

Anthropology



What Can an Anthropology Major Do?

Anthropology is a tremendously broad discipline, so it's no surprise that anthropology majors end up in a lot of different places such as excavating prehistoric settlements in Missouri, running a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, taking care of monkeys in a zoo, collecting and analyzing market research data for a corporation, writing and producing documentary films, working in Ebola relief efforts in West Africa, or even serving as the president of the World Bank. The Department of Anthropology emphasizes scientific approaches to the study of human biology, behavior, and culture. An undergraduate major in anthropology provides a broad foundation for a liberal arts education, which emphasizes critical and creative thinking skills and effective written and oral communication, and can

be tailored to your vocational interests, whether they range from medicine to software development to marketing. Anthropology is of particular value as you plan your career in an increasingly connected world of cultural and ethnic diversity.

Careers & Jobs

Undergraduate training in anthropology provides marketable skills that prepare you for many careers. These careers include developing and implementing policy through government agencies and non-governmental organizations, teaching at a variety of levels of education, public or private museum and laboratory research positions, and field positions in archaeology, ethnography, paleontology, and primatology. The median pay for anthropologists and archaeologists in the United States, most of whom have master's or doctoral degrees, was \$63,190

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in 2016 (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>). About half of department majors continue their education in graduate school in anthropology or a related field, including medical, business, or law school.

Research, Museums & Field Schools

Research is an integral part of your training in anthropology. Faculty often incorporate research into their regularly offered courses. You can also work one-on-one with faculty on ongoing projects or initiate projects of your own. Departmental honors can be earned for designing and carrying out such a project with a faculty mentor.

Outside the department are many more opportunities. Undergraduates have participated in research at the [MU Research Reactor](#), a unique facility for chemical analyses vital to archaeological research. The [Museum of Anthropology](#) and the [Museum of Art and Archaeology](#) are important resources, housing collections that can be part of research projects. Both museums offer internship opportunities valuable for students interested in museum studies and education. Many students attend off-campus summer field schools for additional training. Depending on the program, course credit can be arranged through the Department of Anthropology. Recent alumni have spent summers tracking monkeys in Peruvian rainforests, learning ethnographic methods in Italy, and excavating bones and artifacts in Romania, the American Southwest, and Missouri.

Getting Involved

The [Anthropology Student Association](#) (ASA) brings undergraduate and graduate students together to take part in all aspects of departmental life, intellec-

tual and social. The ASA organizes field trips and social events and brings in outside speakers. Activities vary from year to year and may include regular flint-knapping groups and atlatl practice (pictured on the front of this flyer). The annual *Moka* potluck party is a spring tradition. Facebook users can connect with the ASA through its [group](#), and anyone can sign up for emails through the ASA-L listserv at listserv@po.missouri.edu.



Cole Tobin, an MU anthropology student, was painted during a large feast by locals of the village of Tepu in southern Suriname, on the border of Brazil.

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