

ANTHROPOLOGY, B.A.

Students earning a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology will have the skills to thrive in today's global economy. Our program teaches students to research, manage, analyze, evaluate, and interpret data on human diversity and across all human behaviors— skills employers value highly and which translate to a variety of career fields.

Appreciation of cultural and biological diversity is crucial in a growing multicultural society. Students receive comprehensive training through an interdisciplinary approach to anthropological archaeology, as well as cultural, linguistic and biological anthropology. Our program also provides many opportunities for students to participate in research and fieldwork locally and abroad.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the four sub-fields of anthropology, and central themes in the sub-fields. These themes include: 1) the biological and cultural changes that occurred in human prehistory and history 2) cultural diversity worldwide and throughout time 3) relationships between aspects of human life, such as biology, cultural beliefs, material culture, and language and 4) the dynamics at work in different components of cultural systems (e.g. kinship).
2. Students will communicate in written form about anthropological themes and topics in a variety of different and appropriate writing styles including research papers, projects, reaction papers, and essay exams. In their writing, students will analyze human situations from an anthropological perspective, and will recognize and evaluate different theories and methods in anthropology.
3. Students will demonstrate general techniques of anthropological research and recognize the importance of the principles of anthropological ethics in conducting research. This research will include basic library and internet research, and in some cases, will include data collection and analysis through "hands on" training.