Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am an undergraduate and I would like to participate in the DDHR concentration. What do I have to do?

A: You must be a declared Anthropology major to participate in the DDHR concentration at the undergraduate level. After declaring your major, you must fill out a [DDHR application](mailto:ddhr@utk.edu) and send it to ddhr@utk.edu. We will then make the necessary changes to your profile in Banner.

Q: Why do I have to fill out a DDHR application?

A: The application is essential because we have to change your profile in Banner. If you do not submit an application, we do not know you are participating in DDHR, and the concentration will not show up on your transcript, even if you have completed all the courses.

Q: What if my application to DDHR is rejected?

A: The application is not for the purposes of accepting or rejecting students. It is required so that we know you are participating and can change your profile in Banner. It also helps us to stay in touch with our students and know about their areas of interest, which helps us with course planning, etc.

Q: Do I have to do anything extra to complete the DDHR concentration?

A: The DDHR concentration can be completely satisfied within the Anthropology major requirements. You do not have to do anything extra besides fill out the application.

Q: I am getting close to graduating and I didn’t know about the DDHR concentration until recently. Can I still do the concentration in Anthropology?

A: Yes, if the following criteria are fulfilled: You must be a declared Anthropology major. You must elect to graduate under the fall 2013 catalog (the semester/year the DDHR program started). You must submit the DDHR application. You must have taken the three DDHR core courses (ANTH 419, ANTH 420, ANTH 489) plus one more elective. You must have earned at least a 3.0 in DDHR courses.

Q: I am not an Anthropology major but I want to do the DDHR concentration.

A: Non-majors are welcome to take DDHR-related courses. However, completing the formal concentration requires that you are a declared Anthropology major.
Q: How do I find out what DDHR courses are being offered?
A: Check the DDHR website. Updated information about courses offered each semester is posted there.

Q: I am a graduate student in Anthropology and would like to pursue the DDHR Certificate. How do I do that?
A: To obtain the DDHR Certificate you must fill out an application to the DDHR program in Anthropology. You must complete all the required courses and earn at least a 3.0 in each one. When you apply for graduation, the Graduate School will also require an application for the Certificate and will check that you meet all the criteria.

Q: I am a graduate student in another department. Can I complete the DDHR certificate?
A: Yes, the DDHR certificate is available to graduate students in any College or Department at UTK and non-degree seeking students who have been accepted by the Graduate School. You must fill out the DDHR application, however, so that we know you are participating.

Q: What does the graduate certificate prepare me to do? Am I certified in some way?
A: The graduate certificate demonstrates that you have pursued a particular training focus in Anthropology. It does not certify you as a practitioner.

Q: I have taken classes in other departments that are very relevant to the DDHR program. Can these count for DDHR credit in Anthropology?
A: It is possible that courses taken outside of Anthropology can count for the DDHR concentration or graduate certificate. Contact ddhr@utk.edu for information about how to petition these courses for DDHR credit.

Q: I submitted an application to the DDHR program but I did not receive a letter of acceptance.
A: We do not issue letters of acceptance, however we do try to send an acknowledgment of receipt. If you submitted an application for the undergraduate concentration, check your major in Banner or your DARS report to confirm that your profile has changed in Banner. If you have submitted an application and not received any acknowledgment of receipt, please contact us at ddhr@utk.edu.