

Anthropology (ANTH) 408

Method and Theory in Anthropology

Delivery mode: [Individualized study](#).

Credits: 3 - [Reading course](#) - Social Science.

Prerequisite: 12 credits in Anthropology and permission of course professor. [Independent Studies Web form](#).

Centre: [Centre for Work and Community Studies](#)

ANTH 408 is not available for challenge.

Overview

ANTH 408 provides students with an opportunity to investigate problems or issues in greater depth than is possible in a lower level course. Before registering in ANTH 408, students must discuss the topic they wish to explore with the course professor. Since this is a flexible course design, the process of negotiation with Athabasca University faculty can take three or four months to complete, and students are not registered in the course during this stage of negotiation. Rather students, in consultation with the course professor, design their own course topic, agree on the course objectives, and then register in the course.

Once registered in this course, students, in consultation with the course professor, carry out tasks enabling them to accomplish the course objectives, guided and supported by the course textbook, course professor, and staff members at Athabasca University Library or other libraries to which the students have access.

Upon completion of ANTH 408, students will have designed and carried out a program of research and written a major paper (approximately 40 to 50 pages, double spaced) on a theoretical or methodical problem.

Outline

ANTH 408 is divided into three parts, each focusing on a particular set of tasks.

Part 1: Topic, Thesis Statement, and Materials

Part 2: Formal Outline

Part 3: Final Essay

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Evaluation

To [receive credit](#) for ANTH 408, you must achieve a composite course grade of at least a [“D” \(50 percent\)](#). The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Proposal	Draft Paper	Final Paper	Total
15%	25%	60%	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#).

Course Materials

Textbook

Avery, Heather, et al. 1989. *Thinking It Through: A Practical Guide to Academic Essay Writing*, 2d ed. Peterborough, ON: Academic Skills Centre, Trent University.

Other materials

The course materials also include a student manual and study guide.