



What can I do with a Major in...

Anthropology

What is Anthropology?

Anthropology seeks to uncover the principles governing human behavior that are applicable to all human communities, not just to a select few. It is nothing less than the scientific study of humankind, from its beginnings, millions of years ago, to the present day.

Anthropology at U of L

Three major subfields:

Cultural Anthropology deals with aspects of human society, culture, behavior, beliefs, ways of life, etc..

Archaeology is the study of past cultures, through peoples' material remains (i.e. artifacts).

Biological Anthropology deals with the physical and biological aspects of primates, past and present.

Degrees in Anthropology at U of L:

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology: Natural Sciences – prepares students for medical school or for graduate study in public health, epidemiology or any natural science.

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology: Social Sciences - prepares students for a variety of careers and for graduate study in the social sciences.

Occupational Overview

Anthropology is the study of humanity and its works, from the most remote point in human history to the cultural, linguistic and biological diversity of the present...Each of the five subfields of anthropology – archaeology, biological anthropology, ethnology, human evolutionary ecology, and linguistic anthropology – contributes to an integrated picture of past and present human variation, offering insights about why human society is as we find it today, and contemporary problems

Employment Requirements

A bachelor's degree is the minimum formal education required, and is excellent preparation for occupations that require people skills and an understanding of cultural differences. However, most professional anthropological jobs require a graduate degree (M.A./M.S. or Ph.D.)

Career Opportunities in Anthropology:

Possible Entry Level Job Titles:

Analyst
Caseworker

Marketing Researcher
Multicultural Program Leader



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Community Development Specialist
Community Service Administrator
Curatorial Assistant
Ecotourism Director
Employment Recruiter
Field Archaeologist
Friend of the Court Caseworker
Immigration Inspector
Information Officer
Laboratory Assistant
Legislative Aide
Management Trainee

Museum Technician
National/State Park Interpreter
Peace Corps Volunteer
Probation Officer
Program Coordinator/Assistant
Public Relations Specialist
Research Associate
Social Worker
Teacher/Trainer
Translator
Travel Agent/Guide
Writer, Editor

Possible Job Titles with Additional Education/Experience:

Academic Advisor/Counselor
Advocate
Anthropologist
Archaeologist
Archivist
Art Conservator
Behavioral Science Advisor
Bilingual/Bicultural Program Specialist
Biographer
Career Counselor
Collections Manager
College Professor
Community Development Officer
Community Planner
Congressional Committee Staff Director
Contract Archaeologist
Coroner/Medical Examiner
Cultural Artifact Specialist
Cultural Resource Manager
Employee Relations Specialist
Environmental Impact Assessment Researcher
Ethnologist
Family Service Counselor
Foreign Affairs Officer
Forensic Anthropologist
Foundation Program Manager
Genealogist
Genetic Counselor
Head Start Program Director

Human Resources Manager
Industrial Psychologist
Librarian
Linguist
Management Consultant
Marketing Manager
Media Planner
Media Specialist
Medical Anthropologist
Multicultural Education Specialist
Museum Education Director
Paleontologist
Park Service Supervisor/Director
Peace Corps Area Director
Physician
Public Health Educator
Rural Development Officer
Scientific Linguist
Social Insurance Rep
Social Service Analyst
Social Service Agency Planner
Social Worker
State/Federal Government Policy
Teacher – ESL or Secondary
Technical Writer
Union Legal Counsel
Urban Planner
Vocational Teacher
Health Science Administrator



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Employers/Industries and Success Strategies:

Education: Teaching - Research - Administration – Two- and four-year colleges and universities – University research institutes or laboratories – Campus museums

Suggested Strategy: As an undergraduate obtain a research assistant position, or attend a field school. Concentrate on maintaining a high GPA and developing relationships with professors to prepare for graduate school applications. An M.A./M.S. will be required for community college positions, while a Ph.D. is required for university/college faculty or research positions.

Museums and Archives: Management - Curatorship - Conservation – Research and education – Libraries – Development -Natural history or history museums (universities, government, private) - Archives

Suggested Strategy: As an undergraduate obtain internship or volunteer positions to gain related experience. Prepare for and obtain a graduate degree in anthropology, museum studies, library science (with an emphasis on archives), or a related discipline.

Government: Administration – Cultural Resource Management – Surveying – Site Management – Excavation – Research –Museum Conservation – Legislative Compliance Review – Program Management/Evaluation – Policy Analysis – Urban Planning(positions in these areas can be found in a variety of federal and state agencies)

Suggested Strategy: Get involved in campus organizations to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills. Develop statistical, analytical and computer skills and investigate research methodologies. Gain related experience in your area of interest through internships, volunteer, or part-time employment. Research governmental application procedures. A graduate degree may be required for higher level positions.

Nonprofit: Administration – Program management/development – Policy analysis – Research – Social services agencies – Hospitals and medical centers – Private foundations – International organizations (e.g., WHO) – Nonprofit organizations

Suggested Strategy: As an undergraduate obtain internship or volunteer positions to gain related experience. Focus on honing skills in public speaking, writing, and programming.

Other Areas: Administration/Management - Advertising – Human Resources - Publishers: Textbook, magazine, newspaper, book – Public Relations – Sales/Marketing – Writing/editing – Advertising agencies – Business/consulting firms – Retail stores

Suggested Strategy: Gain relevant experience through internships, volunteer positions, or part-time work in your area of interest. Consider earning a second degree, minor, or pursuing additional coursework in a complementary field of study. Focus on developing “transferable skills” such as computer competency, written/verbal communication, and project management.

Related Links in the Anthropology Discipline:

Professional Association Links

Professional Associations
Society for American Archeology
Society for Applied Anthropology
National Association for the Practice of Anthropology
National Association of Student Anthropologists
American Anthropological Association
American Association of Physical Anthropologists
National Geographic Society
Food and Agriculture Organization
American Anthropological Association’s Career Site
American Association of Physical Anthropologists
North Carolina Archaeological Society

Career Planning Links

AAA’s Careers in Anthropology
Anthropology Links (CUNY)



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Anthropology Resources on the Net
Archeology and Anthropology Careers (NKU)
Careers in Anthropology (Berkeley)
Careers in Archaeology (Texas A & M),
Non-academic Careers in Anthropology (UCSD)

Ideas for Volunteer/Internship/ Co-op

Kentucky Archaeological Survey

Perform Archaeological Fieldwork; Wash, process and identify artifacts; instruct and supervise visiting school children and the public.

US Army Corp Of Engineers

Provide technical support to plan, develop, implement and evaluate programs for cultural resource management; Specific duties include: Research to identify historic and archeological sites, mapping, data entry, prepare charts/tables and lab-work.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Students will engage in hands on work in resettlement of refugees who are legally admitted by the U.S. State Department. We are currently working with Bosnians, Cubans, Iraqis, Haitians, Sudanese, Somalis, among others.

City Office for International and Cultural Affairs- Mayors Office

Identify social service agencies serving internationals and problems in access; assist in re-settlement process; identify and mobilize skills and talents within ethnic communities and assist in projects such as art fairs to increase visibility.

Additional Internships and Opportunities

Students can participate in other internships that are not directly sponsored by the Department. In the past, students have done internships with the UNHCR in India, a Middle East development organization in Washington D.C. and with activist groups in Louisville. If you have a specific internship you would like to do, contact your favorite professor in the Department of Anthropology. Also, be sure to review opportunities for undergraduate research with professors in your department.

Salary/Outlook Info

In May 2004, anthropologists and archaeologists had median annual earnings of \$43,890; geographers, \$58,970; historians, \$44,490; political scientists, \$86,750; and sociologists, \$57,870.

In the Federal Government, social scientists with a bachelor's degree and no experience could start at a yearly salary of \$24,677 or \$30,567 in 2005, depending on their college records. Those with a master's degree could start at \$37,390, and those with a Ph.D. degree could begin at \$45,239, while some individuals with experience and an advanced degree could start at \$54,221. Beginning salaries were slightly higher in selected areas of the country where the prevailing local pay level was higher.

Overall employment of social scientists is expected to grow more slowly than average for all occupations through 2014. However, projected growth rates vary by specialty. Anthropologists and archaeologists will experience average employment growth. Employment of geographers, historians, political scientists, and sociologists will grow more slowly than average, mainly because these workers enjoy fewer opportunities outside of government and academic settings.



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