

**Undergraduate Sociology Curriculum Review Committee
Department of Sociology & Anthropology
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Assessment Goals for Anthropology

By the end of their undergraduate education in Anthropology at Illinois State University, majors should be able to:

1. explain how humans are a species whose biological, linguistic, technological and social behavioral attributes have been shaped by our evolutionary and cultural past;
2. explain the advantages of the holistic approach in anthropological studies;
3. explain the importance of cultural relativism in understanding human behavior;
4. explain how the archaeological record forms and its importance in understanding human behavior;
5. explain the relationship between language and human socio-cultural behavior, past and present;
6. distinguish between scientific, humanistic and pseudo-scientific explanations and understandings of human biology and behavior;
7. demonstrate the ability to formulate, design and conduct an individual research project using an appropriate research methodology that culminates in an acceptable Senior Thesis.