

ANTHROPOLOGY



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.

Ample preparation is advised as graduate school admissions are increasingly competitive. Those interested in Archeological may look for specialized field work within specific subgroups. These subgroups are divided by time periods and historicity; they include: environmental, ethnoarcheology, landscape, household, marine, aviation, aerial, battlefield, commercial, industrial, salvage, experimental, forensic, and historic. 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 bachelor's degree, consider minoring or double majoring in another field such as sociology, business, urban planning, or public administration.

Pursue research experience by working on faculty projects through independent study classes, as a student employee, or through other departmental programs. Gaining relevant work experience through internships, summer jobs, or volunteer positions is critical. Join professional associations such as American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Forensic anthropology has become increasingly popular as well as competitive. Career opportunities exist within the national network of state and county medical examiners and coroners. Training at the graduate level should include supplemental work in legal evidence, pathology, criminology, or forensic lab methods along with supervised casework.

AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

- Teaching
- Research
- Administration
- Library/Information science
- Community education
- Higher education
- Volunteer coordination

- Cultural resource management
- Research
- Excavation
- Field work
- Museum conservation
- Legislative compliance review

Natural history or history museums
Historical homes
Art galleries
Libraries
Special collections
Historical societies
Universities and colleges
State and local government
Federal government: National Archives and Records Administration
Corporations
Non-profit organizations
Research institutions
Consulting firms
Environmental/Engineering companies

COMMON EMPLOYERS



PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



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



STRATEGIES ON ENTERING THE FIELD

- 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 GPA 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.
- Acquire strong computer knowledge and experience.
- Obtain an internship in a related organization.
- Volunteer at campus or community museums.
- Get involved with relevant student organizations.
- Develop excellent written and oral communication skills, organizational skills, and an attention to detail.
- Learn about grant writing, budgeting, and legal issues surrounding historical artifacts.
- Join professional associations to have access to industry news and job information.
- Attend relevant conferences, seminars, and trainings.