

American University of Central Asia
Department: Anthropology and International Development
CHECKLIST FOR ADMITS 2026

General Education Courses						
Course Name	Course code	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Academic Orientation program: August 17 - August 28, 2026	ORI		2*	1Fall		Outside of 240
First Year Seminar I	FYS		4	1Fall	none	
First Year Seminar II	FYS		4	1 Spring	FYS 1	
Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)	FYS		2	1Fall	none	
Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)	FYS		2	1 Spring	Phil I	
English Composition I	ECL		6	1Fall	none	
English Composition II	ECL		6	1 Spring	ECL I	
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	KLL		4	1Fall	none	
Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	KLL		4	1 Spring	KLL I	
Russian Language I	RUS		2	1Fall	none	
Russian Language II	RUS		2	1 Spring	RUS I	
History of Kyrgyzstan	HIST		4	2 Spring	none	
Geography of Kyrgyzstan	GEO		2	2 Spring	none	
Manas Studies			2	2 Fall	none	
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning			6		none	
Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar**	SYS/NTR		6			
Arts/Second Year Seminar**	ART		12			
Humanities/Second Year Seminar**	SYS/HUM		12			
Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar**	SYS/SS		12			One 6-credit course in Major requirements could be counted towards General Education requirements
Sports	SPO		400 hours/0 credits		none	400 hours
Total GenEd credits			92 [+2] credits			

* Credits earned for the Academic Orientation program are not included into 240 credits for graduation.

**All students in their 2nd year must take one Second Year Seminar. This seminar substitutes for one required 6-credit course in either Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts or Natural Science.

***One 6-credit course in Major requirements could be counted towards General Education requirements.

Major Requirements						
Required Courses credits					Total - 66	
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comment
Cultural Concepts and Social Networks	ANTH 107	2998	6	1 Fall	None	Can be counted towards Social Sciences requirements in the General Education program
Races, Human Diversity and Biology	ANTH-133	4968	6	1 Fall	None	
Introduction to Archaeology	ANTH 111	2921	6	1 Spring	None	
International Development: Donors, NGOs, Communities and Culture	ANTH 244	6424	6	2 Fall	None	
History of Anthropological Theories I-II	ANTH 343 /ANTH 400.1	6425 / 2441	12	2 Fall – 3 Spring	ANTH 105/107 ANTH 200.1	
Fieldwork (Archaeology)	ANTH 327	3950	6	2 Summer	ANTH 111	Outside of 240
Ethnographic Research Methods	ANTH 309	3532	6	2 Spring	ANTH 107	
Fieldwork (Anthropology)	ANTH 328	3949	9	3 Summer	ANTH 309	Outside of 240
Language, Culture and Power	ANTH 232.1	3057	6	3 Fall	None	
International Development and Cross-Cultural Communication	ANTH 341	5381	6	3 Fall	None	
Anthropology of Kyrgyz Culture	ANTH 339	6458	6	3 Spring	None	
Modernity, Religion, and Secularization in Central Asia	ANTH 407	6445	6	4 Spring	None	
Major Elective Courses				Total 30 credits from the following list		
Course Name	Course code	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Archaeology of Central Asia	ANTH 220.1	3058	6		None	
Ancient Turkic inscriptions	ANTH 336	5326	3		None	
Anthropology in the Digital World	ANTH- 406	6444	6		None	
Applied Research in Sustainable Development	ANTH 403	6311	6		None	
Assyriology	ANTH 239	6461	3		None	

Cross-cultural Communication in the Age of Google-Translate	ANTH 240	4964	6		None	
Culture and Technology in Japan	ANTH-241	4965	6		None	
Death and Ritual in the Past	ANTH 289	5653	6		None	
Digital Anthropology: Studying Humans on TikTok, VR and AI	ANTH 112	6446	6		None	
Egyptian Archaeology	ANTH 113	6460	3		None	
Ethnicity and Identity in Multicultural Societies	ANTH 320.1	3056	6		None	
Ethnicity and Nationalism in Multicultural Societies	ANTH/SOC 368	4216	6		None	
From Nomads to Polymaths: Knowledge, Scholars and Innovators in Central Asia	ANTH/HUM 230	6457	6		None	
Gender, Kinship and Family	ANTH-248	6426	6		None	
Health and Illness: anthropological perspective	ANTH/SOC/ PSY 263	4239	6		None	
Human and Culture co-evolution	ANTH 201.1	2990	6		None	
Human Evolution	ANTH/SS 470	4765	6		None	
Interdisciplinary Research Methods	ANTH 409	5635	6		ANTH 309	
Japanese Culture, International Development, and Technology	ANTH 342	5543	6		None	
"Nature" and "Sustainable Development"	ANTH-393	5747	6		None	
Races, Human Diversity and Biology	ANTH 132.1	2915	6		None	
Religion and Culture in Japan	ANTH 208.1	3840	6		None	
Religion and Spirituality as Cultural Categories	ANTH 331	3043	6		None	
Rock Art of Eurasia	ANTH/ART 258.2	3046	6		None	
Selected Topics in Kyrgyz Culture and Literature	ANTH/SS 434	4767	6		None	
Senior Thesis Seminar – 12 credits						
Thesis Writing, I	ANHT 402	6442	6	4 Fall	None	
Thesis Writing II	ANTH 404	6443	6	4 Spring	ANTH-402	
Total (Major requirements, major electives, and Senior Thesis):					66+30+12=108 credits	
Total Non-Major Elective Courses						
at least 18 credits should be taken outside of the major						
- 22 credits elective courses within or outside						40 credits
Fieldwork - (outside of 240 credits)						15 credits
Fieldwork (Archaeology) in Summer	ANTH 327	3950	6	2 Summer		Outside of 240

Fieldwork (Ethnography) in Summer	ANTH 328	3949	9	3 Summer		Outside of 240
Total Credits	240+2+15 = 257					

Order of study for 2026 admits

Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]			
1st semester (30 credits)		2nd semester (30 credits)	
First Year Seminar I	4	FYS II	4
English Composition I	6	English composition I	6
Intro to Philosophy I	2	Intro to Philosophy II	2
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	4	Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	4
Russian Language I	2	Russian Language II	2
Cultural Concepts and Social Networks	6	Introduction to Archeology	6
Races, Human Diversity and Biology	6	Major elective 1	6
Sport – (100 hours)	0	Sport – (100 hours)	0
Summer			
Fieldwork (Archaeology)			6
3rd semester (32 credits)		4th semester (30 credits)	
History of Anthropological Theory I	6	History of Anthropological Theory II	6
International Development: Donors, NGOs, Communities and Culture	6	Ethnographic Research Methods	6
Major elective 2	6	Major elective 3	6
Manas Studies	2	SYS: Social Sciences etc	6
SYS: Natural Sciences etc	6	History of Kyrgyzstan	4
Mathematics	6	Geography of Kyrgyzstan	2
Sport – (100 hours)	0	Sport – (100 hours)	0
Summer			
Fieldwork (Ethnography)			9
5th semester (30 credits)		6th semester (30 credits)	
Language, Culture and Power	6	Anthropology of Kyrgyz Culture	6
International Development and Cross-cultural Communication	6	Major elective 4	6

Elective	6	Elective out of major	6
ART I	6	ART II	6
Elective out of major	6	HUM I	6
7th semester (30 credits)		8th semester (30 credits)	
Thesis Seminar I	6	Thesis Seminar II	6
Major elective	6	Modernity, Religion, and Secularization in Central Asia	6
HUM II	6	Electives	18
Electives	12		

Graduation requirements:

1. Earn at least 240 credits (+ (2 credit hours) earned for orientation program and (15cr) program internships)
 - a. Complete all General Education requirements;
 - b. Complete all requirements for at least one major;
 - c. Earn no more than 102 credits of introductory (100-level) courses;
 - d. Complete at least 18 elective credits outside of a student's major and General Education program;
 - e. Complete the required number of internship credits (the number of credits is determined by each department);
 - f. Pass all state graduation examinations;
 - g. Successfully complete and defend a senior thesis/project;
 - h. Receive no "F" or "N/p" grades in the final semester;
- To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.**