

# ANTHROPOLOGY/ARCHAEOLOGY

## What can I do with this major?

### AREAS

### EMPLOYERS

### STRATEGIES

#### EDUCATION

Teaching  
Research  
Administration  
Student Affairs  
Library/Information Science  
Non-classroom Education

Universities/colleges/community colleges  
University research institutes or laboratories  
Campus museums  
Zoos  
Nature centers

Earn a Ph.D. in Anthropology for university and college faculty positions or an M.A./M.S. for community college positions.  
Earn a graduate degree in College Student Affairs, Library/Information Science or related field for work in student affairs, administration, or libraries.  
Gain research experience by assisting professors or participating in independent studies.  
Maintain a high g.p.a and develop strong personal recommendations.  
Develop excellent communication and presentation skills.  
Get involved in campus leadership positions such as Resident Assistant, Peer Advisor, or Admissions Tour Guide.

#### MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES

Management/Administration  
Curatorship  
Conservation  
Restoration  
Research  
Education  
Libraries  
Development

Natural history or history museums:  
Universities  
State, federal or local  
Private  
Archives  
Historical Societies

Plan to earn a graduate degree in anthropology, museum studies, library science (with an emphasis on archives) or other related discipline depending upon specific interests.  
Gain relevant experience through internships or volunteering positions in museums.  
Develop a strong attention to detail.  
Be prepared to relocate to access the most employment opportunities.

#### ARCHAEOLOGY

Cultural Resource Management  
Research  
Excavation  
Field Work

Consulting firms  
Environmental/engineering companies  
Firms specializing in archaeological investigation  
Federal, state and local government  
Urban and city planning offices  
Historic preservation societies

Field positions require a B.S./B.A. and previous field experience. Get involved with faculty research or other research programs.  
Obtain a graduate degree to direct field crews.  
May need a willingness to travel and endure adverse living/working conditions during field studies or excavations. Working conditions and hours vary with the type of work/research performed.

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### GOVERNMENT

Administration  
Cultural Resource Management  
Surveying  
Site Management  
Excavation  
Research  
Museum Conservation Legislative  
Compliance Review Program  
Management and Evaluation Impact  
Assessment:  
    Social  
    Environmental  
Policy Analysis  
Urban Planning  
Translation/Interpretation

Federal agencies including:  
    Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land  
    Management, Central Intelligence Agency  
    Departments of: Conservation, Health and  
    Human Services, Housing and Urban  
    Development, and Natural Resources,  
    Federal Bureau of Investigation, National  
    Institutes of Health, National Park Service,  
    Public Health Service, Smithsonian Institute,  
    Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Army Corps of  
    Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S.  
    Department of State, U.S. Forest Service  
State agencies including:  
    Historic Preservation Offices  
    Parks Departments  
    Highway Departments

Learn federal or state application procedures.  
Graduate degree generally required for higher level  
positions.  
Gain related experience through internships in areas  
of interest.  
Develop statistical, analytical and computer skills  
and learn various research methodologies.  
Get involved in campus organizations to develop  
leadership abilities and interpersonal skills.  
Consider earning a minor or double major to qualify  
for particular areas of interest, e.g. learn a foreign  
language for translating/interpreting positions.

### NONPROFIT

Administration  
Program Management and Development  
Policy Analysis  
Fund Raising/Development  
Research  
Grant Writing  
Counseling

Nonprofit organizations Social  
service agencies Hospitals  
and medical centers  
Private foundations, e.g. The Ford Foundation  
International organizations, e.g. The World Health  
Organization, The International Red Cross, and the  
United Nations

Seek volunteer and internship positions to gain  
experience.  
Hone skills in public speaking, writing, and  
programming.  
Obtain a degree in counseling for therapy positions.  
Learn to work well with people from varying back-  
grounds.

### BUSINESS

Management  
Sales/Marketing  
Human Resources  
Public Relations  
Consulting

Business corporations in various industries such as:  
    Banking, retailing, insurance, financial services,  
    travel and tourism  
Cultural resource firms  
International companies  
Consulting firms: Management, scientific, technical

Many businesses hire students of "any major" if they  
have relevant experience and have developed the  
skills employers seek.  
Minor in business or another relevant field.  
Obtain related experience through internships,  
summer and part-time jobs.  
Develop strong analytical and computer skills.  
Learn to work well on a team.  
Get involved in campus organizations and seek  
leadership roles.

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### COMMUNICATIONS

Documentary Film Production  
Photography/Photojournalism  
Journalism  
Writing/Editing  
Publishing

Colleges and universities  
Government agencies  
Government or private museums  
Local historical societies or sites  
Television and motion picture industry  
Internet media companies  
Independent production companies  
Publishing houses  
Newspapers and magazines  
Freelance/self-employed

Minor or double major in a communications field.  
Develop excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.  
Submit articles or books for publication.  
Work for campus or student run publications.  
Demonstrate talent, persistence, assertiveness, competitive spirit, and enthusiasm.  
Compile a portfolio of writing, graphics and ideas.  
Develop strong computer skills.  
Obtain internship, summer or part-time experience with book, magazine, or newspaper publishers.  
Develop an attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Most professional anthropological jobs require a graduate degree.
- Those interested in anthropology may specialize in one of its four branches: archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, or physical anthropology. Many subfields exist within the larger specialties such as forensic anthropology, a subfield of physical anthropology. Typically students take a general curriculum as an undergraduate and specialize through graduate studies.
- As the demand for university/college faculty positions decreases, most openings will exist in consulting firms and government agencies.
- To increase your employment opportunities with a bachelors degree, consider minoring or double majoring in another field such as sociology, business, urban planning, or public administration.
- Anthropology provides a solid background for a variety of graduate programs including law, medicine, forensics, or genetic counseling. Research admissions requirements and take prerequisite courses.
- Anthropology is good preparation for jobs that involve people skills and require an understanding of cultural differences.
- Spend a summer in field school or travel and study other cultures.
- Volunteer to help with a professor's research.
- Gaining relevant work experience through internships, practicums, part-time jobs, or volunteer positions is critical.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- \*[American Anthropological Association](#)
- [American Association of Physical Anthropologists](#)
- [National Association for the Practice of Anthropology](#)
- [National Association of Student Anthropologists](#)
- [Society for American Archaeology](#)
- [Careers from the Society for Historical Archeology](#)
- [American Academy of Forensic Science](#)

## **OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK INFORMATION**

- [Social Scientists](#)
- [Teachers-Postsecondary](#)

## **MISCELLANEOUS CAREER INFORMATION**

- [Careers in Physical Anthropology](#)
- [FAQ About Careers in Archeology](#)
- [Careers in Archaeology](#)

## **JOB POSTINGS**

- [Practicing Anthropology](#)

\* = Recommended Sites