

Athabasca University, Centre for Social Sciences

Program Information	
Program Name	Athabasca University, Centre for Social Sciences
General Description / Special Programs	<p>Athabasca University was established by Order in Council of the Government of Alberta on June 25, 1970. Originally conceived as a traditional campus-based institution, AU changed course in 1972 through a pilot project to test the concept of an open, distance university. The first AU course, World Ecology, was offered in 1973, and AU's first Convocation, for two graduates, was held in 1977. The university achieved self-governing status as Alberta's fourth public university on April 12, 1978.</p> <p>By 1984, AU had outgrown its original facilities in Edmonton and, in accordance with the policy of decentralization favoured by the provincial government of the day, the university moved 145 kilometres north to the Town of Athabasca. Satellite campuses were established in Calgary, Edmonton and Fort McMurray, Alberta, to enable students to receive first-hand educational support services and to write invigilated examinations. The Fort McMurray location closed in 2000.</p> <p>During the 1980s, in keeping with its mandate to explore new ways of delivering post-secondary education to students anywhere, any time, AU pioneered the use of computers to deliver online courses. AU's Executive MBA program, the world's first online EMBA, was introduced by AU's Centre for Innovative Management in 1994.</p> <p>Today, AU is one of the world's foremost and fastest growing online and distance education institutions, serving over 40,000 students worldwide.</p> <p>Anthropology at Athabasca University advocates a four-field approach: archaeology, biological anthropology, socio-cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Our faculty strengths and the majority of course offerings currently lie in the first three of these sub-disciplines; however, we also offer an introductory course in linguistic anthropology. Archaeologists are interested in reconstructing the lifeways of ancient peoples through documentation and analysis of the material remains left behind. Biological anthropology focuses on our biological diversity and evolution. Sociocultural anthropology explores and explains the social and cultural diversity of the present and the recent past. Finally, linguistic anthropologists study the history, structure and function of language.</p>
Established	1978
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City	Athabasca
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	MA
Certificate Info	<p>Undergraduate Program Bachelor of Arts Degree – Anthropology Major (4 years —120 credits) Bachelor of Arts Degree – Anthropology Minor (30 credits)</p> <p>Graduate Program Students who are interested in pursuing anthropology at the graduate level at AU are directed to the Master of Arts – Interdisciplinary Studies degree. In addition to the core courses that include an anthropological component, students may enrol in Ethnobiology, and Environment, Traditional Cultures and Sustainability, or in reading courses such as: History of Anthropological Theory, Language and Culture, Canadian Prehistory, Gender in Archaeology, and Archaeological Method and Theory. Advanced topical reading courses in areas can be offered in environmental anthropology, traditional knowledge, or other areas within the expertise of available professors. Further information about courses and degree programs in Anthropology may be found in the Athabasca University Calendar.</p>
Other Degree Requirements	
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/ BS Requirements	
MA/ MS Requirements	
MA/MS Specializations	
Phd Requirements	
Research Facilities	
Support Opportunities	
Library Resources	
Internship Info	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	

