

Anthropology

What can I do with this degree?



Students of anthropology study the origin and the physical, social and cultural development and behavior of humans. They may examine rituals, processes and ways of life; archaeological or other remains; or language and cultural traditions of peoples across the world.

Archaeologists examine, retrieve and restore material evidence including ruins of buildings, tools, pottery and other objects remaining from past human cultures in order to determine the history, customs and living habits of earlier civilizations.

Anthropology majors gain many skills, and are well-suited for a wide variety of professional opportunities.

SKILLS

Interpersonal:

- Patience and perseverance
- Ability to work within other cultures
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Understanding of people's needs
- Knowledge of a variety of cultural histories
- Understanding and appreciation for the lives of others
- Public speaking

Investigative:

- Ability to interview and listen
- Attention to detail
- Understanding of environmental factors
- Research (online, in-person)

Cultural:

- Knowledge of many cultures
- Competency in languages
- Ability to work in hardship conditions
- Awareness of cultural biases

Scientific:

- Computer skills: Word-processing, Internet research
- Quantitative research
- AutoCAD, GIS
- Surveying
- Illustration
- Cartography

Project Development:

- Planning and designing projects
- Organizing people, information, data and equipment
- Developing research ideas
- Summarizing and presenting information in writing and through other forms of media
- Maintaining records

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Applied Anthropology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Biological Anthropology
- Linguistic Anthropology
- Physical Anthropology
- Archeology
- Nautical Archeology
- Ethnoarcheology

CAREER PATHS

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

...in Archeology

Sample Job Titles

- Researcher
- Excavation
- Field Work
- Cultural/Resource Management
- Cultural Heritage
- Editor/Journalism
- Forensic Archeologist
- Archeological Technician

Possible Work Settings

- Consulting Firms
- Forensic Laboratories
- Environmental/engineering companies
- Federal, State and Local Government
- Urban and City Planning Offices
- Historic Preservation Societies
- Construction/Architectural Companies

Professional Organizations

Society for American Archaeology, www.saa.org/
Society for Historical Archaeology, www.sha.org/
Archeological Institute of American, www.archaeological.org/

...in Private Sector

Sample Job Titles

- Cultural Resource Manager
- Researcher
- Cultural Anthropologist

Possible Work Settings

- Investigative firms for archeology
- Environmental/engineering companies
- Consulting firms
- Laboratories in universities

Professional Organizations

American Anthropological Association, www.aaanet.org
American Ethnological Society, www.aesonline.org/
Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania, www.asao.org
American Association of Physical Anthropologists, www.physanth.org/
Higher Plains Society for Applied Anthropology, www.hpsfaa.org/
American Cultural Resources Association, www.acra-crm.org/

...in Museums and Archives

Sample Job Titles

- Curator/Archivist
- Conservator
- Research Director
- Educator
- Cataloguer
- Exhibitions Officer

Possible Work Settings

- Museums/Archives
- Universities
- Historical Societies

Professional Organizations

American Associations of Museums, www.aam-us.org/
Texas Associations of Museums, www.prismnet.com/~tam/



...in Social Services & Nonprofit

Sample Job Titles

- Counselor
- Researcher
- Social Anthropologist
- Development Director
- Policy Analyst
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Case Manager
- Advocate

Possible Work Settings

- Nonprofit organizations
- Social service agencies
- Foundations
- Refugee services providers

Professional Organizations

The Doe Fund Inc., www.doe.org/
National Organizations for Social Services, www.nationalhumanservices.org/
American Society for Public Administration, www.aspanet.org
National Academy of Public Administration, www.napawash.org/

Possible Work Settings

- Bureau of Land Management
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Dept. of Health & Human Resources
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Institutes of Health
- National Park Service
- Public Health Service
- Smithsonian Institute
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Dept. of State
- U.S. Forest Service
- Historic Preservation Office
- Parks Dept.
- Highway Dept.
- Department of Conservation

Professional Organizations

National Association of State Park Directors, www.naspd.org
National Recreation and Park Association, www.nrpa.org
National Park Service, www.nps.gov
American Public Human Services Association, www.aphsa.org/

...in Business

Sample Job Titles

- Administrator
- Advertising Agent
- Human Resources Representative
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Sales/ Marketing Manager

Possible Work Settings

- Advertising agencies
- Publishers (textbooks, magazines, newspapers)
- Business firms
- Retail agencies
- Human resources

...in Government

Sample Job Titles

- Administrator
- Cultural Resource Manager
- Manager
- Surveyor
- Site Manager
- Excavator/
- Researcher
- Environmental Resource Specialist
- Museum Conservator
- Legislative Compliance Officer
- Reviewer
- Program Manager
- Urban Planner
- Historian
- Anthropologist
- Archeologist

...in Education

Sample Job Titles

- Teacher
- Researcher
- Excavator
- Library/Information
- Science
- Speech/Language
- Teacher

Possible Work Settings

- Universities
- Colleges
- Research Institutes or Laboratories
- Campus museums
- Nature Centers



RESOURCES

Texas State University— Student Organizations

Anthropology Society

Professional Organizations

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

www.achp.gov

American Association for Museum Volunteers

www.aamv.org

American Association for State and Local History

www.aaslh.org

American Association of Museums

www.museumcareers.aam-us.org

Archaeological Conservancy

www.americanarchaeology.com

Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural
Museums

www.alhfam.org

National Archives

www.archives.gov

National Association of Student Anthropologists

www.aaanet.org/sections/nasa

National Genealogical Society

www.ngsgenealogy.org

National Trust for Historic Preservation

www.preservationnation.org

Society for Archaeological Sciences

www.socarchsci.org

Society of Applied Anthropology

www.sfaa.net

Job Search

American Museum of Natural History

www.amnh.org

American Research Center in Egypt

www.arce.org

Anasazi Heritage Center

www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ahc.html

Archeology Field Work

www.archaeologyfieldwork.com

Center for American Archeology

www.caa-archeology.org

Crow Canyon Archeological Center

www.crowcanyon.org

Cultural Resources

www.eculturalresources.com

Museum Job Resources Online

www.algonquincollege.com/museum/jobres/index.html

National Association for the Practice of Anthropology
(NAPA)

www.practicinganthropology.org/employment

National Association for the Practice of Anthropology

www.practicinganthropology.org

National Park Service

www.nps.gov

Smithsonian Institution

www.si.edu

The Society for Applied Anthropology

www.sfaa.net

Additional Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/OCO

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

www.anthropology.unc.edu/

Career Library Resources

Great Jobs for Anthropology Majors by Blythe Camenson

Opportunities in Museum Careers by Blythe Camenson

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