

Department of Anthropology

Spring 2026 Classes

Spring

ANTHRARC 487 – U-M Training Program in Archaeology – *Understanding the Bronze and Iron Age landscape of the Mat Valley, Albania* (6 credits) taught by Dr. Giulia Saltini Semerari, email giulias to apply to this field school by March 16th

ANTHRCUL 101 – *Introduction to Anthropology* (SS, R&E, 4 credits, ONLINE) Dr. Thomas Chivens (54346)

Spring

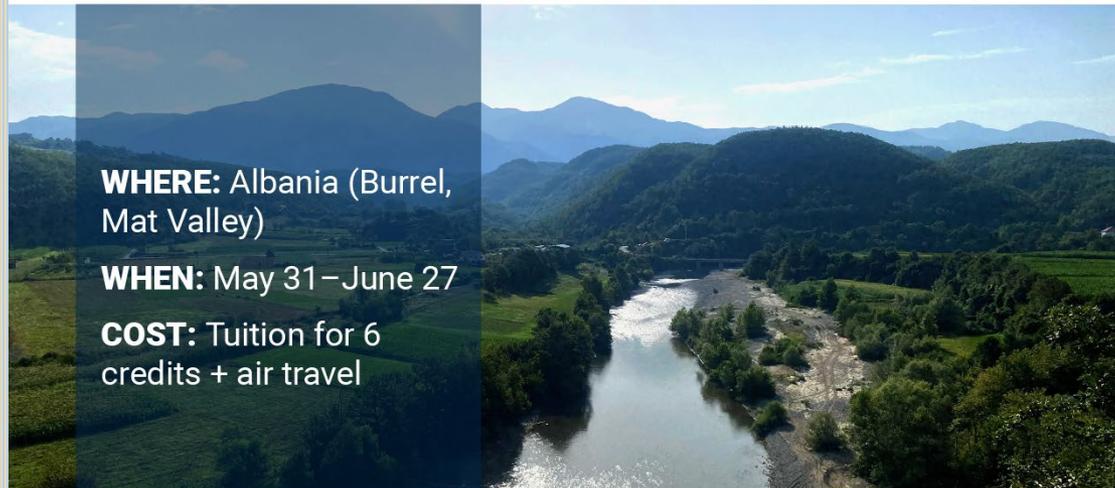
ANTHRARC 487

U-M Training Program in Archaeology

2026 Summer Field School
6 credits

Apply by
Monday,
March 16!

Details/
Application link:



WHERE: Albania (Burrel,
Mat Valley)

WHEN: May 31–June 27

COST: Tuition for 6
credits + air travel

Spend four weeks in Albania working on a newly established field project directed by Professor Saltini Semerari (U-M). Through an intensive survey of the middle section of the Mat Valley, we'll seek to understand long-term settlement dynamics and how these intersected with maritime exchanges in the Bronze and Iron Ages.

Students will spend time in the village of Burrel, being trained in and conducting pedestrian surveys and processing finds in the local museum laboratory. You will also receive weekly lectures on archaeological methods, salient themes in Mediterranean archaeology, and community archaeology practices. The project is run with collaborators from Polis University (Albania), Pompeu Fabra University (Spain), and VU University Amsterdam (The Netherlands). For more information or to apply, visit: myumi.ch/QwQbE.

Questions? Contact Prof. Saltini Semerari: giulias@umich.edu.

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Summer 2026 Classes

Summer

[ANTHRARC 296](#) – *The Inkas and Their Ancestors: From Nasca to Machu Pichu* (SS, 3 credits, TTh 1-4, ONLINE, class number - 73475)
Taught by Matthew Brown

[ANTHRBIO 297](#) – *Wildlife Conservation in the Anthropocene* (NS, BS, 3 credits, MW 1-4, ONLINE, class number - 73474) Taught by McKensey Miller

[ANTHRCUL 298](#) – *The Meaning of Work* (SS, 3 credits, MW 10-1, ONLINE, class number - 72985) Taught by Faith Leone

[ANTHRCUL 299](#) – *What's So Funny? Verbal art and speech play in comedy* (SS, 3 credits, TTh 10-1, ONLINE, class number - 73473)
Taught by Karandeep Mehra



The Inkas and Their Ancestors



AnthrArc296 | Section 201 | Class #: 73475




Summer 2026
Tues. & Thurs.
1 - 4pm
ONLINE




How did the Inkas build Machu Picchu? What were the Nasca lines for? Can you make a city without farming? In this class we'll answer these questions and learn more about:

- The diverse ecology of the Andes region
- How early peoples survived in high-altitude environments
- Fascinating archaeological cultures, like Chavín and Tiwanaku
- How states and empires emerged in the Andes
- Archaeologists' responsibilities to current communities
- The threats facing archaeological sites and cultural heritage

3 Credits \\ FULFILLS SOCIAL SCIENCE DISTRIBUTION \\ NO PREREQS REQUIRED

Summer



Are you interested in conservation?
Do you like wildlife?
Are you looking for a natural
science distribution course?



If so, take: **ANTHRBIO 297, Section 201**

Wildlife Conservation in the Anthropocene

Mon & Wed 1-4pm, summer half term
3 credits, fulfills natural science distribution!

No prerequisites!

Online format: take the class from anywhere!



Did you know 28% of assessed
species are currently at risk of
extinction?

Explore the urgent
challenges facing global
wildlife—from climate
change to habitat loss—and
discover real-world solutions
for protecting biodiversity.

You'll learn to:

- Explain the threats wildlife face today
- Analyze why some species and populations are more vulnerable
- Recognize how individuals and organizations can help conserve biodiversity

Questions? Contact McKensy Miller mckensy@umich.edu

Summer

Fulfills social science req

ANTHRCUL 298

Summer 2026

The Meaning of Work

WHY DO WE WORK? WHAT DO JOBS MAKE POSSIBLE AND PROVIDE? AND WHAT EXACTLY DO TERMS LIKE **BLUE COLLAR**, **MIDDLE CLASS**, AND **WORKING CLASS** MEAN, ANYWAY?

SCAN
FOR
DETAILS



INSTRUCTOR: FAITH LEONE
MW 10 AM - 1 PM
MEETS VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

What's So Funny?

Verbal Art and Speech Play in Comedy



Summer 2026
AnthrCul 299 | Online
For info e-mail :
mehrak@umich.edu



What makes something funny?

Why do people fight about what's funny?

How do we study and analyze talk?

**What are the linguistic mechanisms
that make comedy possible?**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 AM - 1 PM | Section 201 | Class Number 73473
No Prerequisites Req'd | 3 Credits | Fulfills the Social Science Distribution