

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR?

Anthropology majors graduate with a wide variety of skills that equip them for an array of future career possibilities. The trademark of anthropology is its holism. Anthropology majors study the human condition from both a cultural and biological perspective. As a result, anthropology majors have great “people skills”, are adept at working with people from a diversity of contexts, learn how to think critically, look below the surface of an issue for deeper meaning, and generally are quite skilled at thinking “outside of the box.” Anthropology majors are “worldly”, often taking their studies abroad to interact with people from other cultures. These skills are all highly valued by employers in today’s increasingly diverse society.

An Anthropology BA is excellent preparation for professional graduate work in:

- Public Health
- Law
- Business
- Medicine
- Not for profit & NGO agencies
- Museums, and Governmental and Cultural Heritage Agencies
- Cultural Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Biological Anthropology
- Linguistics

Anthropology graduates are sought out by employers in a variety of sectors, including:

- *universities and colleges*—in anthropology departments, medical schools, or international studies programs
- *park services*—in archaeology and public education
- *field archaeology*—in cultural resource management and historical preservation, at colleges, universities, museums, and contract archaeological firms
- *museums and historical societies*—in research, conservation, exhibit design, and administration
- *social services*—in contexts where cultural-sensitivity training is needed, particularly with immigrant groups
- *business*—in consultant positions, assessing socio-cultural impact of business practices
- *national and international agencies*—in agencies with initiatives around the world such as the Peace Corps, United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the World Bank
- *coroner and medical examiner offices*—in laboratory forensic contexts, as forensic anthropologists, forensic biologists, and autopsy technicians