

Department of Anthropology | Stanford University
Procedures and Requirements for the Undergraduate Senior Paper Program

The senior paper program in Anthropology provides majors the opportunity to conduct original research under the guidance of an Anthropology faculty member. All Anthropology majors are encouraged to write a senior paper. Interested Anthropology majors of junior standing may apply to the senior paper program by submitting a senior paper application form, including a research topic/title of the proposed senior paper project, a two page abstract/proposal, and a letter of reference from their faculty adviser to the Undergraduate Student Services Specialist no later than February 15th in the junior year. Enrollment in Research in Anthropology (Anthro 95), is recommended during Autumn and Winter quarters of the senior year. Students must enroll in ANTHRO 95B, Honors or Senior Paper, in the final quarter of the undergraduate degree program before graduating. The senior paper is submitted in the final quarter before graduation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	SENIOR PAPER IN ANTHROPOLOGY
Apply	No later than the 15 th of February during Winter Quarter of the Junior year for students planning fieldwork, lab, or library-based research
Select	A research project.
Enlist	An Anthropology faculty Advisor (usually your Faculty Advisor).
Submit	Hand in the Anthropology <i>Senior Paper Application</i> no later than the 15 th of February during Winter Quarter of the Junior year. The application includes the project title, a two to four page project proposal, and a letter of reference from the faculty Advisor who will supervise the student's Senior Paper Project. The letter of reference can be emailed by the advisor directly to the Undergraduate Student Services Specialist.
Review of Application	Applications are reviewed by the Department of Anthropology's Undergraduate Committee, which selects the students who become candidates for a Senior Paper. A Senior Paper project typically involve the formation of an explorable research question and the generation of new data, either in the field, lab, or library.

REQUIREMENTS	SENIOR PAPER COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Required Anthropology course work	Take the required Theory and Methods courses specified for the student's emphasis within Anthropology: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culture & Society 2. Ecology, Environment, & Evolution 3. Medical Anthropology 4. Self-Designed Emphasis Enroll in ANTHRO 95B: Senior Paper (5 units minimum, 10 units maximum) Must be taken in the <u>final quarter of the Senior year</u> .
Recommended Anthropology course work	ANTHRO 92A: Undergrad Research Proposal Writing Workshop (Autumn) ANTHRO 92B: Undergrad Research Proposal Writing Workshop (Winter) ANTHRO 93: Prefield Research Seminar (Spring only) ANTHRO 94: Postfield Research Seminar (Autumn only) ANTHRO 95: Research in Anthropology
Completion of the Senior Paper	During Spring Quarter of the Senior year, the final version must be submitted by May 13 th . Students may be asked to present their Senior Paper at the Honors/ Masters Thesis presentation during Spring quarter. Please see the Undergraduate Student Services Officer for more details.

What Constitutes an Undergraduate Senior Paper:

Format

- 15-35 pages in length
- AAA Documentation Style

Content

- Depth
- Guidelines
- Qualitative Assessment

Please discuss your Senior Paper content and final version with your advisor and/or a faculty member within the Anthropology department.

Note: Even if you are not interested in applying to the Honors program, we encourage all our majors to write a **Senior Paper**, based on fieldwork or library research.

Anthropology Senior Paper Application

Name:	SUID#:
Email:	Senior Paper Advisor (First Reader):
Telephone:	Second Reader:
Major:	Second Major:
Graduation Qtr/Yr:	Minor:
Major GPA:	Cumulative GPA:
Proposed Title:	

Does your project involve human subjects? Yes_____ No_____

Required Application Documents:

- ___ Proposal 2-4 pages (attach to this document)
- ___ Bibliography
- ___ Letter of recommendation from Senior Paper Advisor
- ___ Transcript (official or unofficial)

Coursework Timeline:				
Requirement	Dept/Course Number/Name	Qtr/Year	Units	Grade
1.	ANTHRO 90A, 90B, 90C. THEORY, based on designated Anthropology emphasis requirements.		5	
2.	ANTHRO 91 or 91C. METHODS, based on designated Anthropology emphasis requirements.		5	
3.	ANTHRO 95B. Senior Paper (5 units minimum, 10 units maximum, must be taken in the final quarter of the Senior year).			

Senior Paper Advisor

By signing this form I take responsibility for advising this student on their Senior Paper research, especially in regards to the methods used and ethical issues that may arise.

Advisor:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

**Anthropology Senior Paper
Checklist for Senior Paper Candidates**

Junior Year

Autumn Quarter

	<p>Meet with your advisor to discuss research topic and proposal.</p> <p>Recommended Enrollment: During Autumn or Winter quarter, students are encouraged to enroll for units in ANTHRO 92A or 92B: Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing Workshop. During Spring quarter, students are encouraged to enroll in ANTHRO 93: Prefield Research Seminar and/or ANTHRO 95: Research in Anthropology.</p>
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Winter Quarter

By February 15 th	<p>Submit application materials to the Undergraduate Student Services Officer.</p> <p>Recommended Enrollment: During Autumn or Winter quarter, students are encouraged to enroll for units in ANTHRO 92A or 92B: Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing Workshop. During Spring quarter, students are encouraged to enroll in ANTHRO 93: Prefield Research Seminar and/or ANTHRO 95: Research in Anthropology.</p>
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Senior Year

Autumn Quarter

By November 15 th	<p>Senior Paper candidates are expected to submit their draft outline to their 1st reader no later than November 15th to allow adequate review time. Senior Paper candidates should schedule a meeting with their 1st reader well in advance of the November 15th deadline to allow time to incorporate feedback into the final outline. Senior Paper candidates should also begin discussing selection of 2nd reader during this time period.</p> <p>Recommended Enrollment: In late Summer, take Anthropology Bing Honors College (if offered) and/or ANTHRO 94: Postfield Research Seminar (offered in Autumn quarter only).</p>
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Winter Quarter

By January 31 st	<p>Senior Paper candidates are expected to submit a draft sample chapter (including Senior Paper literature review, bibliography, and table of contents) to their 1st reader no later than the first day of Winter Quarter to allow faculty members sufficient time to review and comment on the work. Senior Paper candidates should schedule a meeting with their 1st reader well in advance of the Jan 31st deadline to allow time for revisions, if necessary.</p>
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Spring Quarter

By April 4 th	<p>Submit preliminary draft to Senior Paper advisor (1st reader). Senior Paper candidates are responsible for scheduling an appointment with their 1st reader to receive feedback on the preliminary draft in sufficient time to allow for necessary revisions.</p> <p>Required Enrollment: Register for ANTHRO 95B for minimum of 5 units</p>
By May 13 th	<p>Submit final paper to both 1st and 2nd reader. Senior Paper candidates should include a copy of their complete checklist, and a copy of the Senior Paper program requirements and description as listed on the application when submitting their final paper to the readers.</p>

**Department of Anthropology
Undergraduate B.A. Senior Paper Signature Sheet**

Department of Anthropology
Stanford University

This paper is submitted by:

Student Name

Signature

Date

In partial fulfillment for the Undergraduate Program, Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology at Stanford University.

Senior Paper Advisor:

Name

Signature

Date

Second Reader:

Name

Signature

Date

Please return this signature sheet and a final bound copy of your Senior Paper to Amelie Byun in Building 50, Room 51N **by the first day of finals in Spring Quarter.**