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

**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:**
- Knowledge of a variety of cultural histories
- Understanding and appreciation for the lives of others
- Public speaking

**Project Development:**
- Computer skills: Word-processing, Internet research
- Quantitative research
- AutoCAD, GIS
- Surveying
- Illustration
- Cartography
- 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 Anthropometry
- 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

Possible Work Settings
- Consulting Firms
- Forensic Laboratories
- Environmental/engineering companies
- Federal, State and Local Government

Possible Work Settings
- 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 Ethnological Society, www.aesonline.org/
Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania, www.asao.org
American Association of Physical Anthropologists, www.physanth.org/
American Cultural Resources Association, www.acra-crm.org/

...in Museums and Archives

Sample Job Titles
- Curator/Archivist
- Educator
- Conservator
- Cataloguer
- Research Director
- Exhibitions Officer

Possible Work Settings
- Museums/Archives
- Historical Societies
- Universities

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/

...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 Education

Sample Job Titles
- Teacher
- Researcher
- Librarian/Information
- Science
- Speech/Language
- Teacher

Possible Work Settings
- Universities
- Colleges
- Research Institutes or Laboratories
- Nature Centers

...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

Possible Work Settings
- 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
- 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
- Smithonian Institute
- National Association of State Park Directors, www.naspd.org
- National Recreation and Park Association, www.nrpa.org
- 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
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
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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