Unit Plan: Description of the Unit

Unit: Anthropology
Division or Area to Which You Report: Social Sciences
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**Audience:** To be read and responded to primarily by Marketing and Outreach

**Purpose:** Used for public relations, used in catalog and/or brochures, grant applications. Marketing & recruiting materials

**Instructions:** Write about one paragraph which should include the unit’s mission statement. You may include an image or picture, if you wish. You may use last year’s description with updates or revisions as needed.

The Anthropology Program seeks to provide students with quality preparation for majors in a wide array of social and behavioral sciences as well as an understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity on a world scale and human and cultural evolution. Our program offers introductory general education course in archaeology, cultural and physical anthropology, providing the general education student with a keen awareness of, and value for, the diverse richness and continuity of human society on a global scale. We seek prepare students to actively understand and engage in the complex world we inhabit. Our archaeology class provides students with an understanding of the depth and breadth of our history as a species. Physical anthropology provides students with an understanding of human evolution and an understanding of the variation and unifying features of our species. The cultural anthropology classes expose students to the cultural diversity that surrounds us and provides an appreciation as well as a means of understanding of the variety of ways societies organize their lives.

Physical anthropology fulfills an AA and transfer Life Sciences requirement. When taken with the 1-unit Anthropology 1 Lab, it provides an AA and transfer Laboratory Science requirement. All Anthropology classes fulfill Social and behavioral Sciences AA and transfer requirements. The U.S. Cultures class meets the American Cultures requirement at UC Berkeley. The core courses also constitute typical lower division preparation for a major in anthropology, sociology, psychology or other behavioral sciences.