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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to offer a new minor in Biological and Medical Anthropology will be an agenda item for the March 26, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

## PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

2. **Department/Division:** Anthropology

3. **Minor Name:** Biological and Medical Anthropology

4. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2021

5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program:** Athens

### 6. **Program Description:**

The proposed minor in Biological and Medical Anthropology will provide students with a comprehensive overview of the anthropological study of human health and the biological and behavioral variation in the human lineage. It emphasizes anthropology's unique biocultural perspective by focusing on adaptation, variation, and a holistic understanding of global health, disease, and well-being. Students will learn foundational theory and research methods used to examine human-environmental interactions. Courses will also introduce students to cutting-edge theory and methods used to understand diet, health, and disease risk in anthropology. The Biological and Medical Anthropology minor is especially relevant for those planning careers in the health and medical professions.

Student learning outcomes for this program are as follows: 1. Develop an awareness of the relevance of anthropological perspectives to research in environmental, life, and health sciences; 2. Cultivate an awareness of connections between biology, society, and culture with respect to health and disease; 3. Effectively read and synthesize scholarly literature in order to develop scientific literacy; 4. Develop communication skills consistent with student's academic or professional goals; and 5. Provide students a pathway to study medical and biological anthropology as part of their academic careers.

### 7. **Program of Study:**

#### **Required Courses - 6 hours:**

ANTH 2045, Introduction to Biological Anthropology (3 hours)

#### **Choose one of the following courses:**

ANTH 2030, Art and Science of Asking Questions (3 hours)

ANTH 2265, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 hours)

ANTH 2800, Food, Environment, and Culture (3 hours)

#### **Elective Courses – Select at least 12 hours from the following courses:**

ANTH 3540, Multicultural Health Care (3 hours)

ANTH 3590, Nutritional Anthropology (3 hours)

ANTH 4070/6070, Cultural Ecology (3 hours)

ANTH 4100/6100, Evolution and Human Behavior (3 hours)

ANTH 4265/6265, Bioarchaeology (3 hours)  
ANTH(PBIO) 4300/6300-4300L/6300L, Ethnobotany (4 hours)  
ANTH 4370L/6730L, Human Osteology (4 hours)  
ANTH 4540/6540-4540L/6540L, Health, Biology, and Culture (3 hours)  
ANTH 4590/6590, Ecology and Evolution of Human Disease (3 hours)  
ANTH 4740/6740, Primate Ecology and Evolution (3 hours)  
ANTH(PSYC)(ECOL)(WILD) 4744/6744, Primate Behavior (3 hours)

**Total Hours: 18**

## **8. Justification**

Anthropology provides a holistic and comparative framework that encourages students to become scientifically literate and globally informed citizens. This minor will provide an opportunity for students interested in medicine, human health, environmental issues, or life sciences to develop knowledge and skills that will help them in post-graduate training and their future careers.

Anthropology course offerings currently attract students interested in the health and medical professions. This minor will provide structure to their program of study and provide a way to document their integrative, interdisciplinary undergraduate training. Several institutions offer minors in Medical Anthropology and they are successful. The UGA Department of Anthropology is well positioned for this to be a successful minor due to consistent enrollments in courses associated with the proposed minor.

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Minor in Biological and Medical Anthropology

**College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Department:** Anthropology

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2021

### Department:

- Anthropology Department Head, Dr. Ted Gragson, 2/8/21

### School/College:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 2/24/21

### Proposal Notification:

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean, Dr. Nick Place, 3/12/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Josef Broder, 3/12/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Assistant Dean, Dr. Douglas Bailey, 3/12/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Alan Dorsey, 3/12/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 3/12/21
- Terry College of Business Dean, Dr. Benjamin Ayers, 3/12/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Henry Munneke, 3/12/21
- Odum School of Ecology Dean, Dr. John Gittleman, 3/12/21
- Odum School of Ecology Associate Dean, Dr. John Drake, 3/12/21
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 3/12/21
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 3/12/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Engineering Dean, Dr. Donald Leo, 3/12/21
- College of Engineering Associate Dean, Dr. Ramaraja Ramasamy, 3/12/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Environment and Design Dean, Dr. Sonia Hirt, 3/12/21
- College of Environment and Design Associate Dean, Ms. Ashley Steffens, 3/12/21
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean, Dr. Linda Kirk Fox, 3/12/21
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Sheri Worthy, 3/12/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Dean, Dr. Dale Greene, 3/12/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Associate Dean, Dr. Robert Bringolf, 3/12/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean, Dr. Charles Davis, 3/12/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Associate Dean, Dr. Maria Len-Rios, 3/12/21
- School of Law Dean, Mr. Peter "Bo" Rutledge, 3/12/21
- School of Law Associate Dean, Mr. Randy Beck, 3/12/21
- College of Pharmacy Dean, Dr. Kelly Smith, 3/12/21

- College of Pharmacy Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Duc Do, 3/12/21
- College of Public Health Dean, Dr. Marsha Davis, 3/12/21
- College of Public Health Associate Dean, Dr. Erin Lipp, 3/12/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Dean, Dr. Matthew Auer, 3/12/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Associate Dean, Dr. John Maltese, 3/12/21
- School of Social Work Dean, Dr. Anna Scheyett, 3/12/21
- School of Social Work Associate Dean, Dr. Shari Miller, 3/12/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Dean, Dr. Lisa Nolan, 3/12/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean, Dr. Andrew Parks, 3/12/21