

American University of Central Asia
Department: Anthropology and International
Development

CHECKLIST FOR ADMITS 2025

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

General Education Courses						
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Academic Orientation program: August - September, 2024			2*	1Fall		Outside of 240
First Year Seminar I			4	1Fall		
First Year Seminar II			4	1 Spring	FYS-100	
Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)			2	1Fall		
Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)			2	1 Spring	FYS-100.3	
English Composition I			6	1Fall		
English Composition II			6	1 Spring	ENG-122	
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I			4	1Fall		
Kyrgyz Language and Literature II			4	1 Spring	KLL-103.1/104.1	
Russian Language I			2	1Fall		
Russian Language II			2	1 Spring	RUS-101.1/103.1	
History of Kyrgyzstan			4	2 Spring		
Geography of Kyrgyzstan			2	2 Spring		
Manas Studies			2	2 Fall		
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning			6			
Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar**			6			
Arts/Second Year Seminar**			12			
Humanities/Second Year Seminar**			12			
Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar**			12			
Sports			400 hours/0 credits			
Total GenEd credits			92 [2] credits			

**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 in Major					Total – 66 credits	
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Cultural Concepts and Social Networks	ANTH 107	2998	6	1 Fall	None	
Introduction to Archaeology	ANTH 111	2921	6	1 Spring	None	
International Development: Donors, NGOs, Communities and Culture	ANTH 120.1	2916	6	1 Spring	None	
History of Anthropological Theories I-II	ANTH 200.1 /ANTH 400.1	3079 / 2441	12	2 Fall – 3 Spring	ANTH 107	
Fieldwork (Archaeology)	ANTH 327	3950	6	2 Fall	ANTH 111	
Ethnographic Research Methods	ANTH 309	3532	6	2 Spring	ANTH 107	
Fieldwork (Anthropology)	ANTH 328	3949	6	3 Fall	ANTH 309	
International Development and Cross-Cultural Communication	ANTH 341	5381	6	3 Fall	None	
Thesis Writing, I-II	ANHT 327, ANTH 401	5121 5122	12	4 Fall – 4 Spring		
Elective Courses in Major				36 credits from the following list		
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Applied Research in Sustainable Development	ANTH -403	6311	6		None	
Archaeology of Central Asia	ANTH 220.1	3058	6		None	
Ethnicity and Identity in Multicultural Societies	ANTH 320.1	3056	6		None	
Races, Human Diversity and Biology	ANTH 132.1	2915	6		None	
Religion and Culture in Japan	ANTH 208.1	3840	6		None	
Language, Culture and Power	ANTH 232.1	3057	6		None	
Death and Ritual in the Past	ANTH 289	5653	6		None	
Ancient Turkic inscriptions	ANTH 336	5326	6		None	
Selected Topics in Kyrgyz Culture and Literature	ANTH/SS 434	4767	6		None	
Gender, Kinship and Family	ANTH 310.1	2108	6		None	
Religion and Spirituality as Cultural Categories	ANTH 331	3043	6		None	
Globalization, Migration and Transnationalism	ANTH 215.1	2991	6		None	
Creative Thinking	ANTH/SS 233	4778	6		None	
Cross-cultural Communication in the Age of Google-Translate	ANTH 240	4964	6		None	
Rock Art of Eurasia	ANTH/ART 258.2	3046	6		None	
Health and Illness: anthropological perspective	ANTH/SOC/PSY -263	4239	6		None	
Japanese Culture, International Development, and Technology	ANTH 342	5543	6		None	
Alternate worlds: culture at work	ANTH/SOC/PSY -278	5180	6		None	

Anthropology of Love	ANTH/SS 288	4531	6		None	
Anthropology of Violence	ANTH 355.1	4367	6		None	
Human Evolution	ANTH/SS 470	4765	6		None	
Interdisciplinary Research Methods	ANTH 409	5635	6		ANTH 309	
The Great Game: The International Competition for Central Asia	HIST 307.1	3297	6		None	
"Nature" and "Sustainable Development"	ANTH-393	5747	6		None	
Elective courses (at least 18 credits outside of major)					36+18= 54 credits	
Total					242 credits	

Order of study for 2025 admits

Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]			
1st semester (30 credits)		2nd semester (30 credits)	
Orientation	2	Introduction to Archaeology	6
Cultural Concepts and Social Networks	6	International Development: Donors, NGOs, Communities and Culture	6
Major elective 1	6	FYS II: First Year Seminar II	4
FYS I: First Year Seminar I	4	Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)	2
Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)	2	English Composition II	6
English Composition I	6	Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	4
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	4	<i>Russian language II</i>	2
<i>Russian language I</i>	2	Sports 2 (100 hours)	0
Sports 1 (100 hours)	0		
	32		30
3rd semester (30 credits)		4th semester (30 credits)	
Fieldwork in Archaeology	6	Ethnographic Research Methods	6
History of Anthropological Theories I	6	History of Anthropological Theories II	6
Major elective 2	6	Major elective 3	6
<i>Second Year Seminar: Natural science</i>	6	<i>Second Year Seminar: Humanities I</i>	6
<i>Second Year Seminar: Social Sciences I</i>	6	<i>History of Kyrgyzstan</i>	4
Manas Studies	2	<i>Geography of Kyrgyzstan</i>	2
Sports 3 (100 hours)	0	Sports 4 (100 hours)	0
	32		30
5th semester (31 credits)		6th semester (30 credits)	
Fieldwork in Anthropology	6	Major elective 5	6
International Development and Cross-Cultural Communication	6	Major elective 6	6
Major elective 4	6	<i>Social Science 2</i>	6
<i>Mathematics I</i>	6	<i>Humanities 2</i>	6
Arts 1	6	<i>Arts 2</i>	6

	30		30
7th semester (30 credits)		8th semester (30 credits)	
Thesis Writing I: Literature Review and Research Design	6	Thesis Writing 2: Analysis of Field-data and Writing Up	6
<i>Elective courses</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Elective courses</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Elective courses</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Elective courses</i>	<i>12</i>
	30		30

Graduation requirements:

1. Earn at least **242 credits** (+credit hours earned for 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.