Focus in the Anthropology of Health

Join students preparing for a career in anthropological health research and learning anthropological techniques that lend scientific rigour and humanist compassion to a career in the health professions.

All students with the necessary pre-requisites are welcome in these courses, whether coming from a science or arts background.

About the program

This new focus emphasizes the effects of cultural and socioeconomic processes on biological and health outcomes in human populations. Courses in this group examine a broad range of factors that contribute to growth, development and health, as well as the variable exposure to malnutrition and disease that is the consequence of inequality and injustice.

Developed by our newest faculty member, Dr. Tracey Galloway, an expert in chronic disease epidemiology and Indigenous health, this program aims to prepare anthropologists for a career in health research and to train future health scientists in the anthropological techniques that lend scientific rigour and humanist compassion to a career in the health professions.

In Canada’s North, celery can cost $14.58 per kg, and a 10 kg bag of flour can cost $42.81.

( Nunavut Bureau of Statistics, 2013 )
## Anthropology of Health courses

### ANT220H5 Introduction to the Anthropology of Health

This course is the foundation of the new Anthropology of Health focus and a pre-requisite for two new 3rd and 4th year courses being offered in the coming years: ANT341 Anthropology of Infectious Disease, and ANT437 Advanced Seminar in the Anthropology of Health. Students planning on taking upper-year health courses should be sure to register for this new core course in the Anthropology of Health focus, as no exceptions will be made for entry into upper level courses. Prerequisites: ANT101H5 and ANT102H5.

### ANT214H5 Anthropology of Food and Nutrition

Provides students with a basic understanding of nutrition science that is contextualized in contemporary anthropological debates about changing food systems. This course is open to all students. No prerequisites.

### ANT341H5 Anthropology of Infectious Disease

Examines current understandings of how humans experience infectious illness. Emphasis is on patterns of plague, tuberculosis, HIV, water-borne disease, and vector-borne illness such as malaria and Zeca virus. Prerequisites: ANT202H5, ANT204H5, & ANT220H5 - all three must be completed.

### ANT337H5 Anthropology of Growth and Development

Provides students with a complex understanding of how evolutionary and environmental processes interact in the production of growth and health in human populations. Prerequisites: ANT202H5 & ANT203H5.

### ANT437H5 Advanced Seminar in the Anthropology of Health

This course is the culmination of the undergraduate Biological Anthropology of Health focus, and aims to prepare students for workplace application and graduate study in a wide range of clinical and research domains. Prerequisites: ANT202H5, ANT204H5, & ANT220H5 - all three must be completed.

### The NEW Anthropology of Health courses pair well with existing courses such as:

- ANT202H5 Biological Anthropology: Human Variation and Adaption (SCI)
- ANT204H5 Sociocultural Anthropology (SSc)
- ANT211H5 Sex, Evolution and Behaviour (SCI)
- ANT331H5 The Biology of Human Sexuality (SCI)
- ANT334H5 Human Osteology (SCI)
- ANT335H5 Anthropology of Gender (SSc)
- ANT338H5 Laboratory Methods in Biological Anthropology (SCI, EXP)
- ANT340H5 Osteological Theory (SCI)
- ANT358H5 Field Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology (SSc)
- ANT364H5 Fieldwork in Language, Culture, and Society (SSc, EXP)
- ANT436H5 Theory and Methods in Molecular Anthropology (SCI)
- ANT438H5 The Development of Thought in Biological Anthropology (SCI)
- ANT462H5 Living and Dying: Topics in Medical Anthropology & Global Health (SSc, EXP)

Remember that you must complete ANT220H5 as a prerequisite for many of the upper level courses!

All courses count as Anthropology credits or Science distribution credits.

Course descriptions and faculty listings are available on our website at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/anthropology](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/anthropology). 

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