LIBERAL ARTS OVERVIEW

Many majors, such as Anthropology and Women’s and Gender Studies, give students experiences they need to succeed in a variety of areas. Our Anthropology program can give students many skills to thrive in other fields. Students from our Anthropology program have also gone into the fields of social work, business, education, and non-profits. Their courses, projects, and involvement have given them “transferable skills,” which are skills that can be used for most careers. Some transferable skills learned by Anthropology majors are written and verbal communication, problem solving, empathy and public speaking. The core of Anthropology is to better the student’s understanding of their effect on the world. In turn, this helps students feel comfortable working with others who may not have the same values, beliefs, and vision, and helps them to appreciate those with differing views. Students in Anthropology will gain and understanding of themselves and the world around them.

ANTHROPOLOGY

What is Anthropology? (from http://uncw.edu/career/anthropology.html)

Anthropology is the study of humans. Anthropology is a broad and unique field, that examines humankind both scientifically and humanistically. Anthropology looks at the human experience from a holistic, cross-cultural perspective, and encompasses several different approaches. These approaches comprise the four subfields of the discipline of Anthropology in the United States: cultural anthropology, physical/biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics.

What is the career of an anthropologist like?

Anthropologists study the origin and the physical, social and cultural development and behavior of humans. They may examine the way of life, archaeological remains, language or physical characteristics of people in various parts of the world. Some compare the customs, values and social patterns of different cultures. Anthropologists usually concentrate in sociocultural anthropology, linguistics, biophysical or physical anthropology.

Sociocultural anthropologists study the customs, cultures and social lives of groups in settings that range from unindustrialized societies to modern urban centers. Linguistic anthropologists investigate the role of, and changes to, language over time in various cultures. Biophysical anthropologists research the evolution of the human body, look for the earliest evidences of human life, and analyze how culture and biology influence one another. Physical anthropologists examine human remains found at archaeological sites in order to understand population demographics and factors, such as nutrition and disease, which affected these populations.

Archaeologists examine and recover material evidence, including the ruins of buildings, tools, pottery and other objects remaining from past human cultures, to determine the history, customs and living habits of earlier civilizations. With continued technological advances making it
increasingly possible to detect the presence of underground anomalies without digging, archaeologists will be able to better target excavation sites. Another technological advancement is the use of a geographic information system (GIS) for tasks such as analyzing how environmental factors near a site may have affected the development of a society. Most anthropologists and archaeologists specialize in a particular region of the world.

What are the other career opportunities for an anthropology major? (from http://uncw.edu/career/anthropology.html)

**Related Career Titles** (Some may require education beyond bachelor’s degree)

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Park Service Supervisor/Director  |  Marketing Manager
Peace Corps Area Director  |  Media Planner
Physician  |  Media Specialist
Public Health Educator  |  Medical Anthropologist
Rural Development Officer  |  Multicultural Education Specialist/Director
Scientific Linguist  |  Museum Education Director
Social Science Analyst  |  

### How do you get ready?

- Most professional anthropological jobs require a graduate degree.
- Those interested in anthropology may specialize in one of its four branches: archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, or physical anthropology. Many subfields exist within the larger specialties, such as forensic anthropology, a subfield of physical anthropology. Typically, students take a general curriculum as an undergraduate and specialize through graduate studies.
- As the demand for university/college faculty positions decreases, most openings will exist in consulting firms and government agencies.
- To increase your employment opportunities with a bachelor’s degree, consider minoring or double majoring in another field such as sociology, business, urban planning or public administration.
- Anthropology provides a solid background for a variety of graduate programs, including law, medicine, forensics or genetic counseling. Research admissions requirements and take prerequisite courses.
- Anthropology is good preparation for jobs that involve people skills and require an understanding of cultural differences.
- Spend a summer in field school or travel and study other cultures.
- Volunteer to help with a professor’s research.
- Gaining relevant work experience through internships, practicums, part-time jobs or volunteer positions is critical.

### Related Major Skills (from http://uncw.edu/career/anthropology.html)

| Planning projects | Conducting field studies |
| Writing grant proposals | Summarizing results |
| Interviewing/surveying | Communication across cultures/languages |
| Sampling, gathering and organizing data | Recognizing cultural differences/similarities |
| Examining data and artifacts | |

### What about the future?

“Employment of anthropologists and archeologists is projected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. However, because it is a small occupation, the fast growth will result in only about 1,400 new jobs over the 10-year period.”
Available at Albright College Career Development Center’s Resource Library

- Great Jobs for Anthropology Majors, by Blythe Camenson
- Great Jobs for Sociology Majors, by Stephen Lambert
- Careers for Environmental Types and Others Who Respect the Earth, by Jane Kinney and Michael Fasulo
- Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types, by H. Ned Seelye and J. Laurence Day
- Careers for History Buffs and Others Who Learn From the Past, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Puzzle Solvers and Other Methodical Thinkers, by Jan Goldberg
- Careers for Caring People and Other Sensitive Types, Adrian Paradis
- Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Kids At Heart and Others Who Adore Children, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Legal Eagles and Other Law-and-Order Types, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Mystery Buffs and Other Snoopers and Sleuths, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Number Crunchers and Other Quantitative Types, by Rebecca Burnett
- Careers for Scholars and Other Deep Thinkers, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers in Criminology, by Marilyn Morgan
- The Complete Guide to Environmental Careers in the 21st Century, by The Environmental Careers Organization
- Opportunities in Environmental Careers, by Odom Fanning
- Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers, by Wilma M. Rivers
- Opportunities in Museum Careers, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Overseas Careers, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Teaching Careers, by Janet Fine
- Opportunities in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Child Care Careers, by Renee Wittenberg
- Opportunities in Federal Government Careers, by Neale Baxter
- Opportunities in Gerontology and Aging Services Careers, by Ellen Williams
- Opportunities in Hospital Administration Careers, by I. Donald Snook, Jr.
- Opportunities in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Careers, by James Stinchcomb
- Opportunities in Social Science Careers, by Rosanne J. Marek
- Opportunities in Social Work Careers, by Renee Wittenberg
- Opportunities in State and Local Government Careers, by Neale Baxter

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Links found at http://uncw.edu/career/anthropology.html

Job and Internship Search Links

- National Park Service (Links to Parks Across U.S.), http://www.nps.gov/parks.html
- Teach for America, http://www.teachforamerica.org

Federal Links

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC), http://www.cdc.gov
- National Park Service Anthropology Division, http://www.nps.gov
- Office of English Language Acquisition, http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela
- USDA Forest Service, http://www.fs.fed.us

Private and International Links

- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, http://jdc.org
- Cato Institute, http://www.cato.org
- Center for Strategic and International Studies, http://www.csis.org
- Howe Institute, http://www.cdhowe.org
• Independence Institute, http://i2i.org
• Institute for Policy Innovation, http://ipi.org
• International Center for Research on Women, http://www.icrw.org
• International Fund for Agricultural Development, http://www.ifad.org
• International Monetary Fund, http://www.imf.org
• International Red Cross, http://www.ifrc.org
• Jane Goodall Institute, http://www.janegoodall.org
• Lutheran World Relief, http://www.lwr.org
• Organization of American States, http://www.oas.org
• Oxfam, http://www.oxfamamerica.org
• Population Research Institute, http://www.pop.org
• Rockefeller Foundation, http://www.rockfound.org
• Rural Policy Research Institute, http://www.rupri.org
• Sierra Club, http://www.sierraclub.org
• World Health Organization, http://www.who.org

Career Planning Links

• Archeology and Anthropology Careers (NKU),
  http://www.nku.edu/~anthro/anthropology_careers/what_can_i_do_with_anthropology.html
• Careers in Archaeology (Texas A & M),
  http://www.museum.state.il.us/ismdepts/anthro/dlcfaq.html
• Non-academic Careers in Anthropology (UCSD),
  http://weber.ucsd.edu/~ejmoore/bioanthro/brochure2.html

Professional Association Links

• Society for American Archeology, http://www.saa.org
• Society for Applied Anthropology, http://www.sfaa.net/
• National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, http://www.practicinganthropology.org/
• Food and Agriculture Organization, http://www.fao.org