Core and an Anthropology Major

Core classes are conducted as seminars capped at 16 students, led by full-time faculty. Students form a close relation with faculty and other students in class and in optional extra-curricular activities, while developing the skills necessary for success in upper-level seminars in their major.

**Core Humanities** provides an important context for Anthropology students, by examining authors as different as Homer, Confucius, Laozi and Dante, and their very different views of the nature of human beings. Core studies cultures as varied as the complex Mesopotamian cities, the early Hebrew nomads, and the Greek city-state through to the rise of the European nation-state and modern America, all as seen through their art, literature, philosophy, and music.

**The Core Social Science sequence**, CC 112 and 211, is invaluable for Social Science majors as it studies the foundations, development and interrelation of the various social sciences, while examining such crucial thinkers as Herodotus, Ibn Khaldun, Hobbes, Locke, Tocqueville, Marx, Weber, Durkheim and Malinowski.

**The Core Natural Science courses**—CC 111, Origins, and CC 212, which studies relativity, quantum theory and neuroscience—complement the social sciences classes by considering not only the natural world and our relation to it, but also how human beings’ relation to nature is interconnected with human culture.

Students generally take CC 101 and 102 in their first year; however, as long as the Humanities courses are taken in order, Core classes can be taken at any time during your BU career.

**Core offers additional opportunities for achievement, as well:**

- Students who take one of the four two-course sequences available in Core (CC 101/102; CC 201/202; CC 112/211; and CC 111/212) become eligible to begin a Core Minor.
- Students who complete Core with a grade of at least B+ in each of their Core classes become eligible to apply for Core Honors.
- Students who complete Core are acknowledged with an official annotation on their BU transcript, reading: “Completed the Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum in Arts & Sciences.”

**Core and your schedule**

Since students can satisfy all Hub and Writing requirements through Core there is plenty of room to complete the program. For example, CC 101 gives Hub credit for Aesthetic Exploration, Global Citizenship, and Creativity / Innovation, while CC 102 gives WR 120 credit. CC 111 and 212 give Scientific Inquiry I and II and Quantitative Reasoning I and II as well as Teamwork / Collaboration and Critical Thinking.

**For Anthropology majors**, CC 112 & CC 211 together count for AN 101. For majors in the Joint Concentration in Anthropology and Religion, CC 112 & CC 211 together count for AN 101.

**For students pursuing a double major**, the course credit earned in Core can be a valuable asset. Visit [www.bu.edu/core/about/factsheets](http://www.bu.edu/core/about/factsheets) to learn how Core course equivalencies can satisfy requirements in particular majors.

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Whenever you’re on campus, please feel free to stop by the Core Office for a visit. We’re in CAS Room 119, at 685 Commonwealth Avenue, adjacent to Tsai Auditorium.