Anthropology takes as its subject the unity and diversity of our single human species in its total history. Its intellectual origins are in both the natural sciences and the humanities. Anthropology concerns itself with real people living now and throughout history. Hence anthropology asks questions such as “What defines being human?” “Who are the ancestors of modern humans?” “What are our physical traits?” “How do we behave?” “Why are there variations and differences among different groups of humans?” “How has the evolutionary past of humans influenced social organization and culture?” Most importantly anthropologists seek to ask themselves the twin questions of “What in my world gives rise to my reaction to what other folks do?” and “What in their world makes it sensible for them to do what they do, even if it would never occur to me to do the same thing?”

Anthropology students will gain skills essential to better understand the complexity of the human world and the role of human beings within that complex world. Collin students who study anthropology will gain a foundation in the discipline sufficient for them to transfer to a university program.

To earn an associate degree, complete the 42 credit hour General Education Core, and 18 credit hours of general studies electives and the Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree requirements.

**Recommended Electives**

ANTH 2301 Physical Anthropology
ANTH 2302 Introduction to Archeology
ANTH 2346 General Anthropology
ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology
BIOL 2404 Human Anatomy and Physiology Basic
BIOL 2416 Genetics
ENGL 2332 World Literature I
GEOG 1302 Human Geography
PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
PSYC 2301 General Psychology
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology