Explore the origins and nature of governance in global perspective

For those with interests in law and politics, anthropology provides an understanding of the origins and nature of governance as well as how the problem of order has been treated across cultures from prehistory to the present. A key question animating this approach is how societies have developed systems of rules and conflict resolution processes to conciliate the tension between collective and individual needs, desires, and rights. More broadly, anthropology asks how peoples across the globe constitute the political.
One route along the Law & Politics Pathway to the Anthropology Major

• Sociocultural requirement:
  Anthr 1400 Comparison of Cultures OR
  Anthr 2433 Anthro of Law & Politics

• Archaeological requirement:
  Anthr 2015 Archaeology of Empires OR
  Anthr 2430 Rise and Fall of Civilization

• Biological requirement:
  Anthr 2310 Natural History of Chimpanzees & the Origins of Politics

• Anthr 3000 Intro to Anthropological Theory
• Anthr 3465 Anthropology of the Body
• Anthr 3620 A Global Controversy: How to Study a Human Rights Violation
• Two 3000- and Two 4000- level courses, such as:
  Anthr 3428 Conflict, Dispute Resolution, & Law in Cultural Context
  Anthr 3520 Kings & States in Ancient Asia
  Anthr 3762 Law, Latina/o, Illegality
  Anthr 4725 American Indian Lands and Sovereignties
  Anthr 4439 Sovereignty and Biopolitics

• 8 credits of electives that could include any of a wide array of course offerings within and outside the department.

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