

ANTHROPOLOGY @ WAGNER

Wagner College is a competitive, four-year private college founded in 1883. The broad liberal arts curriculum is enhanced by a rich array of internship and other professional and cultural opportunities readily available in New York City.



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Anthropology is the **study of humankind**, in all places and throughout time. The Anthropology major is divided into three sub-fields: socio-cultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology. Students take classes in all three of the fields, though they may choose to focus their coursework and research in one of these areas. Reflecting the research interests of Wagner's faculty, area courses are offered on the anthropology of North America, Mesoamerica, and South America.

SUB-FIELDS

■ Social-Cultural

The study of human culture and society around the world. Socio-cultural anthropology students study the relationship between culture and human behavior and can expand their training to include research and experiential placements in culturally diverse contexts in New York City and beyond.

■ Archaeology

Archaeology studies ancient culture and society. Archaeology students not only learn about ancient cultures of the world, but also the methods used by archaeologists to study them. Training begins in the classroom and can extend to archaeological field projects around the world.

■ Biological

The study of modern human biological diversity and the evolutionary history of our species, with an eye toward understanding the interplay between biology and culture. Students study genetics, skeletal anatomy, human growth and development, our fossil ancestors, and our closest living relatives, the primates. Students can engage in both

field and laboratory projects.

SAMPLE CLASSES

Biological Anthropology and Human Evolution

This class explores the role of evolutionary processes that account for modern human biological variability and adaptation, including the concept of race.

Forensic Anthropology and Human Osteology

This class will introduce students to the study of the human skeleton. This course focuses on the sciences of human osteology and forensic anthropology and the legal framework in which they are applied (including criminal contexts, mass disasters, and human rights violations).

FIRST YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITY EXAMPLE

Mind, Body, and Culture

What is the evolutionary history of our species? Why did some ancient societies thrive for hundreds, if not thousands of years only to collapse in ruin? How do drugs and alcohol alter our states of consciousness? Why do some people around the world admire the United

States while others despise us? By reflecting on the human experience across the globe and throughout time, students will build a better framework for understanding both themselves and the society around them.

INTERNSHIP EXAMPLES

The United Nations
Lower East Side Tenement Museum
National Museum of the American Indian
NYPD-Special Victims Unit
Archaeological Institute of America

RESEARCH TOPICS

- "Archaeology of Andean South America"
- "The Origin of the State and New World Complex Societies"

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