Paleoanthropology
ANTH 3450 Biology of Human Growth and Development
*ANTH 5281 Primates
ANTH 5451 Human Physical Activity in Evolutionary Persp
*ANTH 5461 Behavioral Ecology and Anthropology

Statistics Core (select 1, 3-4 credits total)
*ANTH 5230 Intro to Statistics in Anthropology [QI]
*ANTH 5471 Quantitative Methods in Evolutionary Ecology [QI]
*ECON 3640 Probability & Statistical Inference for ECON [QB]
*MATH 3070 Applied Statistics I [QI, QB] (4 credits)

Upper Division Electives (continued) (select 4 classes, 12 credits total. 1 class must be 5000 level)
ANTH 5711 Student Independent Research Group (1-6 credits)
ANTH 5712 Field School - North America (3-6 credits)
ANTH 5960 Ethnographic Field School in Tonga

TOTAL HOURS IN ANTHROPOLOGY: A minimum of 40 semester hours
* A minimum of 24 of the 40 semester hours required for the major must be taken at the University of Utah*
Please note: You must earn a grade of “C” or better for courses to count toward your major, and you must earn a GPA of at least 2.5 in your major courses.

ALLIED HOURS
Minimum of 12 credit hours from the following departments:
Biol, Chem, CS, Econ, Envst, Ethnc, Geog, Geo, Math, Phys or Psy

CAREER OUTLOOK
Forensic Sciences
Biomedicine
Demographic Analysis
Evolutionary Genetics
Museum Sciences
Paleoanthropology