## The Anthropology Major and the Field Experience Requirement

The anthropology major is designed to first introduce you to the discipline of anthropology as a whole, but with a primary emphasis on cultural anthropology and then to provide you some expertise in particular topics (eg: environmental justice, globalization) and particular areas (Latin America; the Caribbean). In your sophomore or junior year (the sequence will be offered in one of those years) you will take the Fall theory class and the Spring method class, which will provide you in-depth knowledge of the 'theories' of cultural anthropology (or the ways the cultural anthropologists make sense of what they observe), and provide you with training in ethnographic methods. Please note that the Theory course and the Methods course are NOT offered every year, but rather are offered every other year. The field experience requirement is ideally fulfilled in the fall of your senior year, the spring of your junior or third year, or the summer before your senior year. This requirement ensures that you acquire a solid body of ethnographic data that you will then develop, with a re-visitation of anthropological theory, into a substantial paper of potentially publishable quality in the capstone course in the spring of your senior year. Students who study abroad may also earn major elective credit through their study abroad programs.

## Example Major Sequence Scenarios and Ways of Fulfilling the Field Experience (these are two out of many possible pathways to an Anthropology major)

Example One:	Example Two
First Year (or Second Year):	First Year
Introduction to Anthropology	Introduction to Anthropology
	Introduction to Sociology
Second /Sophomore Year:	Second /Sophomore Year:
Introduction to Sociology	Theory in Anthropology; Ethnographic Methods
Major Electives	riculous .
Third/Junior Year:	Third/Junior Year:
Theory in Anthropology; Ethnographic Methods	Major Electives
Field Experience/Study Abroad	Field Experience/Study Abroad
Senior Year:	Senior Year:
Capstone	Capstone

If you become particularly interested in your Ethnographic Methods project, it may be possible for you to develop an independent study research program for either the summer between Junior and Senior year or the Fall of your senior year (this does not have to be done for credit, i.e. does not have to be paid for; but it must be approved by Dr. Johnson to both satisfy your field experience and to provide the data for your capstone project. If you choose this option, we still recommend that you participate in some sort of study-abroad/ cross-cultural learning experience for your own development as an anthropologist, but we do not require this.

Make sure that you arrange to talk to Dr. Johnson about your plans for how you will sequence theory, method, your field experience, possible study abroad, and gathering a data set for capstone. The earlier you do this the better

## Study Abroad Programs that meet the Field Experience Requirements

The following programs not only fulfill the field experience requirement, but also are the ones we most highly recommend for anthropology students who fulfill their field experience otherwise. There may be others that are as good, and as we become aware of them we will add them to our list. We will also work with you if you choose to or need to use a different program.

We readily approve semester-long and year-long programs, and will consider summer-long programs on a case-by-case basis.

School for International Training (SIT) Study Abroad (http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/14777.htm)

Offers semester-long field based academic programs in various parts of the world, and with various thematic foci. There are a huge range of options from Africa to Asia & the Pacific, Europe & the Middle East and Latin America & the Caribbean. They also offer a smaller variety of summer programs. A critical component of SIT semester programs is the "ISP" or Independent Study Project that allows students to develop and carry out and intensive individual research project during the last six weeks of the semester. Please check with Sue Mennicke and Dr. Johnson about the specific program you are interested in, there is some variation in quality between programs.

University of Minnesota Studies in International Development (UMSID) (www.Umabroad.umn.edu)

Offers both year-long and semester-long field based academic programs in Ecuador, India, Senegal and Kenya. A key feature of UMSID programs is an internship (which takes a full semester for the year long program, one month in the Fall program and two and a half months in the Spring program). During this internship period, you will be able to be a participant observer to collect ethnographic data if you will be using the program for your field experience.

HECUA (Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs) (www.hecua.org)

Offers semester programs in Bangladesh; Northern Ireland & Ireland; Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden and Estonia); Ecuador; Guatemala & Cuba; St. Paul & Minneapolis, MN; Twin Cities MN and US South; and internships in the Upper Midwest. There programs provide a unique educational collaboration that engages students, faculty and practitioners in learning that generates knowledge and tools for social transformation and community building. The program includes an internship.

Border Studies Program (Fall) (<a href="www.earlham.edu/~borders">www.earlham.edu/~borders</a>)
Offers a field based academic program on the U.S. border, includes a field research component.

School for Field Studies -- www.fieldstudies.org

Offers programs in a variety of locations, with an environmental focus. Many of the programs also focus on the human-environmental relations. Programs which include a cultural research component would be appropriate. Check with Sue Mennicke and Dr. Johnson to ensure that the program you are interested would work.

Center for Global Education--- <a href="http://www.augsburg.edu/global/">http://www.augsburg.edu/global/</a>

Offers programs in a range of locations. There is no specific time within the program set aside for conducting research; so you would have to figure out how to do a research project within the program. Check with Sue Mennicke and Dr. Johnson to ensure that the program you are interested would work.

The Alliance for Global Education--- <a href="http://www.allianceglobaled.org/">http://www.allianceglobaled.org/</a>

Offers programs in China and India that would work well for your anthropology major. Programs offer internships that can serve as effective locations for research projects.