

ANTHROPOLOGY

A student with a Bachelor's degree in anthropology has acquired critical analysis skills, oral and written communication skills, "people" skills, and a great understanding of many different cultures, which have many applications in public service, political activism and the private sector. Like other students, Anthropology majors increase their marketability with gaining experience in a industry while in college, through internships, part-time jobs, or volunteer work. Additionally, students can add to their range of knowledge by taking courses within or outside their major that would give them specific information useful in their career field of interest.

Some of the employment areas for Anthropology majors include:

- Teaching in Universities and Colleges: Anthropology departments, medical schools, international studies programs.
- Museums: Exhibit design, conservation of and research with collections, museum administration.
- Federal Agencies: Many archaeologists and cultural anthropologists work for the National Park Service, the Agency for International Development, the National Institutes of Health, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies. Some are also employed as staff members for Congressional committees.
- International Agencies: Anthropologists with expertise in cultures of developing countries are employed by the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the World Bank.
- Consulting: Includes historical and ethnographic research for Indian tribes; forensic work for police agencies; archaeological survey and excavation, social/cultural impact assessment for large-scale construction projects; designing bilingual and bicultural curricula with school professionals; assessing health care services for specific cultural groups. (American Anthropological Association) Anthropologists are increasingly being employed in non-academic (applied) settings as well as in academia. Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation are usually those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate to find a job. Use the following examples of employment opportunities for Anthropology majors as an idea list, and remember that it represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you might consider. Some of these jobs also require education beyond the bachelors' degree.

Related Career Titles for Anthropology Majors

ENTRY LEVEL

- *National/State Park Interpreter
- *Program Assistant
- *Probation Officer
- *Friend of the Court Caseworker
- *Field Archaeologist
- *Laboratory Assistant
- *Museum Technician
- *Peace Corps Volunteer
- *Loan Officer/Bank Officer
- *Volunteer Coordinator
- *Caseworker
- *Employment Recruiter
- *Travel Agent/Guide/Consultant
- *Legislative Aide
- *Research Associate
- *Insurance Claims Adjuster
- *Marketing Researcher
- *Immigration Inspector
- *Management Trainee
- *Sales Representative

CAREERS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

- *Advocate
- *Health Science Administrator
- *Physician
- *Social Worker
- *Family Service Counselor
- *Job Counselor
- *Public Health Educator
- *Genetic Counselor
- *Medical Anthropologist
- *Social Service Agency Planner
- *Academic Advisor/Counselor
- *Collections Manager
- *Foundation Program Manager
- *Anthropologist
- *College Professor
- *Genealogist
- *Museum Education Director
- *Archaeologist
- *Librarian
- *Paleontologist
- *Archivist
- *Contract Archaeologist
- *Linguist
- *Scientific Linguist
- *Art Conservator
- *Ethnologist
- *Social Science Analyst
- *Behavioral Science Advisor
- *Media Planner
- *Teacher, Elementary/Secondary
- *Bilingual/Bicultural Program Specialist

- *Forensic Anthropologist
- *Multicultural Education Specialist / Director
- *Teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL)
- *Vocational Teacher
- *Cultural Artifact Specialist
- *Community Development Officer
- *Cultural Resource Manager
- *International Agency Representative
- *Community Planner
- *Foreign Affairs Officer
- *Rural Development Officer
- *Congressional Committee Staff Director
- *Park Service Supervisor/Director
- *Social Insurance Representative
- *Coroner/Medical Examiner

- *Head Start Program Director
- *Peace Corps Area Director
- *State/Federal Government Policy Analyst
- *Urban Planner
- *Environmental Impact Assessment Researcher
- *Human Resources Manager
- *Management Consultant
- *Technical Writer
- *Biographer
- *Industrial Psychologist
- *Marketing Manager
- *Employee Relations Specialist
- *Media Specialist
- *Journalist
- *Union Legal Counsel

Related Major Skills

- Planning projects
- Writing grant proposals
- Interviewing
- Surveying and sampling
- Gathering and organizing data
- Examining data and artifacts
- Conducting field studies
- Summarizing results
- Communication across cultures and languages
- Recognizing cultural differences and similarities

Anthropology Websites

Job Listings / Job Search:

American Anthropological Association <http://aaanet.jobcontrolcenter.com/search.cfm>

Society of Research Administrators International <http://jobs.srainternational.org/>

An interactive and searchable service for employers seeking anthropologists and anthropologists seeking jobs
www.aaanet.org/careers.htm

MonsterTrak www.monstertrak.com

Career Planning & Resources:

Careers in Anthropology <http://ls.berkeley.edu/dept/anth/careers.htm>

Careers in Anthropology <http://www.iupui.edu/it/anthropo/careers.htm>

Responses to Student Questions About Anthropology Careers <http://anthap.oakland.edu/napafaq.htm>

Anthropology jobs and careers (Ohio University web site) <http://www.cas.ohiou.edu/socanth/anthjobs.htm>

Answers to basic questions about a career as an archaeologist in the U.S.
<http://www.museum.state.il.us/ismdepts/anthro/dlcfag.html>

Archaeology on the Net <http://www.serve.com/archaeology>

Organizations & Associations:

American Association of Physical Anthropologists <http://www.physanth.org/careers/>

American Anthropological Association <http://www.aaanet.org/careers.htm>

Society for Applied Anthropology <http://www.sfaa.net/>

Miscellaneous Resources:

Anthropology in the news. <http://www.tamu.edu/anthropology/news.html>

American Anthropological Association web page contains information on what anthropology is
www.aaanet.org/careersbroch.htm

World Email Address of Anthropologists <http://wings.buffalo.edu/academic/department/anthropology/weda/>