

ANTHROPOLOGY, MINOR (0002)

Western Sydney University Minor Code: 0002

Previous Code: SM1131.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Social Anthropology is the study of humans and the cultures they create. The minor in Anthropology within the Bachelor of Social Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science/>) offers students the opportunity to examine social patterns and practices across cultures, to discover similarities and differences between cultures, and to understand the processes by which humans organise and create meaning. Commencing with an introduction to the discipline of anthropology, the minor allows students to develop their understanding of cross-cultural perspectives and praxis with a choice of subjects examining: globalisation, location and culture; gender and sexuality; religion and spirituality; sustainability; social and cultural change; ethnography and ethnographic methods. The minor grounds students in an appreciation and understanding of cultural difference as it may play out across various aspects of contemporary social life and politics.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Liverpool Campus	Internal	Dr Amie Matthews (a.matthews@westernsydney.edu.au)
Penrith Campus	Internal	Dr Amie Matthews (a.matthews@westernsydney.edu.au)

Minor Structure

Students must complete 40 credit points as follows.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete the following compulsory subject:		
HUMN 1016	Different Ways of Being in the World: Introduction to Social Anthropology	10
Select three of the following:		
HUMN 1026	Global Structures, Local Cultures	30
HUMN 2068	Cultures of Southeast Asia and Oceania	
HUMN 2064	(Poly)Crisis, Cross-cultural Responses & Resilience	
HUMN 2069	Society, Culture and Human Diversity	
HUMN 3075	Contemporary Religion	
HUMN 3078	The Anthropologies of Gender and Sexualities	

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HUMN 2028	Identity and Belonging	
CULT 3016	Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	
HUMN 3066	Power as a Cultural System	
HUMN 2069	Society, Culture and Human Diversity	
HUMN 3078	The Anthropologies of Gender and Sexualities	

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Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this minor for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

HUMN 2012 Anthropologies of the Everyday, replaced by HUMN 2069 Society, Culture and Human Diversity

HUMN 2024 - Ethnographies of Southeast Asia and the Pacific - replaced by HUMN 2068 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn2068/>) Cultures of Southeast Asia and Oceania

Related Programs

Bachelor of Social Science (1667) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science/>)

Total Credit Points 40